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RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT.

The Charlotte Delegation Welcomed at the White House This Morning.

WILL COME IF HE CAN.

President Will Visit Charlotte During the May Carnival Unless Public Business Prevents—Thanks for the Souvenir Invitation.

Special Telegram to the News. WASHINGTON, April 30.—A large delegation headed by Senator Pritchard, Assistant Attorney General Boyd, and Mayor McCall, called at the White House this morning to present an invitation to President McKinley to attend the Mecklenburg celebration in Charlotte May 20th.

Senator Pritchard was the principal spokesman for the delegation in presenting the invitation, and urged the President to accept. The President replied briefly, thanking the delegation for the handsome souvenir invitation. The President promised to visit Charlotte if his official duties permit him to leave Washington at the time of the celebration.

TELEGRAM FROM MR. WITTKOWSKY. Mr. S. Wittkowsky, of the Charlotte committee of invitation, sends the News the following telegram: "The President received the committee very graciously and is favorably inclined. He will look over, with Messrs. Pritchard and Boyd, his prior engagements and advise us of his conclusions."

TO ABANDON FREE STATE.

Boers Retiring to the Transvaal—Commandoes Safe at Brandfort.

By Telegram to the News. LONDON, April 30.—Advices from Lorenzo Marquez say the Boers have decided to abandon the Free State to the British. It is said the Burgheers will make no stand against Roberts south of the Vaal River; that the movement of their forces across the stream has already begun. This involves the abandonment of Brandfort and Kroonstad. It is understood the Boers are already moving away from those points toward the Transvaal.

PRETORIA, April 27. (Delayed in Transmission.)—Commandant Gravett telegraphs from the Boer camp at Brandfort that the Federal forces who were at Dewet's Dorp and Wepener had arrived safely.

SEMI-ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY OF SIEGE OF MAFEKING. LONDON, April 30.—Advices from Mafeking, dated April 17th, say everything is moving satisfactorily. The semi-annual anniversary of the beginning of the siege was celebrated by the Boers firing heavily into the town. The attack was repulsed. On April 11th sixty-eight shells entered the town. No casualties resulted.

STRIKE ON N. Y. CENTRAL.

All Branches of the Road Threatened to Go Out.

By Telegram to the News. NEW YORK, April 30.—State Board Mediator Delehanty arrived this morning from Buffalo. He says the situation on the New York Central is extremely serious. "I am afraid there will be a general strike in all branches of the New York Central," he said. "The men will not give way and the only hope I have is that the Central officials will make concessions. Unless they meet the demands of the men there will be a general strike." Chairman Delehanty had a conference with Superintendent of Motive Power Waitt, of the New York Central, this morning on the demand of the Buffalo strikers. Waitt intimated after the meeting that the railroad will make no concessions. He said he thought the final demand of the strikers was a bluff.

HIGHER PRICES EXPECTED.

Price, McCormick & Co., Think Extreme Prices Inevitable.

Special Telegram to the News. NEW YORK, April 30.—The visible supply of cotton is the smallest since 1890, when cotton sold at thirteen cents. Consumption about fifty per cent greater. Extreme prices seem inevitable. We shall be glad if you will give the widest possible publicity to this telegram.

"PRICE, McCORMICK & CO." —May Day—legal holiday at the law building tomorrow.

PARIS EXPOSITION ACCIDENT.

Bridge Collapses Killing and Wounding Many Pleasure Seekers.

PARIS, April 30.—An accident within the exposition grounds yesterday caused the death of six persons and the injury of about 40. A temporary bridge, unable to withstand the Sunday crowd, broke.

The accident threw a pall over the happiness of an immense throng who had profited by the magnificent weather to visit the exhibition. Sunday was probably the record attendance. Not merely the interior of the grounds, but the precincts were also crowded, and the concourse was particularly great along the Avenue de Suffren, which forms the northern boundary of the grounds. Here is situated a big side show, the Celestial Globe. A foot bridge, on which the finishing touches were being put today, crosses the Avenue de Suffren, connecting the side-show with the exhibition. It was constructed of wood, with a stucco facade and with a plaster-made tower at each end.

Strangely enough, the bridge had been condemned only yesterday morning as unsafe, by the exhibition authorities. The public was, therefore, not allowed to go upon the structure, and in this way a disaster even more terrible than that which occurred was averted. The gay crowd was passing along the avenue and some hundred or more persons were walking beneath the bridge when suddenly an ominous crash was heard. Before those underneath could turn aside, the structure fell with a fearful crash, burying nearly 50. A shout of horror rose from the spectators, mingled with the cries of the victims. For a moment nothing could be distinguished but a cloud of dust and plaster. A scene of the greatest excitement and confusion followed. But this was only for a few seconds. Almost immediately the crowd attacked the debris in an effort to release those lying beneath.

PLAYED WITH MATCHES.

Mr. J. D. Collins' Daughter Painfully Burned.

Ethel, the thirteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Collins, was painfully burned Friday. She had gotten some matches without any one knowing it, and gone out in the yard to play with them. In striking one of them she set her clothing on fire. The house girl happened to look out of the window to see where the child was, and to her horror saw her in flames. She ran to her assistance and tore the burning garments off her, turning her hands thereby. The child was painfully burned under and on the left arm and the left side of her face. But for the fortunate thought of the house girl, in looking out for the child, she would have been burned to death.

"OAKHURST."

A New Town Springing up in the Northwestern Suburbs.

A new suburban town is being built in the northwestern part of the city. The factory of the Charlotte Cotton Co., recently built on the Heath property, is in operation and new houses are springing up all around it. Contractor Herring is now engaged in the construction of five dwelling houses and a good-sized boarding house, or workman's hotel. These will be completed shortly.

The property is located on the Seaboard Air Line railroad, and the residents have petitioned the railroad company to make this place a station. As on this request is complied with, a neat waiting room will be erected.

The name of the new suburb is "Oakhurst."

TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION TO MEET.

The Independent Telephone Association of the Carolinas, will meet in this city tomorrow morning. This is the second meeting of the Association, the first one having been held here about two months ago. The Association is desirous of extending its trunk lines through all parts of the Carolinas, and the meeting tomorrow is in reference to proposed extensions. Manager Helvin anticipates a large attendance of members.

OFFICE-HOLDING DELEGATION.

The delegates to the State Republican convention at Raleigh are: Messrs. J. W. Martin, postmaster; W. S. Clayton, director of the mint; Albright, deputy collector of internal revenue; Hampton, deputy marshal; M. B. Williams, clerk of the court; and Dr. Houston, who ran for office, but didn't get it. If the delegations from other counties are like this, the convention will probably endorse the McKinley administration.

CARDS FOR THE 9TH.

Cards were received here this morning announcing the marriage, May 3th, of Miss Coralie Britt Smith and Mr. Walter Scott Sergeant. The ceremony will take place at 11 a. m. at the home of the bride, 130, Prince Street, Greensboro. The bride elect is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Smith, formerly of this city, now of Greensboro, and a sister of Mrs. J. A. Clinard and Mr. J. Glenn Smith.

BIG TEXTILE DEAL. THE CHURCHES.

The Charlotte Supply Company Passes Into New Hands To-Night. Large Congregations Filled the City Sanctuaries Yesterday.

FIVE IN THE SYNDICATE. BISHOP CHESHIRE HERE.

Capitalists of Rhode Island Buy the Supply Company Out, Accepting Option Given Them Nearly a Year Ago—The New Firm Takes Charge Thursday.

One of the most interesting deals that has ever taken place in textile circles in this city and section has, after days and months of negotiation, culminated. The Charlotte Supply Co., which does the largest business of any concern of its kind in the United States, has passed into new hands. Messrs. E. A. Smith and J. P. Wilson have sold their interest in the company to a party of Northern capitalists: Messrs. R. B. Goff, J. Goff, H. C. Clark, R. W. Eddy, of Warren, R. I., and C. H. Child, of Providence. Mr. R. B. Goff began negotiations with Messrs. Smith and Wilson about a year ago. At that time the D. A. Tompkins Co. owned an interest in the business. This was afterward bought by Mr. R. M. Miller, Jr. Mr. Goff a month or so ago bought Mr. Miller's interest. He then began negotiations with Messrs. Smith and Wilson. They made him an offer, which he was to accept or not by May 1st. The option expires tonight, and Mr. Goff is here to accept the proposition. Messrs. R. B. and J. Goff, Child, Eddy and Clark will in future constitute the Charlotte Supply Co. Mr. Clark will be president of the new concern, and Mr. Eddy treasurer. Messrs. Clark and Eddy will move to Charlotte, and will have charge of the business as Messrs. Smith and Wilson have now.

Messrs. Clark and Eddy will arrive here Thursday night, and will take charge at once. Twelve years ago Mr. E. A. Smith, of Baltimore, traveled the South for Northern supply houses. He foresaw the industrial development of Charlotte and this section, and on one of his return trips to Baltimore interested Mr. J. P. Wilson in the matter. They came to Charlotte, met Mr. D. A. Tompkins and the result was the Charlotte Supply Co., with Messrs. Smith, Wilson and the D. A. Tompkins Co. as partners in the new firm and new business. The company was organized ten years ago, and began business on College street in the building now occupied by the Williams-Shelton Co. The business soon outgrew the store, and a move into larger quarters was necessary. The building on West Fourth street was rented from Mr. Carson. The business has grown to be the largest of its kind, not only in the South, but of the United States.

Messrs. Smith and Wilson have not decided what business they will engage in. They will each devote a great deal of their time to their respective mills—the Louise and the Dover, at Pineville. They have proved, by the magnificent success of the Supply house, their ability to make any business. They are among Charlotte's foremost business men, and any move they make will be of interest in the business world of this section. They avow their intention of not leaving Charlotte, which, after all, is the point in which the city is most interested.

Mr. R. B. Goff, as previously stated in the News, has purchased the controlling interest in the Charlotte Textile Mill Supply Co., which practically puts the two supply houses under the same interest and management. Charlotte will welcome the new capitalists and citizens. They will find this a healthy, congenial climate, and the centre of the industrial interest of the South.

CLASS OF 1900.

The commencement at Elizabeth College begins with the baccalaureate sermon the first Sunday in June, at St. Mark's Lutheran church. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. Schaeffer, of Savannah, Ga. The commencement exercises will be held the following Tuesday and the annual concert Tuesday night. The graduating class consists of: Misses Maud Schaeffer, Daisy Stewart, Emily Schultze, Mary-Lee Banister, Katherine Seagle, Nancy Koefig and Emmie Hains.

CHANGE OF BASE.

Mr. J. F. Williams who has been with the Dixie Pants Co. for some years, as general overseer and head man in the shipping department, has resigned his position, to become traveling salesman for the Williams-Shelton Co., wholesale dry goods house. Mr. Williams is a reliable and efficient business man. He will work up a good business on the road for his new firm.

SOCIAL.

There appeared in last Sunday's New York Herald, on a page of Southern beauties, a picture of Miss McKay, of Wilmington, who, it is said, is to come to Charlotte in the fall as a bride. The groom-elect is a well known and popular young man of this city.

LAWYERS' PICNIC.

Charlotte Bar to Spend To-Morrow on the River.

The law building will be deserted tomorrow. The Charlotte bar is to take a day off; is to spend a day—"far from the maddening crowd's ignoble strife"—upon the classic banks of the Catawba, there to angle for fish, both great and small. Referee in Bankruptcy Smith is the chaperon of the legal party. In lieu of the trip, parties wanting divorces, papers in bankruptcy, or legal advice and business of any kind, are hereby and herewith notified that "no sitch" can be attended to tomorrow. If, perchance, anyone of the lawyers cannot see his way clear, tomorrow morning at daybreak, to join the party, he will be required to hold up his right hand and solemnly affirm that he will not give or take advice or fee during the day. The party will leave by the bright light, and will be met at Mountain Island by Col. R. L. Abernethy, with a party of seiners, Mr. F. R. McNinch having arranged this part of the programme today by phone, and will be directed to the places where the fish are large and plentiful. Of course tomorrow being the first of the month, (bill day) has nothing to do with the lawyers leaving town.

POWELL-RUSSELL.

Mr. W. H. Powell and Miss Kate Russell Married.

Mr. W. H. Powell and Miss Kate Russell were married this morning at 11 o'clock at the home of the bride on North Tryon street. Rev. H. L. Atkins, of Salisbury, former pastor of Calvary Methodist church, performed the ceremony, that of the Methodist church, which is always beautiful and impressive. There were no attendants. The bride and groom entered the parlor, which was tastefully arranged for the occasion, as the clock struck 11, and in the presence of a party of about 30 relatives and friends, pledged their troth. They left on the noon train for Asheville, Waynesville and other points in the mountains, where they will spend a week or ten days. On their return they will go to Forest City, where they will reside. Mr. Powell, having purchased a pretty home for his bride.

The bride is a native of Yorkville, S. C. She lived for some years at Rock Hill and came from there to Charlotte. She has a number of friends here and at her former home. The groom is a son of Mr. B. F. Powell. He lived in Charlotte for a number of years, and is well known in mercantile circles. He is at present in the mill business at Forest City. He has many friends throughout this section, who will be interested to learn of his marriage.

CHILD DROWNED.

Feil Headforemost in a Kit of Lard in Which Was Water.

John Gaither, colored, and family live on Mr. D. P. Hutchison's place, northwest of the city. Yesterday evening John and his family were sitting in the house enjoying the rest of the Sabbath. The two youngest children had gone around the house to play. John went to look after them some minutes after, and found the youngest, Hattie, aged 13 months, head foremost in a lard kit in which there was water. He ran and pulled her out but to his horror found her dead. There was about a gallon of water in the kit, and the child falling in head foremost, had been strangled. The grief of the parents was pathetic.

REALTY.

Mr. W. H. Phifer, of Monroe, today sold a lot to Mr. Lewis W. Austin at the extension of East Trade and 4th streets. J. Arthur Henderson & Bro. made the sale.

Capt. J. M. Davis today bought a house and lot in Groveton, from Edward Bros. Consideration \$400. Brown & Co., the real estate people, have sold the following parties lots in Villa Heights: Miss Julia Gay, two lots; Miss Ella Gay one lot; Mrs. Grice, two lots; Miss M. M. Hunter, one lot; M. Long, two lots; Miss Lelia Humphreys, one lot and Mr. Joe Orr, one.

DEAD CHILD FOUND.

The body of a dead white baby was found this morning under the bridge over the creek between town and Sevensville. The child, a girl, was about five months old. The body was thrown in the creek some time last night, for there were a number of boys wading in the creek yesterday afternoon, and it was not there at that time. Dr. Strong and Chief Orr went to the spot as soon as the find was reported. Dr. Strong said the child was dead when dropped from the bridge. The chief is trying to solve the mystery.

DIED OF LOCKJAW.

Willie Mercer, the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Mercer, died in Savannah, Ga., Saturday morning at 10 o'clock of lockjaw, caused from vaccination. The remains were brought here Sunday morning, and the funeral services held yesterday afternoon at Mr. William Giles' by Rev. George Bell, of Graham Street Presbyterian church.

MARRIED.

Mr. B. A. Bowland, of Concord, and Miss Lucy E. Brown, of the Louise mill were married last evening at 7 o'clock by Squire Maxwell.

DEATH OF MR COLLINS

Prominent Citizen of Steele Creek Died Yesterday Morning.

TWO YEARS OF DECLINE.

A Paralytic Stroke was the Beginning of the End to This Good Man—The Death Record Here and Elsewhere.

Mr. James S. Collins died yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock, at his home, in Steele Creek township. About two years ago Mr. Collins had a stroke of paralysis, from which he had never recovered. He was able to attend to his farming duties, but was never strong after the paralytic stroke. The decline was gradual. For weeks Mr. Collins had been seriously affected, but he was not confined to bed. His energy and activity kept him on his feet. Saturday morning he was up and on the porch, although the weakness and sinking, premonitory of death, had begun Thursday. Toward daylight Sunday morning he grew worse and at 10:30 the end came.

Deceased was born and reared in Steele Creek. He was a farmer and spent his long and peaceful life in the shade of the trees where he was born. He was an honest, upright man, genial, kind and gentle. He was passionately fond of music, and for years conducted a singing school at Steele Creek. He was known as "Prof. Collins, the singing school teacher." He was connected with the musical affairs of Steele Creek church and schools, and taught many in the county the art of "do re mi." Mr. Collins was a life-long member of Steele Creek church. He loved the Presbyterian faith and lived a consistent, Christian life. He was thrice married. His first wife was Miss Nancy Sloan, of Steele Creek; his second, Miss Addie Henderson, daughter of Mr. James Henderson, and his third, who survives, Miss Mary Henderson, daughter of Mr. Robert Henderson, of Hopewell. He leaves five children: Mr. R. Sam Collins, professor of writing in Philadelphia Commercial College; Mr. Charles A. Collins, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. William Sadler, of this county—children by his first wife; and Mr. Frank Collins and Miss Iva Collins, children by his second wife. His third wife had no children.

Deceased was 71 years of age. Prof. R. S. Collins arrived from Philadelphia this morning to attend the funeral, which was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock, at Steele Creek, the services being conducted at the church by Rev. A. A. Little.

DEATH OF MRS. WILSON.

Mrs. Wilson, the wife of Mr. J. B. Wilson, died at the house mill this morning, aged twenty years. She leaves two children, one an infant only four days old. She had an attack of pneumonia, and that, with complications, caused her death. She was formerly a Miss Willis, of Gastonia, and the remains will be carried to that town for interment.

DEATH OF MR. WM. ZACHARY.

Mr. William Zachary, step-father of Mr. W. A. Avant, died Sunday morning at his home on North Tryon street. He had been ill for a long while. Consumption was the cause of his death. He was originally from Laurinburg, and was a well known business man of that place. He was about sixty years old, and lived a Christian life. He leaves a widow and one child. The remains were this morning carried to Laurinburg for interment.

DEATH OF AN INFANT.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Watson Isehour died yesterday and was taken to the country this morning for burial.

IN HONOR OF THE BISHOP

Bishop Cheshire and Wife the Recipients of Social Courtesies.

Mrs. W. E. Hoyt entertained Bishop Cheshire and wife at tea Saturday evening, inviting to meet them: Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Hoffmann, and Mrs. W. S. Mallory, Col and Mrs. A. L. Smith, Capt. and Mrs. John Wilkes, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Oates, Jr., Mrs. R. Leekwood Jones and Mr. and Mrs. J. Renwick Wilkes.

Today the Bishop and Mrs. Cheshire were the guests, at dinner, of Mrs. Baxter H. Moore. A party of twelve friends were bidden to meet them, and enjoy Mrs. Moore's delightful hospitality.

This afternoon the ladies of the St. Peter's Parish give a reception in honor of the Bishop and his wife, at Col. H. O. Jones'. The hours are from 4 to 7, the invited being only the members of the parish.

Tomorrow evening Mrs. R. J. Brevard will be hostess to the Bishop and Mrs. Cheshire, and friends invited to meet them. From here the Bishop and Mrs. Cheshire go to Burlington to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Holt.

—Mrs. John Wilkes, who has been so ill for the past three weeks, was able to be up for a short while yesterday.