

State News.

Peter Houston, the oldest negro in the Lumberton section, died last Saturday. He was 108 years of age, and had never been a hundred miles away from home.

Mr. Philip Booe, a prominent tobacco man of Winston-Salem, had a stroke of apoplexy Tuesday morning and died in a short time. He was 55 years of age.

The Memorial Baptist Church, in Greenville, has just installed a handsome pipe-organ, which possession was hastened by the assistance of Andrew Carnegie.

Mrs. Sarah Norwood Ferguson, wife of Judge G. S. Ferguson, of the Superior Court of North Carolina, died June 15th at her home in Waynesville. She was sixty-three years of age.

Frank Nixon, the seventeen-year-old son of Mr. E. F. Nixon, of Washington, N. C., was drowned last Monday while bathing in the Tar River, near the Washington and Vandemore railroad bridge.

The North Carolina State Nurses Association is in session in Charlotte this week. This is its tenth annual session. Miss Constance E. Pfohl, of Winston, is president and Miss Mary Wyche, of Durham, first vice-president.

An engine collided with some cars that were standing on the track near the logging camp of the Empire Lumber Company of Goldsboro, causing damage and seriously injuring a negro boy, who was playing around the mill yard.

A ten-year-old boy, of Lumberton, Charles Laughton, was playing in the basement of the Dresden Cotton Mills at that place, managed to get his head caught in a rope which was around a revolving shaft and his head was literally torn from his body.

A cyclone, coming from the southwest swept over the east end of Fayetteville last Friday doing considerable damage. Buildings were torn down and trees uprooted. The West Box Factory and A. J. Bullard's lumber mill were partially wrecked.

H. O. Massey, a Durham man who went to Florida a few years ago, and who was on the police force of St. Augustine, Fla., shot himself through the temple while on duty last Friday. He was twenty-one years of age, and a son of Mr. Charles M. Massey, of Durham. No cause is assigned for the act.

The eight-year-old son of Mr. Will Clodfelter, of Thomasville, was killed by a shifting freight train in front of the residence of Mr. J. C. Green, in Thomasville, Monday. It is said that the child was waiting for No. 7, northbound, and No. 36, southbound, to pass and did not hear the freight behind him.

While in swimming in Tar River last Saturday, Roy Moore, the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Moore, was drowned. The young man was about middle way of the river floating on a pair of water-wings, when they collapsed and he not being able to swim, drowned before help could reach him.

ONE KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Several More Injured at a Lumber Camp.

Kinston, N. C., June 19.—One man was killed and several injured when a boiler at the logging camp of the Goldsboro Lumber Company, near Pleasant Hill, Jones County, exploded. The boiler was used in the operation of a skidder, and the man in charge of it, whose name is not known, was killed outright. None of the injured are seriously wounded. E. M. Jarman, who was riding on a cultivator in a nearby field, was knocked off the machine by a piece of timber. The shock of the explosion was terrific. The disaster broke up the canvass of a delegation of local politicians who were in the vicinity of the mill, and Mark Haskins, a candidate for sheriff, is said to have been injured but is not verified.

124 NEW DOCTORS.

Thirty of the Applicants Before State Board "Failed."

Hendersonville, N. C., June 17.—The agony is over and to-night one hundred and twenty-four of the candidates who were examined by the State Board of Medical Examiners last week are happy—they are passed. Thirty of the number who appeared failed to pass.

Authorities Believe They Have Another of the Allen Gang.

Lexington, N. C., June 14.—Hillsville, Va., authorities to-night telegraphed Chief-of-Police Pettit of Clay City for a photograph of the man arrested yesterday believed to be Wesley Edwards, the Virginia outlaw. The photograph has been sent to the Carroll County, Virginia, sheriff, and Chief Pettit still expresses himself as being positive he has the right man.

AWFUL TRAGEDY AT SALISBURY

Frank D. Chunn Kills Miss Roueche and Then Suicides, His Body Falling on the Prostrate Body of His Victim—Miss Roueche Had Refused to Marry Chunn.

A special from Salisbury to Monday's Charlotte Observer says: "A tragedy when Frank D. Chunn sent a ball to-night shortly after 9 o'clock through the heart of his sweetheart, Miss Burnadette Roueche and then turning the pistol on himself sent a ball crashing through his brain.

"The young couple had attended services at Sacred Heart Catholic Church together and had returned and were on the porch of the residence of an uncle of the dead girl where the shooting took place.

"Charles Gable and Miss Hortense Roueche were with them at the time but had gone behind the house to a well to get water when a pistol shot was heard. Gable ran around to the porch and saw Chunn with the smoking pistol in his hand. On being asked what was the trouble Chunn pointed the pistol at Gable, told him to stand back and turned the weapon on himself with the result as stated.

"Miss Roueche died instantly Chunn lived a half an hour but never regained consciousness. The shooting was done with a 39 caliber pistol. A wound was found on the temple of the dead woman, and many are inclined to believe that she struck before being fired upon.

"Miss Roueche was the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Roueche and a niece of J. X. Roueche, one of the proprietors of the Salisbury Post. She was only nineteen years old and was stenographer for the Salisbury Realty and Insurance Company and was well liked and popular in the city. Chunn was twenty-three years old and a boiler maker at Spencer.

"Jealousy is supposed to be the cause of the affair. It is known that Miss Roueche refused to marry Chunn six months ago, although she still allowed him to pay her attention merely as a friend. What transpired between them to-night will never be known.

"Hundreds of people were on the streets at the time of the occurrence returning from church and the news spread like wild fire and created intense excitement. On account of the prominence and the high standing of both parties, the affair is very much deplored."

The Same Old Democratic Tune.

Union Republican.]

In the Democratic State Convention at Raleigh the past week, while ex-Governor R. B. Glenn, State Chairman Eller, Hon. Lock Craig, and other leading lights were telling of the wonderful things done by the Democratic party, we failed to note any reference to the Democratic anti-trust law that remains a dead letter on the statute books; the increase in taxation to pay for this Democratic good (?) government; the failure to increase the public school terms; a mention of that disgraceful law passed by a Democratic Legislature to consign the body of all dead paupers unable to be given a decent burial to some medical institution pickling vat; the increased indebtedness of the State, bond and otherwise, and many other things, wherein the Democratic State administration failed to measure up to what it boastfully promised and claimed and which stand undisputed against the stewardship of the Democratic party, which has controlled the affairs in this State for over a quarter of a century.

Bulletless Gun Invented.

The bulletless gun has at last made its appearance. It is a German invention, and, instead of bullets, it shoots gas which temporarily blinds and chokes the victim. The cartridge used contains several ingredients, which, when exploded, combine to form a vapor of a peculiar character. The gun itself differs very little in appearance and mechanism from the ordinary double-action revolver.—Union Republican.

Negress Dies at LaGrange at Age of 126.

Tuesday's News and Observer has the following: "Amica Hardy, colored, died near LaGrange of old age. The venerable woman was born during President Washington's administration, and was 126 years old, it is said. Records in the possession of L. Hardy, of the well known family of that name, in the western part of the county, are authority for the figures. "Aunt Amica had lived in Moseley Hall and Institute Townships practically all her life, and was one of the most picturesque and interesting characters of the section."

Democrats May Knock Whole Platform in Head by a Hand-Bill.

While the State platform sounds all right, they may supplement it by a circular which will knock the whole thing in the head.

A severe storm passed over the Greensboro and Guilford College section Tuesday afternoon, doing considerable damage to fruit trees and small houses. Between 200 and 300 telephones were grounded in Greensboro.

General News.

Nineteen persons were hurt very seriously when the Central of Georgia passenger train struck a line of freight cars on the curve at Everette, Ga., June 14th.

President Taft appointed David F. Bailey to be Collector of Internal Revenue of the Sixth District of Virginia, at Abbingdon, Va., to succeed L. P. Summers, June 12th.

One person was killed and thousands of dollars of damage done in Kansas City, Mo., last week by storms. The wind reached a velocity of eighty miles an hour.

The act of Congress appropriating \$300,000, with which to equip the army transports with life-boats and rafts, was signed June 14th by President Taft.

An unknown negro farm hand who shot and seriously wounded Mr. E. C. Ritchie, a prominent farmer in Wilcox County, Ga., last Saturday, was captured a few hours later by a mob of citizens and hanged.

Mort S. Childers, of Smithville, Ga., charged with causing his wife's death by poisoning some time ago, has been acquitted by the jury at Americus, Ga. It was the third trial of Childers within the last eight months.

Reports are that great havoc has been wrought along the coast of the Alaska peninsula by the eruption of the Katmai volcano. The greatest losses to live seem to have occurred among the fishing villages at the foot of the volcano.

Eugene H. Grace, who was so mysteriously shot at his home in Atlanta, Ga., last March, was operated on in Newnan, Ga., a few days ago, and is now expected to recover. His wife, who was charged with the shooting is now at liberty on bond.

Governor Hooper, of Tennessee, has ordered an investigation of the beating to death of a negro in a work-house, in Davidson County, Tennessee, by the county officers. He also ordered an investigation of the treatment of the prisoners.

M. M. Copenhagen, a traveling man of Roanoke, Va., twenty-six years of age, was drowned at Island Park, a summer resort on the Holston River, near Bristol, Va., a few days ago. He got into the water and became exhausted and drowned before help could reach him.

A rain and wind storm in Ohio June 16th caused three deaths and rendered thousands of people homeless and resulted in damages estimated at more than a million dollars. At Zanesville the steeple of St. Thomas Catholic Church was crashed through the roof as the morning services were being held, killing the priest and two other persons.

FLOOD SITUATION IS SERIOUS.

President Taft Has Asked Congress to appropriate \$125,000 to Protect Valley in California.

A Washington, D. C., dispatch dated June 14th says:

"In a special message President Taft to-day asked Congress to appropriate \$125,000 to protect the Imperial Valley of California against emergencies of floods from the Colorado River while negotiations for the protection of that territory are pending with Mexico."

Reaches Highest Point in History.

Needles, Cal., June 14.—The Colorado River reached the highest point in its history to-day and for a hundred miles north and south of Needles the flood situation was grave.

The Government dyke on the Arizona side of the river opposite this city crumbled and the waters poured into the low-lands near Fort Mojave. Four houses were swept into the stream with the last break. Considerable alarm was felt here.

Irish Suffragettes Smash Windows and Are Arrested.

Dublin, June 13.—The Irish suffragettes, emulating the English sisters, began a window smashing campaign to-day, but clashed with the authorities. The women made attacks on most of the public buildings. Eight, armed with bags of stones, were arrested. The suffragettes shattered forty-two windows of the Customs House, post-office, police and military barracks.

May Publish Cotton Statistics Monthly.

A Washington dispatch of June 15 says:

"The Senate to-day passed the House bill directing the Census Bureau to collect and publish certain cotton statistics in addition to those already required by law. It calls for publication monthly of a report showing the quantity of cotton consumed in manufacturing establishments, the quantity of baled cotton on hand, the number of active consuming cotton spindles and statistics of cotton imported and exported with country of origin."

SEABOARD IN NEW HANDS.

New Syndicate Pays Over \$8,000,000 for 210 Shares, or Majority of the Stock.

A New York dispatch dated June 13th says:

"The syndicate composed of representatives of Blair & Company, Bankers Trust Company, Chase National Bank, National City Bank, Guaranty Trust Company and the Continental Trust Company of Baltimore paid \$8,025,000 for the 90,000 shares of preferred stock and 120,000 shares of common stock of the Seaboard Air Line, purchased from the Cumberland corporation. The arrangement provides for the payment of \$7,000,000 cash, the balance to be paid within a year with the privilege of renewal for another year. The syndicate, through majority holdings, is now in absolute control of the property."

INVENTS GASOLINE PLOW.

Rims of Wheels to Have Iron Feet in Lieu of the Horses Feet.

A St. Louis, Missouri, dispatch says:

"W. S. Plummer, a mechanic of this city, is trying to organize a company to manufacture in St. Louis a motor machine he has invented and calls the iron horse. The machine is designed for special use in soft plowed ground. The machine is driven by a gasoline engine, and Mr. Plummer says it will supplant the horse on small as well as large farms.

"In the rims of the wheel are feet which are designed after the hoof of a horse. These feet remain even with the rim of the wheel until they almost reach the ground in a revolution of a wheel. When the hollow feet is forced down by a cam, it presses the ground beneath it and then the machine rises on its toes and thereby can be forced along the softest of earth, Plummer asserts. The feet can be regulated to protrude any distance or remain within the rim of the wheel altogether.

"The machine is designed to draw plows, harrows, corn disks, reaper, planter, mower, binder, rake and wagon. The lightest will weigh about 4,000 pounds. Plummer hopes to place them on the market for as little as \$500."

WILL PAY LAND DAMAGES.

Court of Claims Rules That Uncle Sam Must Pay Owners in Mississippi Valley.

A Washington dispatch of Tuesday says:

"Decisions said to control 116 suits involving 200 plantation, worth several million dollars, in the flood section of the Mississippi River valley between New Orleans and Cairo, Ills., were announced to-day by the court of claims, mainly in favor of the land owners on the question of government liability for damages accruing from levee construction work. For seventeen years the controversy has been waged before this court, involving the legal liability of the Federal Government for having constructed and completed the levee system along both sides of the Mississippi River by confining the flood waters in a narrower channel and placing plantation lands between the improved levee system and the low water banks of the river, now in the adopted channel and thus destroying these lands.

BEEF TRUST WILL DISSOLVE.

Inform Government Officials That it Will Voluntarily Dissolve August 1.

A Washington dispatch dated June 17th says:

Attorney-General Wickersham was advised to-day that the National Packing Company would be voluntarily dissolved by the beef packers by August 1. In view of this action, Mr. Wickersham announced that the Government would hold in abeyance the civil suit which it proposed to bring against the company to compel its disintegration.

Mr. Wickersham was notified of the "beef trust's" intention to dissolve by James A. Fowler, assistant to the Attorney-General, who reached Washington to-day from Chicago, where he conferred with United States Attorney Wilkerson.

This move follows several Governmental attacks upon the "trust."

LENGTH OF CONVENTIONS.

Some Have Nominated Presidents and Adjourned in Three Days.

(From Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.)

As a rule, conventions require about three days. Lincoln was nominated at Chicago in 1860; Grant in the same city in 1868; Hayes at Cincinnati in 1876; McKinley at Philadelphia in 1900 and Roosevelt at Chicago in 1904 in conventions which lasted but three days. The second Grant convention in 1872 at Philadelphia was in session only two days. The Blaine convention of 1884 and the Taft convention of 1908, both at Chicago, continued four days. In the latter case work might have been completed in three days, but it was desired to give the hotels and merchants of the convention city as large a return as possible for their hospitality. The Garfield convention at Chicago in 180 was the longest on record. It was in session seven days,

of which three were consumed in completing the organization. It was in this convention that the unit rule was killed. To nominate required thirty-six ballots. Grant began with 304 delegates and ended with 306, while Garfield had none on the first ballot and 399 on the last. The next longest convention was that at Chicago in 1888, when Harrison was nominated on the eighth ballot. This convention lasted six days. Harrison's second nomination came at Minneapolis in a four-day convention on the first ballot.

Lincoln was nominated the first time on the third ballot and the second time unanimously. Grant was nominated unanimously both in 1868 and 1872, a record which stands alone. Hayes was nominated on the seventh ballot and Blaine on the fourth. McKinley was nominated at St. Louis on the first ballot and re-nominated unanimously four years

later. In 1904 Roosevelt was mostly nominated, and in 1900 won easily on the first ballot.

Corn Frozen to the Ground in Maryland.

A press dispatch from Maryland, dated June 14th, says:

"The heavy frosts almost killed the corn in Garrett County. It is reported that the wheat, which is just in blossom in this section, is severely injured.

"In the Allegheny Mountains the corn in many fields has been trampled and will have to be replanted. The farm orchards have suffered especially pears and plums. The berries have been greatly damaged. This was the heaviest June frost record since the 60's."



Advertisement for Milam medicine. Title: Attraction. Text: whether in business or social life depends almost entirely upon health. How to Have Eyes, Blood and Complexion Clean and Sweet. Includes testimonials and the Milam logo.

Advertisement for Darnell & Thomas pianos. Title: Good Pianos. Text: You must remember that buying a piano is a very serious business. Pianos are costly, and you want one that will not only give you present satisfaction, but one that will last for many years to come. Includes contact information for Raleigh, North Carolina.

Advertisement for Thomas A. Partin Co. Title: DO YOU WANT A BARGAIN. Text: Work has begun on second floor of our store building. Soon work will begin on our first or store floor. We must make more empty shelves to make room for the workmen. Now, if you want a bargain in DRY GOODS, you had better try us at once. This selling must be done within the next thirty days. Includes address: 131 Fayetteville St., Raleigh, N.C.