

PUBLISHED TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS... BY JOHN B. SHERRILL, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR

PARAGRAPHS.

A Southern State has made it a misdemeanor to give trading stamps. A jail sentence was about the only thing left one could not get with the trading stamps.

It looks as if the tariff dispute might enable Mr. Taft to build up an early record as a peacemaker.

The South is getting so solid that even a hurricane can't even blow it away.

The Steel Trust is pleased with the new tariff bill. The other trusts have not been heard from, but there is a reason to believe they are equally gratified. They wrote it all right.

A Florida Republican explains that "the high cost of chickens is not because of the protective tariff on beef, but because the negroes steal so many chickens." If the negro has any political friends left in this country, we should like to know where they are.

It is understood that notwithstanding the defeat of his proposal for a duty on tea, Senator Tillman will still continue to take a little sugar in his'n.

There are rumors to the effect that certain of the gubernatorial candidates have already begun to carry water on both shoulders," says the Daily News. Thought Texas candidates carried chips on their shoulder.

A New Jersey man claims to have seen two ghosts engaged in vicious combat recently. Competition in New Jersey is confined almost exclusively to ghosts, as the trusts have crushed out all other.

Aldrich, Payne, Cannon - when will these three meet again?

At the end of the next fifty years it will be the United Airways lines.

The standpatters in Congress, it has been truly said, finally became the insurgents against President Taft's leadership.

The Gulf of Mexico tried it on Galveston again and found the joke was on itself. Forewarned is forearmed in Galveston.

The tariff was revised by Payne. Then Payne was revised by Aldrich, and both were revised by Taft. Who's the author now?

Colonel Watterson won't give up the revision ship.

Harriet Beecher Stowe's granddaughter is going on the stage. What a chance for the "original Eva" in "Uncle Tom's" cabin!

Are the ultimate consumers reconciled to their fate, or are they lying low and whittling pencils to mark ballots for next year where they "never marked them before."

"The country will enjoy prosperity when the tariff is out of the way," says Mr. James J. Hill. It is somewhat difficult to determine whether this entitles Mr. Hill to go head or foot.

At least, the ex-shah of Persia is now relieved of the monotony of proclaiming a new constitution every day or so.

"A Baltimore woman has put a burglar to flight with a broom," says the News, of that city. Perhaps the burglar thought she intended making him assist in midsummer house-cleaning.

This is "Dryest" Bill Yet. One of the most drastic prohibition bills on record was Friday introduced in the Alabama House by Representative Fuller and referred. It provides, among other things, that buildings shall not be let for the sale of intoxicants; that any right or license is forfeited in case a tenant violates the laws; that liquors shall not be advertised in newspapers; that evidence of sale; right to raid and break open any place thought to contain violators of the laws; grand juries must indict; servants may not be excused from testifying against principals; soliciting for outside houses prohibited; also shipping from one point to another; prohibited liquors are to be contraband; the presence of a Government license is prima-facie evidence of guilt. No one shall drink intoxicating liquors on trains.

Road Fever in Rowan. The good roads fever has struck Rowan county and the Board of Commissioners are preparing to build a stretch of 18 miles of macadam road through the county at once, the same to be used as a link in the great National highway between New York and Atlanta. The county officials propose to show one of the best stretches of road between the two big cities when the test is made by the touring cars of the New York Herald and Atlanta Journal in October of this year. The highway as decided upon by the good roads committee enters Rowan at a toll bridge across the Yadkin river four miles north of Salisbury and traverses the county to Landis, nine miles to the south of the city.

Mr. R. J. Foll, of Charlotte, is here doing some work for the Southern Power Co.

STATE NEWS.

The President has as dinner guests last Tuesday evening the members of the Tariff Commission of the Senate and House. Both Senator Simmons and Representative Pou were present.

The matter of locating the new Pythian orphanage has been again postponed till next Tuesday, when the committee will go to Clayton and look over the site offered by that place.

Former Congressman Spencer Blackburn, of the eighth North Carolina district, is now located at Tulsa, Okla., where he is engaged in the practice of law. To friends in Spencer he has written that he is well pleased with his Western home.

The trolley line which is being built to connect the towns of Graham, Burlington and Haw River is nearing completion. The entire line, over eight miles, has been graded and is ready for rails and ties. Fifteen cars have been ordered.

Young Glenn Madison, who shot and killed his companion, Terrell Sherrill, at Mooresville Saturday morning and had since that time been held to await an investigation of the killing, was released, it appearing that it was purely an accident.

The Post says that a \$15,000 school building is to be erected at Seebrook, Stanly county, by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and that Mr. A. R. Lazenby, of Salisbury formerly of Statesville, has been awarded the contract for the building.

Fireman W. A. Medlin, of Spencer, was badly injured by burns received at Burlington Friday while on his engine. In cleaning out the ash pan he was struck in the face with great force by steam from a hose pipe used for cleaning purposes. His face, neck, forehead and eyes were badly bruised and scalded by steam and hot cinders from the firebox.

The bodies of the three negroes who were drowned in the accident at Blalock's Ferry, Pee Dee river, were found on Friday afternoon. The body of one was found on the island where Mr. Myers landed. The other was found near the same place, while the third drifted about two miles down the river near Allenton Ferry. No trace has been found of the suit case and buggy.

Two new Lutheran churches are to be built in the State. This was decided definitely at a meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina Synod held in Salisbury last week. One at Mooresville will be of brick and will cost something over \$5,000. One at Landis will be a frame structure and will cost about \$2,000. Rev. Mr. Morgan, State missionary, is now preaching at both of these towns, but has no church building at either place.

The Trinity Methodist Church, of Durham, has made arrangements for a revival meeting that will be one of the biggest evangelical meetings since the George Stuart meetings some years ago. These meetings will be conducted by Rev. Abe Mulkey, of Texas, and will begin next Sunday week, August 15. This is the first visit of this evangelist to this State. He comes very highly recommended, George Stuart saying that he is the greatest evangelist that ever preached in Texas.

The Escon Granite Company, the million dollar concern, recently organized with large quarries at Granite Quarry, Rowan county, is in the hands of Mr. George R. Collins, an experienced granite man of Salisbury, as receiver, he being named at Asheville last week and he gave bond in the sum of \$25,000 with Charles J. Linn, late Republican candidate for Governor, as surety. The receivership resulted owing to the death of Mr. Herbert C. Hammond, of Canada, who was largely interested and whose estate is said to be worth \$5,000,000. This step will not hinder the operations at the works.

Gastonia Wins Victory. The citizens of Gaston county Thursday voted for the third time on the question of removal of the county seat from Dallas to Gastonia and Gastonia won by a majority of 629, the vote being 2,955 for removal and 2,326 against. When the question was voted on six years ago Dallas won by only 64.

Gastonia's offer of \$43,000 against Dallas' offer of \$21,000, thus saving thousands of dollars to the taxpayers of the county, seems to have been the main cause of the former's victory.

In accordance with the act of the Legislature calling the election the county commissioners will now proceed to build at Gastonia a court house to cost not less than \$40,000 nor more than \$45,000 and a jail to cost not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$15,000.

French Aviator Smashes World Record. Roger Sommer, the French aviator Saturday beat the world's record by prolonging flight in his aeroplane. His machine remained in the air for two hours, 27 minutes and 15 seconds.

When it became evident that he had beaten the duration record held by Wilbur Wright, the assembled crowd cheered wildly, and as Sommer came to the ground at 41 minutes and 15 seconds past five, he was given an ovation.

How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Dr. J. C. HENRY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and know him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially sound in every obligation made by him.

Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 50c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Officers here have been notified that John L. Fox has escaped from the State penitentiary. Fox was convicted of the murder of Stephen Watson, at Wadesboro, and was sentenced to twelve years at hard labor.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Great Northern Railroad has notified the Governor of Louisiana that it will haul free of charge all material needed for the construction of improved public roads in that State.

Harvie Jordan says the harvested cotton crop will be fully a million and a half bales short of last year's output from the plantations and that prices for raw cotton will run extremely high before the end of the present year.

A member of the Georgia Legislature, having introduced a bill to penalize the playing of baseball or football at any school or college chartered in that State, the Memphis Commercial-Appeal takes occasion to remark that "the best of the day to the legislator who makes the biggest ass of himself naturally and without dispute goes this year to the State of Georgia."

Bertha Delaine, a young white woman, after quarreling last Friday night with a young man on the street at Roanoke, Va., shot herself in the head in an attempt to commit suicide. A "rat" in hair saved her life, the speed of the bullet from a 32-calibre revolver being checked by that appendage. When the physicians at the hospital pulled the bullet from the wound the bullet came out with the mass of false adornment. The woman will recover.

President Taft's claim that Congress has revised the tariff downward did not look well in parallel column in the newspapers with numerous stories to the effect that fast steamships made a race against time across the ocean in an effort to get their cargo under the custom house wire before the new tariff should become effective. There would have been no such racing with downward revision. In fact, the President's statement in justification of his signing the new tariff bill does not make very much of an impression anywhere, for it is universal testimony of all the tariff experts that the new bill impose average duties of nearly two per cent, in excess of those levied by the Dingley law.

State Confederate Reunion at Charlotte. The State reunion of the Confederate Veterans will be held in Charlotte, August 25 and 26.

Adjutant General Linn has been officially notified by all the railroads that a special rate of one cent per mile will be given on account of the reunion. Tickets to be on sale on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, and good until midnight of the 30th.

The following is the programme in detail: 10:30 a. m. Opening meeting. Prayer by Chaplain A. D. Betts. Address of welcome by Mayor Hawkins and Col. E. A. Osborne. Reception by General J. S. Carr. Address by Justice Walter Clark, ex-Governor Jarvis, and other distinguished veterans. Recesse.

Afternoon Session-Recitation by Mecklenburg Camp mascot, Miss Ruth Taber Porter. Recitation "Lee to the Rear," by Miss Bessie Burkheimer. Introduction of Mrs. Burkheimer by General Carr.

Election of division and brigade commanders. Miscellaneous business. Evening, 8 p. m.—Entertainment by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Thursday, August 26—9:30 a. m. Parade of Veterans. Reception to veterans by Mrs. Burkheimer. 1:30. Barbecue.

The Payne Tariff Bill is Now a Law. The tariff has been revised and the extraordinary session of Congress has been brought to a close. Both houses adjourned sine die officially at six o'clock Thursday night.

The conference report on the bill was agreed to by the Senate by a vote of 43 to 31. The vote was taken and soon afterwards the concurrent resolution making certain changes in the leather schedule was adopted by both houses.

Just as the hands of the gold clock in the President's room reached five minutes past five, the Payne tariff bill as the measure will be known, was laid before the President. He picked up a pen supplied by Chairman Payne of the House Ways and Means Committee, and which was used by both the Vice-President and the Speaker in signing the bill and attached his signature.

After writing "William H. Taft," the President added, "signed five minutes after five o'clock, August 5th, 1909—W. H. T."

Lutheran Church Items. Lutheran Visitor. Rev. S. L. Keller, pastor of the Zion-St. James' churches, Augusta county, Va., near Wadesboro, has tendered his resignation, to take effect October 1st.

Rev. Ewd. Fulenwider has been extended a month's vacation by the Church of the Redeemer, at Newberry, S. C., and is spending the time, together with his family, at Rocky River Springs, N. C.

Rev. J. A. Linn, of Rockwell, N. C., has received and accepted a call to the newly formed parsonage composed of St. James', Christians and Church of the Redeemer, at Wittenberg, S. C., and is spending the time, together with his family, at Rocky River Springs, N. C.

The children of the Missionary Society had a public meeting in the church the fourth Sunday evening in July. They had a splendid program, well rendered, directed by Mrs. Swearingen and Miss Briez. The offering for the evening amounted to \$24.

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State Farmers' Convention.

A State Farmers' Convention or Round-Up Institute will be held at A. & M. College, West Raleigh, N. C., commencing Tuesday, August 24th, and continuing to Friday, August 27th. There will be four days of real study in agriculture, horticulture, dairying, stock judging, etc.

At the same time and place there will be held a Woman's Convention, where competent women will discuss their problems in home making, housekeeping, prevention of disease, cookery, etc.

In addition to men from our own State, we have invited speakers from the occasion from the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C. and from other States.

President Hill of the A. & M. College offers board at 25 cents a meal and room rent free. Each person should bring one sheet and one pillowcase.

Let the farmers of the State with their wives and daughters attend. Reduced rates over the railroads will be asked for.

A fine program—practical questions discussed by practical farmers—has been arranged.

Tragedy at Black Mountain.

In a desperate fight early Saturday morning with Town Marshal Watkins at Gladstone hotel, Black Mountain, John Bunting of Wilmington, was shot and fatally wounded and P. C. Collins a prominent banker of Hillsboro, shot and seriously hurt.

Watkins says he was called to the hotel at 1:30 o'clock that morning, the women guests at the hotel being frightened by the noise and disturbance of Bunting and Collins. He attempted to place the men under arrest, Watkins says, and the fight followed.

The reason for the sending for Watkins came out in Proprietor Manly's testimony. He said that about 1 o'clock he was awakened by Mrs. Woodruff and Mrs. Linville, two guests, who asked to try and have the disturbance stopped. Witness said ladies complained of bad and vulgar language; witness was not able to go upstairs and sent for an officer.

In the meantime Adams, a hotel porter, came down, and said he had tried to get the men, Bunting and Collins, to stop the disturbance; that they said they were in their own room and were going to stay there. Ladies of the hotel were in their night clothing and yelling.

Bunting died a few hours later in an Asheville hospital, where both men had been taken. Watkins was placed in custody, and gave bond for \$5,000.

Found Gold in Clear Creek.

Charlotte Chronicle. Mr. F. M. Hinson, who lives at Service Hill, in Clear Creek township, brought to the city today a gold nugget weighing three ounces and worth in the coin of the realm about \$65. The precious metal was found in a small stream near his home.

Mr. Hinson is sure that gold abounds in certain sections of Clear Creek. He states that after a Baltimore concern sunk his shaft about 80 feet deep near his place six years ago, as much as \$4,000 worth was found in the piles of dirt taken from the shaft. He is confident that a mining expert could dig dirt taken from the shaft.

Hon. Charles M. Busbee, past Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of America and for many years one of North Carolina's most prominent lawyers, died at his home in Raleigh Saturday morning after a long illness, having been partially paralyzed for a number of years.

South Carolina in "Dry" Column.

On Tuesday of last week South Carolina was added to the field of state wide prohibition territory which now embraces all of the southeastern states. However, the drought in that State is to be temporary—unless the voters in the twenty-one wet counties on Tuesday, August 17, declare for perpetual dryness.

Due to the strategy of the prohibitionists in the South Carolina legislature, the dry have all to gain and nothing to lose in the approaching contests. Literally, the state is "half and half," twenty-one counties being already in the prohibition camp and exactly the same number being officially engaged in the sale of intoxicants under what is known as the county dispensary system.

The law enacted at the last session of the legislature took no account of the territory already dry, providing only for elections in the wet counties to determine whether they should remain wet or join their sisters of the white ribbon camp. Further, that the folks in the dispensary counties might have a taste of prohibition before depositing their ballots the prohibitionists had it provided that all dispensaries shall close two weeks before the elections and remain closed until the result of the elections is known.

Many Mills Shutting Down. Charlotte Observer. It is very likely that a number of North Carolina cotton mills will close down for two weeks at some time this month in accordance with the resolution adopted at the annual convention of the State Cotton Manufacturers' Association held in this city six weeks ago. That resolution was enthusiastically approved which gave it as the sense of the association that all of the mills of the State close down for two weeks during the month of August in order that production might be curtailed, the supply reduced, the employees given a rest and the needed repairs be made on the machinery.

Already numbers of mills have announced their intention of closing down. The Highland Park, of this city, did not work at all last week and practically all of the mills around Lincolnton have either shut down or are going to shut down within a few days. Informants from other milling centres throughout the State bring the same news, of cessation of operations, holidays and the like.

For Cursing Over the Phone.

The following from Winston will be read with interest, and possible a few citizens may profit by reading it: "J. J. Davis, an erstwhile star eloper, was arrested last night for cursing and abusing a telephone girl. He gave the required bond of \$25 and will be tried at a hearing before the recorder tomorrow morning."

"It seems that he had been cursing over the phone during the day and his phone had been disconnected. He had more or less mean liquor under his shirt and presumably he thought it would be a good idea to talk to the telephone girl what he thought. He called her up over another phone and his language was rough. The operator called Mr. W. B. Little, chief inspector of the company, at his home and connected his phone with the one that Davis was using. Mr. Little promptly phoned police headquarters and had him arrested."

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