

JUDGE BENNETT PAYS BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE TO DEAD

The Grand Old Man of Anson Fully Sustains his Splendid Reputation as One of the Best Orators of the Old North State, And of the South.

Mr. T. W. Alexander Handsomely Introduced the Orator of the Day. Program as Published Yesterday was Carried Out. Many Join in Decorating Graves

Throughout the Southern States today flowers—sweet harbingers of love and affection—are being scattered over the graves of those who fought for their Southern land and its hallowed traditions.

In Charlotte, where sleep the dust of so many brave soldiers of the "Lost Cause," the exercises of today proved interesting in the extreme.

At the Academy of Music this afternoon the young and the old gathered to hear that grand old man Judge Klison Tyler Bennett, deliver an oration.

There never was a man more fitted to the oratory of old than he. His address this afternoon was typical of the man and it speaks for itself.

The introduction of Judge Bennett by Mr. Thomas W. Alexander, was splendid and does credit to this young gentleman.

All of the exercises were interesting in the extreme. In introducing Judge Bennett Mr. Alexander said: Ladies and Gentlemen:

With the sullen roar of the guns at Fort Sumter, awakening the peaceful slumber of Charleston harbor on that memorable April morning, came the announcement to an excited hemisphere that the South had matriculated in the college of warfare for a full four year course.

How well she conformed to the curriculum of that grim institution is the purpose of this hour to inquire. If we cannot answer so that he who runs may read, then we unveil our own ignorance and leave the acts of the Southern Confederacy without excuse.

That she carried off the honors and won on her graduation day—April 9th, 1865—the wearer of the laurel crown of heroism, endurance, bravery, undaunted courage and ability in the face of incredible privation and unequalled conflict, as compared with all the fierce resort to arms the world has ever known, is a truth beyond mere history.

Stonewall Jackson. I now have the honor of introducing to you the orator of the day, Colonel Risen Tyler Bennett, late of the Confederate States Army.

Facing an audience that must have inspired him with feelings of pride and love for his native state, Judge Bennett said:

Madam President, Ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Citizens: When that illustrious man, William Ewart Gladstone, lay in the crisis of his fate which closed in his death, May 18, 1898, messages of sympathy from the foremost men of our Christian world were read to him and he murmured at intervals: "Kindness, kindness, kindness; at length, as prayers were ended, he exclaimed: "Amen."

"There is sunshine in my soul today." You have given me manifestations of sympathy akin to affection. An old man, taken in the act of trying to do right, is your guest today. I value beyond weights and measure the good opinion of our people, whether they be plain people, official people, or such as determine alone or in council, public opinion, that mysterious and invisible power which no man can resist—more frequently, right than any man can fathom or forecast. Need I pause to define public opinion as the conception of the best and foremost thought of the time, the day, the hour? It is not the cry of the multitude; "Crucify Him! Release to us Barabbas!" but of the still small voice: "Be just and fear not."

I quiver with emotion in the presence of this audience, cultured and adorned with every embellishment of beauty. I reckon not the census of immortal events wrought here by the good limbs of our people. I miss the lion-hearted Jones, the intrepid Fleming, the unmatched Waring, glorious Greer, my virtuous friend, John E. Brown, the steady Barringer and the perennial Vance and his biographer, and John McAden and others. "At their tombs my tributary tears I offer for my brethren's obsequies."

I asked my wife if it would be risking too much with this assemblage of worthies to indulge my sense of humor; with confederate precision, she retorted against it and I am sworn to a severe demeanor. I am not to herald discordant notes. "Peace on earth to men of good will" enthuses me. If I may twang the bow of Ulysses, yet I recognize that you cannot annihilate the Past. Verily, you must not suspect me capable of infidelity to that Past. "Genius, when young, is Divine."

Charles Dickens, the most pathetic of all English writers, in one of his letters from Rome, represents the carols of Christmas as having sought and found sanctuary in the catacombs of their Eternal City where they worshipped the God of the Christian. Their hiding place having been discovered, fathers, mothers were slain by the Men of the Law—the Lynchers of the Apocalypse, the mob of to-day, the men who hang others upon the Statute of Liberty while professing a mission for free speech, freedom of conscience, and the children of those slain for their faith, witnessing the awful tragedy of fathers and mothers crying aloud: "We are Christians." By an access of unseemable tenderness, they were lifted above fear and looked upon death as a mere incident of life.

Those of us, who were completely possessed with the principles of 1861, on fire with its scope and energy "A Burning Bush." We are Confederates now, henceforward and reasoning, now as then, are the sheet anchor of our principles. We extenuate nothing, naught exaggerate in malice. Calumnies cast at the Government are not our weapons. "Who would not love his country with all his might? Is she not made of our secular traditions, our unrivaled glories, our reverses, and of the genius of our great men, writers, thinkers, poets, orators and captains crowned with victory or sanctified by misfortune? Is she not made of the brilliance of our cities, the charm of our villages, of the soil which covers the remains of our predecessors, of an industry whose power is miraculous and of the earth which the workmen render fruitful? She is all this, the thought of her fills and possesses us, it makes our hearts beat, it uplifts our souls and dominating us, allows this high creation to be great in the world and respected."

"A nation may succumb to force, but when her Honor remains, Eternal hope is continued on page 8.

NAT. CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES OPENS The First Business Session of the 33rd National Conference of Charities and Corrections Opens. Papers Read on Relief Work of Salvation Army.

STANDARD OIL CO. IN TOILS.

Inquiry Into Relation Between Company and Railroads is Begun.

By Associated Press. Chicago, May 10.—The inquiry by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, into the relation between the Standard Oil Company and the railroads of the country began here today.

The points upon which, it is said, the investigation will endeavor to throw light, are the pipe lines of the Standard Oil Company, which are laid along the railroad rights of ways, and the purchase of the galena oil by the railroads for headlight and signal purposes.

E. M. Wilhoit, of Topeka, Kansas, now an independent oil operator, but ten years ago agent of the Standard Oil Company testifies that while in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, he had, in following out the instructions of his superior officers, bribed clerks in the offices of the railroads and employees of the independent oil concerns to obtain information of the details of the business done by the rivals of the Standard Oil Company.

He declared that the agents of the Standard Oil Company are held personally responsible for all the oil sold in their territory by independent companies.

Commissioner Clements at the commencement of the hearing announced that it was held in pursuance of a resolution passed by Congress, and that the present session was a continuance of the investigation conducted some time ago at Kansas City.

Killed by His Brother. Montezuma, Ind. May 10.—W. H. Sylvester, president of the First National bank of Montezuma was shot and killed in his home by his brother whose mind is believed to be affected.

The Thompson Orphanage Guild will meet in the vestry room of St. Peters Episcopal church tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. Business of importance will be transacted.

MRS. JEFFERSON DAVIS VERY ILL The Aged Widow of the President of the Southern Confederacy is Very Ill at Hotel Gerard. She is 80 Years of Age. Her Daughter Sent for.

By Associated Press. New York, May 10.—Mrs. Jefferson Davis, widow of the president of the Southern Confederacy, is dangerously ill of gripe in her apartments in the Hotel Gerard in West 44th street of this city.

As Mrs. Davis is nearly 80 years old, it is feared the attack may prove fatal.

Her daughter, Mrs. J. Addison Hayes has been summoned from her home in Colorado Springs.

Mrs. Davis has been living at the Gerard several years and is frequently visited by her daughter.

Dr. Robert H. Wythe, who is attending Mrs. Davis, said she is suffering from an attack of gripe and as she is 80 years old it appears serious.

SHAW U. COMMENCEMENT. Number of Students Given Diplomas—Reward for Capture of Man Who Assaulted Woman Near Here. Raleigh, May 10.—The forty-first annual commencement of Shaw University was held today. Diplomas to ten graduates and certificates to 22 others were granted. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on Rev. S. H. Witherspoon, of Charlotte. State Auditor Dixon went to Tarboro today to deliver the address for the Memorial Day celebration there today.

NEW ACT OF GREAT HISTORICAL DRAMA BEGINS IN SPLENDOR

Lovely May Day Greeted Uprising of Curtain for New Act in Drama of Russia's Struggle for Liberty. Parliament Opens in Scene of Splendor.

Representatives of the Russian Millions and the Russian Emperor are at Last Face to Face. The Fate of the Empire at Stake.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, May 10.—An ideal May day like a happy Aungry greeted the uprising of the curtain for the new act of the great historical drama, Russia's struggle for liberty.

Never did the showy northern capital of Peter the Great present a more brilliant picture than that for the inauguration of the Russian Parliament.

The city seemed swarming in a flood of light, while the golden domes of the churches, spires of the Admiralty and St. Peter and St. Paul fortress and the shining minarets of the palaces seem to float above the mass of yellow buildings.

The yellow imperial standard with its double headed eagle flew from the winter palace, flags, by the order of the police, were displayed from every house, and streams of multi-colored pennants fluttered from the yachts and shipping in the harbor. Banks, stores, schools and factories were closed in honor of the occasion, but there was no general holiday, the government sutlerly discouraging the suspension of work in the industrial districts owing to a fear that the crowding of the workmen into the center of the city might provoke collisions, disorders, and perhaps bloodshed.

There was something distinctly awe-inspiring about the day, with visions of the chains falling from another branch of the human race and the Russian people taking up the march of modern civilization.

Representatives of the Russian millions and the Emperor were at last face to face, and the result was to determine the fate of the nation and country stretching from Germany to the Pacific coast, to the Polar seas and to the burning sands of Central Asia.

Religious Ceremonies. Like all great state functions in Holy Russia the ceremonies began with religious exercises. At ten o'clock, the whole city reverberated with bells and chimes from St. Peter's myriad of cathedrals, churches, and towers, summoning the people to thanksgiving.

Not only at St. Petersburg, but at Kremlin of Moscow, the bells rung and to-deums celebrated, thus giving the occasion a solemn, religious, as well as civic, significance necessary to impress the Russian masses.

While the bells were still ringing the Imperial Yacht Alexander with the Imperial standard at the fore, moved majestically up the river. Their majesties landed under the grim walls of the St. Peter, and St. Paul fortress, which they entered by the Imperial water terrace, driving hurriedly to the immense cathedral inside the walls, where repose the remains of the Romanoffs. There, before the tombs of the Emperor's ancestors, the Imperial family knelt for 20 minutes and made their devotions.

Emperor and Empress Depart. The Emperor and Empress after leaving the palace entered the launch, passed down the river, boarded the Imperial Yacht Alexander and returned to Peterhoff.

ABOUT THE DEATH OF SPIER Investigation Conducted Into His Mysterious Death—His Finances were in Bad Shape. By Associated Press. New York, May 10.—Interest in the investigation of the mysterious killing of Charles Spier, confidential agent of H. H. Rogers, was mainly confined today to the status of his financial affairs which have been found to be badly involved. Accountants were at work on his books and it was reported that they have already discovered indications of discrepancies which might account for the suicide theory in explanation of Spier's death. The whereabouts of Spier's securities belonging to Mrs. Rogers was one of the points investigated by the accountants.

PRESIDENT TO ATTEND.

Accepted invitation to Deliver address at Opening of Jamestown Exposition.

By Associated Press. Washington, May 10.—President Roosevelt will attend the formal opening of the Jamestown Exposition next year and will deliver the address on that occasion. An invitation was extended to the President to-day by Harry St. George Tucker, president of the Exposition Company; C. Brooks Johnson and Lieut. Gov. J. Taylor Ellison, of Virginia. The President accepted the invitation, saying he had the deepest interest in the Exposition since the inception of the project. The opening of the Exposition will take place April 26th, 1907, and assurance was given by President Tucker that there would be no delay.

AFFAIRS OF ZION CITY.

Dowie and Voliva Reach an Agreement Today.

By Associated Press. Chicago, May 10.—John Alexander Dowie and Wilbur G. Voliva reached an agreement in court upon the proposition for a mutual representation in the management of the financial affairs at Zion City. Dowie forces appointed John A. Lewis, while Voliva named Alexander Granger. The third member of the committee is still to be chosen.

FROST DID DAMAGE.

Entire Crop Probably lost in Tennessee River Valley.

By Associated Press. Decatur, Ala., May 10.—There was another heavy frost last night in the Tennessee river valley and this with the frost of Tuesday night has probably killed all the cotton in that section of the State. In some places it is said the entire crop will have to be replanted.

A BIG FROST DOES DAMAGE TO COTTON

From all Over Mecklenburg, There Comes Reports of the Great Damage Done the Young Plant. Freezing Point at Greensboro.

From all over Mecklenburg county there comes the report that cotton has been badly damaged by the frost of this morning. In many sections the young plant has been entirely killed and in others the damage wrought by this cold weather and frost, is severe.

Mr. F. M. Hinson, of the Arlington section, telephoned The News this afternoon that he has made a careful examination of a number of fields of this section and he finds that replanting will be necessary.

Mr. L. H. Robinson, of the Providence section reports considerable damage to the young plant especially on the low lands and Northern exposures. He states that replanting will begin at once in his section.

Mr. A. M. Rea, telephoned The News this morning that the frost had done incalculable damage through Sharon section. Mr. W. S. Pharr of the same section of the county states that great damage has been done.

What is true of Sharon, Providence and Clear Creek is true of the entire county. The cold snap has done great harm to the young plant and it is a matter of conjecture at this time the exact amount of damage that has really been wrought.

The weather man in his report today states that Greensboro the temperature dropped to 32 degrees and the low temperature is reported from most of the sections of North Carolina.

In speaking of the weather Mr. Bennett the local weather man says: "An area of high pressure moving slowly southeastward from Missouri over the east Gulf states, has caused fair, colder weather generally over the South. Temperatures are this morning 10 to 15 degrees below normal over the east, gulf and south Atlantic states, and frost is reported from stations as far south as Macon, Ga. and Meridian, Miss. The minimum temperature at Charlotte this morning, 38 degrees, was as low as has been recorded during the month of May in the past 28 years. A minimum temperature of 32 degrees was reported at Greensboro, N. C. As the high pressure area now central over the east Gulf states, continues its eastward movement, fair weather with slowly rising temperature may be expected in this vicinity tonight and Friday."

DEPOSITORS TO BE PAID

State Bank Examiner Says There was No Shortage and Depositors will be Paid in Full. By Associated Press. Pittsburg, May 10.—State bank examiner Peter C. Cameron, who took charge of the Columbia Savings and Trust Company today, announced that there was no shortage or defalcation and the depositors will probably be paid in full.

CONDITION OF WHEAT.

Crop Report Shows the Condition of Growing Winter Wheat at 91 Per Cent. By Associated Press. Washington, May 10.—The condition of growing winter wheat is given at the 91 per cent. by the Agricultural Department's Crop report issued today.

FELL FROM REPAIR WAGON.

Mr. Julius Mullen Gets a Bad Fall This Afternoon From a Wagon.

Mr. Julius Mullen, forman of the construction force of the 4 C's Company fell from the top of the repair wagon on South Tryon street this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and was seriously injured. Mr. Mullen was on top of the wagon repairing a cross wire when a car passed. The trolley pole slipped from the trolley wire and as it flew through the air, caught the platform of the wagon on which Mr. Mullen was standing. The momentum of the car pulled the platform around throwing the man violently to the ground, a distance of about 20 feet.

Mr. Mullen held a hatchet in his hands which cut him about the face. Several men rushed to his assistance as quickly as possible and carried him in the office Drs. Register and Montgomery.

FOUND DEAD IN BATH ROOM.

Mr. S. M. Scangler, a well known Drummer, Found Dead in Bath Room of Benbow Hotel This Morning.

Special to The News. Greensboro, May 10.—Mr. S. M. Scangler, a well known drummer, for a Worcester, Mass. glass firm aged 52 years was found dead in a bath room adjoining his sleeping apartment in the Benbow Hotel this morning. An inquest revealed that the cause of his death was heart disease. An unsealed letter addressed to his wife in Baltimore saying he was not feeling well which he had evidently written before retiring was on the table. Disrobing he had gone in the room to take a bath before going to sleep and must have dropped dead. The remains were sent to his home in Baltimore for burial this afternoon.

GREAT METHODIST CONFERENCE

Rev. E. Sanford Advocates Decreasing the Number of Official Organs.

By Associated Press. Birmingham, May 10.—At the seventh day's session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, Rev. E. Sanford, of New York, secretary of the inter-church committee on federation, in his address, said he was sure the church could accomplish more as a united body than by working as separate bodies. The committee on Publishing Interests recommended that a number of official organs should be "Substantially reduced that their excellency may be increased and their influence augmented."

CONVENTION FOR DURHAM.

Ninth Judicial District Convention will be Held June 14.

Special to The News. Greensboro, May 10.—At a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of the Ninth Judicial District composed of the counties of Guilford, Durham, Granville, Alamance and Orange, at the Benbow hotel here last night, June 14th at Durham was named as the time and place for the Democratic nominating convention to name candidates for Judge and Solicitor.

MR. H. W. STANLEY APPOINTED

General Superintendent of Seaboard Announces Appointment of Mr. Stanley.

By Associated Press. Norfolk, May 10.—Mr. C. H. Hix, General Superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway has issued a circular announcing the appointment of H. W. Stanley as Superintendent of the fourth division or the Seaboard with headquarters at Jacksonville, Fla. The new superintendent has been a train dispatcher at Atlanta, Ga.

MISSIONARY UNION MET.

Reports Were Read—Big Convention of the Church Open Tomorrow.

By Associated Press. Chattanooga, May 10.—The Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Church met. Reports were read by Corresponding Secretary Miss A. W. Armstrong and Treasurer Miss E. V. Ricker, both of Maryland. The convention of the Church opens tomorrow.

Meeting of Alumnae Association.

Every member of the Alumnae Association of the Presbyterian college is requested to be present at the annual business meeting Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Officers will be elected for the year.

The Daughters of the American Revolution will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock with Mrs. J. A. Means on North Tryon street.

MAN AND WIFE WERE FOUND MURDERED

Their Skulls had Been Crushed in with Hatchet and their Throats Cut. Thought to Have Been Work of Robbers A Horrible Tragedy.

By Associated Press. New York, May 10.—James Muechio and his wife Celesti were found murdered in their rooms in the rear of a boot-blacking stand which Muechio conducted in Court Street, Brooklyn. Their skulls had been crushed with a hatchet and their throats cut. The police believe robbery was the motive of the crime.

MEMORIAL DAY IS OBSERVED IN ALL SOUTHERN STATES

Entire South Land Joins in Doing Honor to the Memory of the Confederate Veterans. Memorial Day Celebrations in Different Sections.

A Great Throng Gathers at Raleigh at Celebration. Eulogy on the Late Senator M. W. Ransom. The Celebration at Norfolk and Other Places.

Special The News. Raleigh, May 10.—The principal feature of the Memorial Day celebration today in Raleigh was the address at three o'clock by Gen. W. H. S. Burgwyn of Weldon on "The Life and service of Gen. Matt W. Ransom" which was heard by an audience which taxed the capacity of the hall and included the members of the Confederate Veterans Association, the Daughters of the Confederacy and a delegation of veterans from Gen. Ransom's old home in Northampton county.

Right after the address a procession moved to the cemetery where the graves of the Confederate dead were decorated. A dinner was served to the old soldiers who participated in the celebration at one o'clock in Capitol Square.

Memorial Day at Norfolk.

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., May 10.—The Confederate Memorial Day was observed in Norfolk today, the orator being the Rev. Dr. Joseph Remick, Presbyterian, who said in part: "We are accustomed to speak of the Confederacy as the Lost Cause. In one sense this is true. But in the truest sense it is not a Lost Cause. No cause is ever lost that has truth as its beacon righteousness as its principles and justice as its goal."

The greatest incubus that ever rested on any people was African slavery and the real slaves were the owners. It humiliated and rendered ignorant that large class termed "poor whites." It put an eternal stop upon commerce, the manufacture, the development of native resources, and the confined energies of the South to agriculture. That war emancipated us. That which was intended to be a humiliation is proving in the hands of God her real blessing."

DEATH OF MR. J. H. SADLER.

The End Came This Morning at 8:45 O'clock, at the Mercy General Hospital.

Mr. John H. Sadler, one of the best known citizens of the county, died this morning at 8:45 o'clock at the Mercy General Hospital.

An operation was performed on Mr. Sadler Tuesday afternoon and while the operation was successful the patient was not relieved of his trouble.

Last night at the midnight hour a decided change for the worse took place. His family was summoned to his bedside and remained with him until death claimed his spirit.

Mr. Sadler had been in failing health for about two months. He was a patient at the Mercy General Hospital several weeks ago. He improved rapidly after a week's stay at the hospital he returned to his home in Paw Creek.

Last week, he had a return of his former trouble and Sunday afternoon was again taken to the hospital, this time for an operation. He consented to having the operation performed and was hopeful of permanent relief. Up to yesterday afternoon he was cheerful and there seemed to be abundant hope for his complete restoration to health. As the midnight hour approached, the Death Angel camped beside his couch and at the hour named above this good man passed into the Beyond.

The deceased was a native of Steele Creek township. After his marriage to Miss Maggie Wilson, he purchased property in Paw Creek township and has since made that his home. He was 56 years old and is survived by a wife and six children. Those are Messrs. Frank, Thomas, Ralph, Clinton and Wilson Sadler and Miss Madge Sadler. All of these were at his bedside except Mr. Ralph Sadler, who is a student at Davidson College. Two brothers, Messrs. George and William Sadler, also survive. The deceased was for many years, a member of the board of county commissioners. He was a man of exceptional business ability and made the county a most faithful officer. Years ago, Mr. Sadler joined the Presbyterian church, holding for a time, his membership at Steele Creek church. Later, he joined the church at Paw Creek, and was one of this church's most valued members. He was one of Mecklenburg's most valued citizens and his death will cause sorrow of the keenest type. The bereaved family have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends and relatives. The funeral services will be held from the home at Paw Creek tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. P. H. Gwynn, assisted by Dr. J. R. Howerston, will conduct the services. The interment will be at Steele Creek church tomorrow at the noon hour.