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NOT WITHOUT MERIT

"The Wright Brother's Home Celebration."

Celebration ushered in with the firing of cannon, ringing of bells and blowing of whistles throughout the city.

Dayton, O., June 17.—Dayton today paid its respects to Wilbur and Orville Wright, the young inventors of the aeroplane who have helped to make the Gem City famous. The day marked the opening of the festivities that have been called "The Wright Brothers' Home Celebration." In honor of the occasion the city is filled with thousands of visitors and decorated as never before.

Today's program was largely of a preliminary character, a sort of a curtain-raiser for the big events of tomorrow. At seven o'clock this morning the celebration was ushered in with the firing of cannon, ringing of bells and blowing of whistles throughout the city. During the forenoon visitors poured into the city in large numbers. The downtown section was elaborately decorated with flags and banners and pictures of the famous aeronauts. Buttons bearing miniature portraits of the Wright brothers were worn by practically every citizen of Dayton.

Two regiments of the Ohio National Guard have arrived to head the parade tomorrow afternoon. This parade will be one of the big features of the celebration. A large reviewing stand has been erected in the center of the city, where the Wright brothers, their sister and father, members of the reception committee and prominent guests will view the pageant.

Tomorrow morning has been designated as the time for presenting the state and city medals to the Wright brothers. The presentation will be made at the county fair grounds in view of thousands who will assemble there for the ceremony. Governor Harmon will present the state medal and Mayor Burkhardt the city medal. The celebration will be brought to a close with an elaborate banquet tomorrow night. The guests will include several hundred representative citizens of Dayton and personal friends of the Wrights.

Imperial Conference at Sea.

Reval, June 17.—The harbor of Reval presented an imposing naval spectacle today at the meeting of Emperor Nicholas, of Russia, and Emperor William, of Germany. The German Emperor arrived on the imperial yacht Hohenzollern, which was escorted by several German warships, and found awaiting him a large contingent of Russia's fighting fleet drawn up in two lines. As the German ships swung into place a series of salutes was fired and the strains of the German national hymn were heard on the quarter deck of the imperial yacht. The Emperor immediately sent Admiral von Tirpitz, minister of marine, to welcome Emperor William, and after a short interval the German Emperor, accompanied by his suite, on a gorgeous state barge, proceeded to the Standart to greet the Russian ruler.

Emperor Nicholas met his fellow sovereign at the gangway and greeted him with great cordiality. An interchange of visits lasted throughout the greater part of the day and evening, and they furnished occasion for long and formal conversations between the two rulers. Participating in the conference were Prime Minister Stolypin and M. Izolsky, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, and Prince von Bülow, the German imperial chancellor.

WALL STREET RECEIVES GOVERNOR HUGHES' OK

New York, June 17.—Wall street and the stock exchange has Governor Hughes' "O K" today. The committee appointed by the governor last December to investigate and report on conditions in the financial district gives it a clean bill of health. The committee was to recommend what changes, if any, are advisable in the laws bearing upon speculation, but the report says the "mercantile exchange, which deals in butter and eggs and the "curb." It says the "curb" market should get off the street and organize under a roof. It finds there has at times been "inordinate speculation in the cotton exchange," but it would not abolish that institution.

WANTED—One peck of chufas at once. See B. W. Dall, at Argus office.

GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT.

Congress Will Assuredly Establish a Good Roads Commission.

The good roads movement, inaugurated throughout the states of the Atlantic seaboard, has resulted in bringing the matter to the attention of Congress, and the indications are that at the next regular session something will be done to secure the co-operation of the national government in the building of good roads.

Congressman James A. Hughes, of West Virginia, will press his bill to create a good roads commission in the government.

This commission will devote its attention to the extension and development of good roads as military and postroads and for the furtherance of interstate commerce.

The constitutionality of such a step cannot be in doubt. In the earlier days of the Republic great attention was paid to such highways. Unfortunately, these efforts were coincident with a period of wild-cat financing which brought distress upon the country, and evil came of what should have been an unalloyed blessing.

But the new project would be on a sounder basis, and it would be even more timely than it was in the days before railroads had been developed to their present high power and perfection. We have given so much attention to railroad development that the vehicular lines of travel and transportation have been grossly neglected.

It is time for us to wake up, and the indications are that we are waking up.

It is hoped the government may be interested in this project, whereby continuity and harmony will result in great national highways.

It is the logical consequence of the movement now going forward throughout the Atlantic states.

JAPANESE BUY REVOLVERS.

Troubles at Honolulu seem to be on the increase.

Honolulu, June 17.—No reply has been received by the Japanese strikers here to the cabled appeal which the arrested editor of Jiji made to Ambassador Takahira at Washington. The appeal claimed that the authorities entered the office of the newspaper without due process of law and thereby violated the treaty rights of the four editors now under arrest.

A letter to Mr. Takahira setting forth the steps taken by the Higher Wage association and reciting the acts of the authorities complained of in their cabled appeal to the ambassador will be sent by the Alameda, which leaves this port tomorrow. In response to appeals cabled to the Japanese of San Francisco and Seattle replies have been received by the strike leaders promising financial and moral support. All of the messages said that subscriptions have been started.

The strike leaders declare that the arrests have solidified the sentiment of the strikers and the whole Japanese community. The Japanese Retail Merchants' Association have reconsidered their resolution favoring a return to work and now favor the prosecution of the strike. It is alleged that many Japanese are buying revolvers with the avowed purpose of resisting what they term unauthorized seizures.

Today's Double Annular Eclipse.

Washington, D. C., June 17.—At the Naval Observatory here and among American scientists in general much disappointment is felt that today's eclipse cannot be seen to its best advantage on this continent, for the eclipse is one of the most interesting of astronomical phenomena. The present eclipse is one of the peculiar type of solar eclipses which begins as annular, becomes total and changes to annular again. Although the records of eclipses go back hundreds of years the history of astronomy fails to show any duplicate for the double annular and total eclipse such as that which occurs today.

The central path of this eclipse lies wholly in the far north. It begins in Siberia and, crossing the Arctic circle, passes nearer the north pole than any explorer has yet reached, and leaves the earth in southern Greenland. The southern region of partial eclipse includes China, Eastern Asia, and North America as far south as the Gulf of Mexico. But throughout practically the whole of North America observers will be able to see only a very small partial eclipse so small in fact as to be hardly noticeable.

Unknown Negro Lynched.

Arcadia, Fla., June 16.—An unknown negro was lynched here for an attempted attack upon Mrs. P. R. Reed, the wife of a prominent citizen. A posse was formed as soon as the news of the attempted crime was spread and in an hour was captured and hanged.

SHANNON-FIELDS.

Two Well-Known Goldsboro Young People Wed Wednesday Night.

Seldom has been witnessed in Goldsboro a more lovely wedding than that of Mr. Jack Galloway Shannon and Miss Pearl Fields in the First Baptist Church Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock, for which happy event the spacious edifice was crowded with friends of the contracting parties who had gathered joyously and in all good wishes to witness the eternal locking together of the lives of these two popular young people.

The chancel was gorgeously banked in green growing palms and ferns, in front of which sat the waiting minister and behind which was the choir, and as the large congregation waited for the ceremony, they were brought in sweet accord with the mystic charm of it all by the unspeakably beautiful rendering of the "Melody of Love" by Miss Mary Vineyard Holcomb, of Milford, Del., with Miss Maude Pittman as accompanist on the piano.

Immediately thereafter the notes of Mendelssohn's wedding march announced that the bridal party had arrived and all interest was instantly centered at the chancel, where the officiating minister, the pastor, Rev. George T. Watkins, stood in waiting, while the bridal party formed around him. These were Messrs. Henry Shannon, brother of the groom; Walter Denmark, A. S. Lee, of Pollocksville, and Dr. T. Malcolm Bizzell; maid of honor, Miss May Fields, sister of the bride; bridesmaids, Misses Jane Powell, of Whiteville, and Clyde Johnson, of this city.

As the lovely bride approached, with her brother-in-law, Mr. O. E. Jones, who gave her away, the groom was escorted from the vestry by his "best man," Mr. Tom O'Berry.

As the marriage vows were pledged Miss Pittman rendered softly "Traumerl," and as the bride party left the church she played Tannhauser's recessional.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party repaired in carriages to the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Bennet Fields, on East Spruce street, where an informal reception was held, till the hour of their departure for Washington, D. C., on their bridal trip, and where their friends in great numbers called to extend their congratulations and good wishes.

The home was beautifully decorated and brilliantly lighted and the display of lovely wedding presents attested the happy young couple's substantial popularity with their hosts of friends.

Of course there was the conventional shower of rice as the young couple took the train.

The Argus joins with all of Goldsboro in wishing this popular young couple life's fullest measure of happiness and prosperity.

The out-of-town guests were Miss Sue D. Powell, of Whiteville; Miss Jane Powell, of Whiteville; Miss Lillie Dickson, of Lake Waccamaw; Miss Maude Watson, of Fremont; Miss Lillian Hooks, of Fremont; Mrs. Harriett Dawson, of Kinston; Mr. A. Street Lee, of Pollocksville; Mr. W. I. Baxter, of Wilmington.

Trouble Feared in Honduras.

New Orleans, June 16.—The Times-Democrat today says: Events are marching on toward revolution in Honduras, according to dispatches received yesterday by local business men engaged in Central American trade. The country faces a crisis probably the most serious since the fall of General Manuel Bonilla in 1906.

General Bonilla is in New Orleans and it was stated yesterday that he has secured his passage to Belize, Honduras, for next Thursday on the steamship H. T. Inge as had also Dr. Fausto Davilla, a step-brother of President Davilla. They stoutly deny, however, that there is anything significant in their departure.

Anniversary of Slocum Disaster.

New York, June 15.—In observance of the fifth anniversary of the burning of the excursion steamer General Slocum in the East River here, which occurred on June 15, 1904, with the loss of more than 1,000 lives, impressive memorial services were held this afternoon in the Lutheran Cemetery at Middle Village, L. I., where the unidentified dead were buried and where a handsome monument has been erected in their memory. The exercises were held under the auspices of the General Slocum Survivors' Society. Several hundred persons attended the services, many of whom were actual survivors of the tragic excursion.

LAMB GENERAL MANAGER.

Becomes Head of Receivership of the Norfolk & Southern Railway.

Norfolk, Va., June 15.—E. T. Lamb today became general manager for the receivers of the Norfolk & Southern Railway, being succeeded as general agent here for the Southern Railway, Piedmont Air Line and the Chesapeake Steamship Company by C. L. Candler, of Atlanta, Ga., and as superintendent of the Norfolk division of the Southern Railway by J. S. Bergeman. Mr. Lamb is to become president of the Norfolk & Southern following its re-organization and the termination of the present receivership.

NINETY-SIX SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS AS DOCTORS.

Ninety-six applicants were successful in passing the examination of the State Medical Board, which met in Asheville. Among the new doctors is M. W. Bell, of LaGrange.

PRESBYTERIAN UNITY

Movement on Foot to Accomplish This Long Desired End.

International Convention Opened in New York Today With Over Three Hundred Delegates in Attendance.

New York, June 15.—Presbyterians from all over the world are attending the international convention of the Presbyterian Church, which opened today at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. The delegates number more than three hundred and they represent among them ninety separate denominations and 35,000,000 members.

Included among those present are some of the most distinguished theologians and ecclesiastics in the world. The presiding officer is Dr. Oswald Dykes, of Cambridge, England. Other noted delegates from abroad are Sir Alexander Simpson, late dean of the faculty of the medical college of the University of Edinburgh; Dr. J. Campbell Gibson, moderator of the Presbyterian Church of England; the Rev. Dr. James Orr, a leading theologian of Glasgow; Prof. McAllister, of the University of Cambridge; Dr. J. H. Stevenson, of Edinburgh, a nephew of Robert Louis Stevenson; Rev. Dr. Laws, moderator of the United Free Church of Scotland; Sir Samuel Chisholm, former Lord Mayor of Glasgow; Rev. Charles Merle O'Abigne, of Paris, and Rev. Chevalier Muston, of Italy.

Among the American delegates who are on the program for addresses are Governor Hoke Smith, of Georgia; President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton University; President James D. Moffatt, of Washington and Jefferson College; Rev. Samuel L. Smith, of the Columbia, S. C., Theological Seminary; Rev. Frederick B. DuVal, former moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; Rev. Ira Landrith, of Nashville, and Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts, stated clerk of the Northern Presbyterian General Assembly.

The local Presbyterians have made elaborate preparations for entertaining the delegates. The Pan-Presbyterian Alliance, as the gathering is commonly called, is not a legislative body. Its work is to discuss church and religious questions, and while it has no legislative functions its recommendations carry great weight with the governing bodies of the separate denominations.

The sessions of the present meeting will continue ten days. One of the most vital questions to be considered when the convention gets into full swing will be the uniting of the various branches of the Presbyterian Church into one strong body. This problem has been broached at other conventions, but, according to views expressed by some of the leading delegates today, the question is to come up in more concrete form at this meeting.

Immigration will be another important matter to receive the attention of the convention. The gathering will also take up civic and social problems, and there will be discourses on these by clergymen and laymen from all over the world.

FROM MOTHER'S LIPS.

She Tells Kidnapper That He Must Die for Crime.

Hahnville, La., June 16.—The first news of his final condemnation to hanging for complicity in the kidnaping and murder of Walter Lamana was borne to Leonardo Gebbia yesterday by his aged mother, who came from New Orleans to console him. The Lamana youth was kidnapped in 1907 by a party of Italians, who demanded \$5,000 ransom from the father, Peter Lamana. The latter refused to pay this amount and the lad's head was cut off. The body was found in the swamps of this parish. Six other Italians are serving life sentences in the penitentiary for complicity in the crime.

MESSAGE TODAY.

Taft Urges Amendment to Tariff Bill As Substitute for Income Tax.

Washington, D. C., June 16.—President Taft today sent to Congress a message urging the passage of an amendment to the tariff bill imposing a tax of two per cent. upon the undistributed net earnings of corporations and the adoption of a resolution submitting to the several states an amendment to the constitution, giving Congress the power to impose a tax on incomes. This understanding was reached at a session of the Cabinet yesterday, and was approved by Republican leaders of the Senate, who conferred with the President.

MUCH TALKED OF COMET MAY NOW BE SEEN HERE

Many Local Persons Have Seen Tail of Comet in Southeastern Sky at Night.

The much talked of comet, that was reported last week as traveling at a rate of 100,000 miles an hour and having a tail 200,000,000 miles long, has been seen by Goldsboroans in the sky, a little south of east. It appears to be sinking and is easily discernible by the naked eye.

CHARLES W. MORSE GIVES BOND.

Effort to Save Him From State Prison Fails.

New York, June 16.—Charles W. Morse, the former banker and promoter of huge enterprises, today won his long fight for release from prison under bail. He was immediately released by order of the United States Circuit Court, after bonds signed by twenty-five of his friends giving \$125,000 in security were tendered to the court. Morse's appeal for a new trial is still pending, the court today reserving decision on that point. His release came largely through the activity of friends who petitioned the court in May saying that they believed in his innocence and were ready to become responsible upon a bail bond for an indefinite sum. The signers included Frank A. Munsey, Augustus VanWyck, John D. Crimmins, Oakleigh Thorne, and other prominent New York bankers and business men.

Morse was convicted of having misappropriated the funds of his former chief bank, the National Bank of North America, in financial operations, which led to his being thrown into bankruptcy early in 1908. He was sentenced to fifteen years in the Federal prison in Atlanta, Ga. Since this conviction he has been in the Tombs. Attempts to have him admitted to bail have extended over a period of seven months.

CHARGED WITH STEALING GEMS.

Trial of Prominent Atlanta Woman Is Postponed.

Newark, N. J., June 16.—The trial of Mrs. Francis J. Ridley, of Atlanta, Ga., on a charge of the larceny of \$2,000 worth of jewelry belonging to Mrs. Andrew Albright, of New York, was indefinitely postponed today following a prolonged conference between the prosecuting authorities and Congressman Richardson, of Alabama, and United States Attorney William H. Ambricht, also of Alabama. Congressman Richardson and Mr. Ambricht had come to testify to the good character and standing of Mrs. Ridley and had brought depositions of a similar nature from numerous prominent Atlanta people and officials of several Southern states.

Mrs. Ridley and her friends insisted on immediate trial and expressed indignation when they could get no satisfaction as to when the case would be taken up, the local authorities declaring that no judge was available to try it.

Mrs. Ridley was accused of taking a satchel containing the jewelry while she and Mrs. Albright were fellow passengers on a train from the South en route to New York, March 19, last.

THE MANNA.

That the Most Melancholy Chapter of Lamentations Remains to Be Written.

The most distressing information that has come over the wires for a long time is the story that a number of negroes in Louisiana have died from the effects of eating blackberries.

The shock of this statement is about what it would be if we suddenly discovered that the trout were beginning to drown in the mountain brooks or the cows had caught enteric fever in the sweet fields of clover.

From a period beyond the memory of man the blackberry crop in the Southern states has been to the negro population like manna in the wilderness, while to the white people themselves it has been one of the most important adjuncts of daily diet in the good old summer time. The latter, for the most part, were not their own purveyors. They bought the dusky bucketfuls at the back door, and served them fresh for breakfast, made them into jam or cordial, in fifty-seven different varieties finding them wholesome and delightful.

It was the country darkey to whom they belonged as of right. Never a land owner in all this Southland was so hard-hearted as to maintain that he had any vested or prescriptive rights to the blackberry vines which wove themselves along the rail fence, giving white promise in the spring of rich largess when spring rounded into summer. This succulent fruit, wild as the crab and "sweet as remembered kisses," was in the category with dogs—valuable, but not property.

It was the spontaneous usufruct which belonged to all the people, and most especially to the country negro.

The news that the blackberry crop had failed would have created greater consternation and infinitely greater hardship than the failure of the Barings or the arrest of the tide.

The beauty of it all was that it was a crop which never failed. It could be relied upon with the implicit faith we place in Johnson grass.

Nor has it failed yet, but the tragedy of it all is that a parasite—the ever present and all devouring—has made its appearance, and this parasite, it seems, is poisonous.

At any rate, the Louisiana negroes are dead, after a hearty al fresco meal, partaken from the vines on the roadside.

We have scarcely caught up with our sleep since the San Jose scale gave us such a jolt, when the staple crop of the South seemed threatened. What cotton is to the Southern negro as raiment, the blackberry is as food throughout the summer months. He could lie down and rise up, and there was no one to make him afraid of going hungry so long as the blackberries held out. It was a kind of suspension bridge between the two ends of the "possum season."

And now this most delectable of fruits, so free and abundant, has fallen under suspicion if not actual condemnation.

We are told "there's death in the pot."

If these fears should prove well founded, the most melancholy chapter of Lamentations remains to be written.

PRUDENT CONTRACTING

Goldsboro's Bitulithic Paving Done at Minimum Cost.

Our City Fathers Have Been Conservative in Expenditure of City Funds and in Driving Good Paving Trade.

That the bitulithic paving put down along West Walnut street is the best, and that our City Fathers, who bargained for it at \$2.25 per square yard, made a good trade as to price, we copy from yesterday evening's Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch the following item:

"The local board of the Seventh ward, at its meeting Saturday night, awarded the contract for paving 34th street to the Atlantic Bitulithic Company, the local representative of which is John Whitehead. The contract price is \$2.24 per square yard, and the aggregate of the contract is about \$23,000. Bitulithic was used on a part of the Boulevard here and has given good results.

"Bids for various other kinds of paving were also submitted, but the board concluded that, everything considered, including probable cost of repairs, the bitulithic was the most economical and desirable proposition before them."

It will be seen from the above that in a city like Norfolk, where all kinds of paving have been put to the practical test, the bitulithic is considered in every way the best, and won out over all other competing bids.

Furthermore, it will be observed that the contract price at which the above bid is awarded is \$2.24 per square yard. This in Norfolk, where competitive railroad freights and water rates prevail, making transportation of pounded rock much cheaper than to Goldsboro, and yet Goldsboro has a price of only one cent per square yard more, viz. \$2.25.

This speaks well for the prudence and sagacity with which our City Fathers handle the public funds in their hands.

EUREKA HAPPENINGS.

Messrs. Sidney Edwards and Jim Wilkinson, of Wilson, were visitors at Eureka Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Benton, of Wilson, spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother, Dr. G. R. Benton.

Miss Lena Dawson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. A. Davis, for the past two weeks, returned to her home in Ayden Saturday. Miss Dawson is quite a favorite with all the Eureka people, having taught in the school here several years ago, and her visits are always welcome.

Miss Sallie Williams, after spending the past three weeks with her sister, Mrs. H. A. Overman, left last Saturday and will spend a few days visiting Miss Ida Copeland, near Fremont.

Mr. Walter Dawson and Miss Bettie Barden were visitors to Stantonsburg Sunday.

The twin calves at the home of Mr. Joe Ed. Bailey are quite an interesting sight to all the children, and the occasion of many visits to look at them. They are quite pretty calves.

Mrs. H. A. Overman left Tuesday morning to attend the North Carolina Teachers' Association, and the State Betterment Association, which convene at Morehead City. She is a delegate to the Betterment Association from Wayne county. Mrs. Overman will be joined in Fremont by Misses Sallie Williams and Ida Copeland.

Mrs. Frank Edmundson and children, of Goldsboro, are spending some time at the home of her father, Mr. J. R. Sauls.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bouge and little son were welcome visitors to Eureka Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. H. A. Overman, W. H. Edmundson and Jim Jackson spent Sunday at Morehead City and Beaufort.

The play "Imogene" which was postponed will be given Wednesday evening, June 23, at the school auditorium, beginning at eight o'clock. Admission will be 25 cents for adults, 15 cents for children, the proceeds to be given the Fremont parsonage. This play will be given by the best talent of Eureka. Music will be furnished by Miss Susie Sauls. A treat is in store for all who attend.

HOUSE DAMAGED BY LIGHTNING.

During Monday's severe storm a house in Kinston, owned by Mr. E. A. Simpkins, of this city, was struck and badly damaged by a bolt of lightning.

The Coal Barons are duplicating the soaring record of Mobile.

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The Kind You Want Always
Beware the Imitation