

THE SKY PIRATE

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CHAPTER XVI.

A FIGHT NEAR THE CLOUDS. I AWOKE both the secretary and Mr. Grayman as soon as the new situation developed, and they came out on deck. Mr. Grayman immediately fell in with my opinion.

AFFAIRS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Daily Incidents, Facts and Comment Gathered From The Newspapers of the State.

GOOD ROADS.

Hickory and Lenoir People to Have A Better Connection.

The Caldwell County Good Roads Association has been organized at Granite Falls and vicinity. Mr. J. M. Moore, one of the prime movers, and Mr. J. W. Smith, president, are the principal objects to get a better road between Lenoir and Hickory.

\$5,000 for Negro Industrial School.

Prof. W. C. Chance, president and founder of Tiggs Industrial Institute, for industrial training and betterment of the colored race, has secured a pledge of three thousand dollars for the school with the condition that he raise one thousand dollars from other sources.

Hickory's Creamery Begins.

Mr. C. P. Tassel, of Chambersburg, in the noted Vumberland Valley, is the new butter maker and is well pleased with the beginning made. The cream wagon runs two routes, one toward the Dutch Dairy Farm, the Robinson, Propst and other farms, and the other toward the Hickory channel between the French and British aero squadrons.

Politics Quiet in Guilford.

If ever there was a time when there was less excitement over a primary election we do not recall it, notwithstanding the efforts of the candidates to arouse the voters. This is really an endorsement of the candidates, for evidently the people know that the country will be safe in the hands of any of the aspirants.

Mountain Fire May Result in Suit.

The fire which raged on the mountain last week for several days was let out by employees of the Baird Lumber Co. of High Point, who are engaged in cutting the Overby timber tract, and that several hundred acres of valuable timber land were burned over. The matter may result in big damage suits against the lumber company.

Kitchen and the Bonds.

The American Tobacco Company thought that by taking part of the bonds it was helping the State when it was needing help, but we do not see that it was helping the governor out of hole. The governor was not responsible for the bonds and could not have blamed if the State could not have sold them.

A Haul in Durham.

Officers J. D. Pleasants and E. C. Belvin yesterday afternoon captured a sharp lookout. I had descended gradually while approaching and we were now not over 100 feet above the ground. I swung round, first to the east, and then to the north. Still nothing was in sight and we all began to feel anxious.

Concord's Aid.

The Cabarrus Savings Bank subscribed \$15,000 of the State's bonds and the Concord National Bank took \$5,000.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Tilman Again at Home and in Good Shape. Senator Tilman has returned to his home at Trenton, arriving Friday night, accompanied by Mrs. Tilman.

Hemphill Shifts the Job to Kohn. J. C. Hemphill, in Richmond Times-Dispatch.

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NELSON WOLGAST FIGHT. Theat No. 2. To-day and Tuesday 4 Big Reels.

POSSIBILITIES OF TRUCKING.

Going through an editorial in The Carolina Fruit and Truckers' Journal, a good authority published in Wilmington, we get somewhat of an idea of the vast strides that have been made in the development of the trucking business in the territory around Wilmington. During the season this spring, the strawberry growers shipped 425,000 crates, for which they got \$900,000. This is against nothing that they got twenty years ago, for it was just about then that they began to grow strawberries. But there are other things. This authority on the trucking business says that while the present season for lettuce was a poor one, the lettuce crop brought the truckers \$150,000. The dewberry and huckleberry crop brought in the same. The potato crop will likely reach a total value of \$250,000, while the cantaloupe, melon and other vegetables will, combined, yield an additional \$250,000, or a total from these sources of \$800,000. Even that is not all, for to it is to be added the receipts from cabbage, green corn, peaches, plums and figs, and these should bring the profits of the truck growers in the territory under discussion, for the crop of 1910, up to \$2,000,000. The possibilities of truck growing in the eastern part of the State are great, but have not yet been fully realized. We believe we are within bounds when we set the birth of truck growing as recent as 20 years in the past. That it has grown to an annual revenue producer of two million dollars, it is easy to conjecture what the next few years may bring forth when the people get down to the business right.

Stop at Seven Cents a Bottle.

There is a near-beer war on at Barber's, this county, and the citizens are clamoring for a little beer can now procure the beverage at 7 cents a bottle. One of these places is run by Mr. Lowder and the other by Mr. Thompson and they began a cut in the price several days ago. There is no local license on near-beer stands at Barber's.

Prof. Wooten to Preach in Wilmington.

Prof. J. C. Wooten, of Trinity, left this morning for Wilmington where he will preach during the summer months in the church for Rev. T. A. Smoot, who goes to Europe for an extended tour. Mr. Wooten will be gone from Durham until about September. Rev. Mr. Smoot, who formerly was pastor of Memorial church, goes upon this trip for a needed vacation and rest.

Wool Versus Dogs.

Speaking of the item in this paper about Mr. Frank Teeter shipping \$600 worth of wool to Elkins, the Salisbury Post says: "There were more sheep and less dog fanciers there would be more Mr. Teeter's shipping \$300 worth of wool to Elkins. One Cabarrus man selling \$600 worth of wool that's more than all the four-legged curs in Cabarrus and Rowan together would bring."

Changing to Electric Power.

The Ivy Hill shut down Saturday, June 4, for one week. During the time the electric power will be connected to the motors and the mill will be run by electric power.

What They Will Do.

If that Raleigh crowd keeps on talking they will finally make it appear that a wool can scratch his ticket now and then and still remain respectable.

SPARKLERS.

Gems From the Jewel-Caskets of the Newspaper Paragraphers. Birmingham Age-Herald. SHE TAMED THE TAMER. A bold as bold could be. "My husband tames lions, but he can't tame me."

Cleveland Leader. "How do you distinguish the waiters from the guests in this cafe? Both wear full dress." "Yes, but the waiters keep sober."

Washington Star. "You are not interested in family trees?" "No," replied Miss Cayenne. "no man of mine remind me of these continuing announcements that the fruit crop is a failure."

Boston Transcript. "Doctor, my wife has lost her voice. What can I do about it?" "Try getting home late some night."

Philadelphia Ledger. "I saw the comet last night through an opera glass." "I guess I had a different kind of glass. I saw two comets."

Browning's Magazine. "Bess I sometimes wish I might see myself as others see me. Nell—Oh, you poor dear! Why, you just couldn't believe your eyes."

The Tatler. "Mr. Briggs, how could you tell the motor car was traveling at the rate of 5 miles an hour?" "Why, because I see the wheels going round."

Buffalo Express. "I was kind of a crossing did you have?" "Wretched," said Mrs. Punctilio. "stayed in our stateroom all the way over and not single person called on us."

TO FORM ANTI-GRAFT SOCIETY.

First Concerted Action Looking to Suppression of Graft in All Forms is Taken—Notables Are Active in Movement. Washington, June 12.—The first concerted step toward suppressing graft in all its forms throughout the country will be taken here this week when the organization whose future name probably will be the "National Anti-Graft Movement" will open offices in this city from which it will conduct its campaign. Harry W. Walker will be in charge. The movement is the direct result of the anti-graft speech made last week by the late Senator Joseph J. Willard of Alabama and Norman Hapgood. The date for holding the first national convention. It is expected it will be fixed this week in Paris, where Messrs. Belmont and Sprackles will hold a conference.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The chilling effect of the accession of George V. upon the smart set in English society cannot be wholly obscured. For the new king never gambles, even at bridge. As for his influences upon gambling by others, it is sufficient to recall that when he made his tour of the world he ordered that in what no higher stakes than penny points be played for. It is not impossible, after all that his majesty will become the idol of that section of the people usually described as "the non-conformist conscience."

An anti-decoration league has been formed in Serbia to combat the increasing flood of foreign and home orders with which the State functionaries are accustomed to adorn their breasts. The founder of the league, himself a much-decorated ex-minister, was inspired by the sight of his son standing before a mirror and vainly seeking space for the latest medal on his thickly-conspicuous breast.

whom there is manifestly a bright future.

It is hardly necessary to say that the entertainment of the editors by the people of Wilmington was royal. That's the proper word for it. For four days the electric cars, city and beach, were at their service, at the simple cost of showing a badge. On Friday, Capt. John W. Harper placed his fine steamboat, the Wilmington, at the pleasure of the party and the trip to Southport, while new to some and old to others, was enjoyed to the full by all. There were luncheons, banquets and balls to round off the social features.

Charlotte people are particularly interested in the Tarrymore Hotel, because it was built and is owned by a Charlotte man. The original house was an immense one, but since last season, Mr. Moore has built a twin hotel, the twins being connected by a covered bridge and a broad gangway. The furnishings and equipment are of the best and include hot and cold water and baths. The service at the Tarrymore continues up to the standard set for it at the start. It would be pretty hard to find anything at the Tarrymore to kick about.

The Chronicle was gratified at the interest manifested in the good roads work, and especially at the recognition accorded Mr. H. B. Varner and his effective agency, Southern Good Roads. This magazine was adopted as the official organ of the North Carolina Good Roads Association. The association went on record as being in favor of an appropriation of \$250,000 a year by the State, to be apportioned among the counties, provided each county raises twice the amount allotted by the State. One of the most earnest good roads advocates in the convention was Mr. P. B. Beard, chairman of the board of commissioners of Rowan county. His speech is printed elsewhere in connection with the resolutions adopted by the association.

Facilities for the entertainment and comfort of visitors are being added to Wrightsville Beach each year. The steel pier running out from the Seashore Hotel far beyond the breakers, is the finest addition yet made to the beach. The Seashore Hotel has also just completed and equipped a large annex. There is more real enjoyment to be found at Wrightsville Beach than at any other seaside resort we know of. If a man wants to wear old clothes to the enhancement of his comfort, well and good. And morning, noon and in the evening, the women can dress as handsomely as they want to. At the dance at Lumina, Friday night, the most handsomely gowned woman of the evening was the wife of a North Carolina editor, whose home is not far from High Point.

We feel better morally, physically and every other way for the stronger comradeship following contact with the men behind the press. It is probable that the summer meeting of 1911 will be held at Blowing Rock.

TO MAKE A DESERT BLOOM.

It is twelve miles across from Wilmington to Wrightsville. South of this line, that strip of New Hanover county is shaped like a wedge, coming to a point at Fort Fisher. This wedge-shaped section between ocean and river is almost uninhabited, but the indications are that in the course of a few years it will be converted into the most productive strip of soil in the State. Since last March an expert from the United States Geological Survey has been going over it mapping out plans for its drainage, whereby it can be converted into farming lands. The expectations are that with its reclamation, it will produce rice, corn and cotton, perhaps of sea island quality. In this proposed development there are great possibilities for that section of New Hanover.

THE FIGHT ON JUDGE LONG.

In a little editorial a few days ago about the efforts being made to defeat Judge Long, The Chronicle appears to have discovered the source from which the opposition to him comes. Following up what we said in that paragraph, it might not be amiss to say that we are not personally acquainted with Judge Long. We have never met him, yet we know by his record that he is a good and fearless judge—just the sort the people of North Carolina want to keep on the bench. In view of this fight that is being made on Judge Long, it is entirely proper to call attention to a few things. One is that holding the judicial office which he does, Judge Long could not afford to go into a scramble for renomination. We believe that he is rated as one of the best judges of the Superior Court bench in the State. And, again, we are losing some of our best. Three experienced judges have recently retired and one other has said that he can no longer afford to remain in the service. In view of these facts, it becomes the people of the State to look well into the matter of the judiciary. The Chronicle is no spokesman for Judge Long, but it takes this much for granted; That his labors as a judge are congenial with his chosen field, that he has "made good," as the saying goes, on the bench, and that by every right, he should be given another term, not only by way of vindication, but by way of endorsement, for the idea of a judge being crucified by reason of his stand for justice and right, must be abhorrent to all people who are in their right minds.

If we could catch the ear of Mr. Brodie Duke, we would suggest that he has talked quite enough, and it would be entirely agreeable to the public for him to pass into the retired life of a good citizen.

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If The Chronicle had the price, it could print a book about last week's meeting of the association. The news columns have carried the details, but there is much room for embellishment. The editor of this paper is just now coming into a realization of how much of the good there is in this life he has missed by not having more frequently knocked off work and mingled with the brethren of the press. Friendships were formed last week that will be a sweet memory to the end. He had not before realized the full strength and energy of the personnel of the North Carolina press. He had always harbored a suspicion in his mind that North Carolina had the best corps of editors in the South, and now he knows it. Aside from the value of forming new acquaintances is the pleasure of renewing old friendships. Among those who we feel it profitable to have come into personal knowledge of are Dr. Atkinson, of The Christian Sun, and Mr. O. F. Crowson, of The Burlington News. Time has dealt very lightly with Manning, of The Gold Leaf, and Farris, of The High Point Enterprise. Hammer, of The Asheboro Courier was the most imposing figure of the convention—but we must stop this, or we will be calling the roll and we have no room for that.

But we must speak of one more. By a long shot, the most interesting personage we met was Mr. E. D. Pearson, who runs a news syndicate at Rocky Point. His arrival at the hotel was distinguished by the fact that he carried an umbrella in one hand and a half gallon jug in the other. The jug was intended as a present for his beloved friend, Joe Daniels. Mr. Daniels, however, was not at the meeting and Mr. Pearson pressed the stuff on all who cared to risk it. He said it was scuppernon wine that was made in 1865, and was therefore 345 years old. He knew it was that old because he had dug it out of an Indian mound that was made in the year 1665.

There were a number of good talkers in the convention, some of them even eloquent, but the only real orator that was heard was Mr. James H. Cowan, editor of The Wilmington Dispatch. It was no surprise that he was put on as orator for the next convention. He was the surprise of the occasion.

As a matter of course, Mr. John B. Sherrill was sentenced to serve another term of one year as secretary and treasurer. But this sentence of Sherrill is a mere formality, the observance of which belongs to the set performances of the convention.

The members of the press heard remarks on their possibilities in aid of the public health, by Dr. W. S. Rankin, who is secretary of the State board of health. Dr. Rankin is a son of Mr. John R. Rankin, of Mill Hill and is a young professional man before