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OUR RALEIGH LETTER

Raleigh is in the very midst this week of the college commencement season—the three largest male colleges of the State and three of the largest female colleges being those directly concerned. One of each (Peace Institute and Wake Forest) have completed the event, three are to pull it off during the present week (A. & M. College, St. Mary's and Baptist University for women), and next week Trinity College will complete the list with probably the most successful commencement event in the history of that old and celebrated institution. As all will be over except Trinity before these lines reach the eyes of your readers, it will be necessary to dispense with a reference in advance to the program of the other commencement. With regard to Trinity many will be interested to know that a special committee has arranged for the comfortable accommodation of all visitors.

None should hesitate about attending from a fear on that score, because of the burning recently of the principal hotel at Durham. Commencement visitors and all friends of the college will be well looked after, and a bureau of information there will give any desired information. The reduced railroad rates will be placed on sale next Saturday, June first, and the commencement begins with the sermon Sunday, June 2. The distinguished speakers who are to participate in the event will make the Trinity commencement of 1907 one of the most brilliant and successful and enjoyable in its history.

The executive committee of the alumni association is arranging for an Alumni Dinner, to be given June 4th, at one o'clock, just after Dr. Mackey's sermon, and it is earnestly desired that all who can attend will notify at once—Mr. J. E. Pegram at Durham.

THE ROWLAND POISONING CASES.

It may be the latter part of this week before the expert chemists complete their analyses of the stomachs taken from the bodies of young David Rowland and Engineer Strange, whom Doctor David S. Rowland is charged with having poisoned, his bride of a week (lately the widow of the late engineer Strange) being also charged with complicity in the alleged killing of her late husband. Dr. Rowland is still in jail in Vance county and Mrs. Rowland is in Henderson so as to be near her husband, being under a bond of \$2,000.

Her preliminary examination is set for next week in Raleigh.

It is a curious and strange development as well as a startling one. No one here who knows Dr. Rowland thought him capable of such diabolical crimes as the law now charges him with. It is only just to say that there are very many here who still hold to that opinion and believe he is innocent of the charges brought against him. Some say the first charge, the alleged murder of his own son, was the work of enemies, and it is reasonably certain that his arrest for that charge hastened and determined if it did not actually inspire the bringing of the other charge against him. The speedy marriage of Mrs. Strange to Dr. Rowland, which occurred six weeks after the death of her husband, smacked a little of the indecent, it is true, but was not of itself sufficient reason or excuse for the fling of such a charge against the doctor who attended him, when it is claimed, too, that Rowland was called only after the failure to get several other physicians who were called for over the phone; and that on that

occasion Mrs. Strange and Dr. Rowland met for the first time.

Two of the sensational stories circulated in the daily newspapers in connection with the arrest of Rowland have been pretty effectually disposed of within the last few days. It has been shown that the story about the first wife of Dr. Rowland having left a lot of property she held in her maiden name before marriage and that the chief motive for the poisoning of his son was that Dr. Rowland might get possession of this valuable property and also collect heavy insurance which he had only recently taken out on the life of the boy, were so overdrawn as to be almost wholly false. Citizens of Vance county, including lawyers familiar with the matter, state that the first wife of Dr. Rowland possessed no property when he married her and that all the property she had when she died was one house and lot which he bought with his own money and either had the deed drawn in her name or made it over to her later. That the alleged haste used by Rowland in disposing of this property so soon after his son's death was due to the solicitations of the parties who wanted to buy it and had been wanting it for some time; that it is the fact that Rowland went to Henderson on that business in response to messages over the phone from these parties, etc.

With reference to the alleged "heavy insurance" on the life of the boy, the entire amount is said to aggregate six hundred dollars only.

It is well known here in Raleigh among Rowland's acquaintances that he was not hard pressed financially. On the contrary, he is said to be enjoying a practice that last year netted him \$4,000 or more.

It is also known that his recent marriage to the widow of Strange did not cause him financial embarrassment; for Mrs. Strange herself is possessed of some means, a fact that was readily shown when her bond was fixed and she promptly put up the cash in the sum of \$2,000.

There are those who, in the face of this changed aspect of the cases, and in view of the absence of a reasonable motive for such diabolical crime, are now predicting that the cases, both of them, against Dr. Rowland will fall through.

This is reasonably certain if the chemists fail to definitely detect the presence of poison in the stomachs, notwithstanding the connecting incidents that tend to form a sort of chain of circumstantial evidence. The latter is apparently entirely too weak to stand on its own bottom, and is more the results of indiscretion and indecent haste than a criminal act, so far as can be judged at this stage of the proceedings.

On the other hand, if unmistakable evidence of poison is found by the chemists who are making the examination of the stomachs, there seems to be enough crude material at hand to work up such a strong case against Doctor Rowland that he would be almost unavoidably convicted in at least one of the cases and probably in both. And if poison is found in the stomach of Strange only, and not in that of the boy, it would seem to look worse for the woman especially if she and Rowland stick to their story that the day of the death of Strange was the first time the present Mrs. Rowland met Dr. Rowland.

The case is still attracting much and wide attention and there is a prospect of one of the most sensational murder trials ever known to this section.

The Passing of Mrs. McKinley.

Surgeon General Rixey, who was at the bedside of Mrs. William McKinley during her last moments, gives the following touching account of her death, which occurred at her home in Canton, Ill., Sunday afternoon, May 26th:

"Mrs. McKinley recognized Secretary Cortelyou and myself on our arrival Friday morning. Her face brightened, and with one of those sweet smiles for which she was noted, she spoke a few words of welcome and gratitude that we had come to her. After this up to the last she was aroused with difficulty. She died as a child, going to sleep, quietly, peacefully, without a struggle and as she breathed the last few breaths of this life, the expression of her face changed, the lines of pain and sorrow seemed to leave it, and she looked as she must have appeared in her girlhood, before the physical affliction from which she suffered for 30 years came to her in her early motherhood."

President Roosevelt and the members of his cabinet attended the funeral, which took place from the McKinley residence Wednesday afternoon.

Death Of Mrs. Ino. D. Shaw, Sr.

The following account of the death of Mrs. Shaw, which appeared in the Charlotte Observer of the 28th inst. will be of interest to many of the older citizens of Lincoln:

Mrs. Margaret Henderson Shaw, wife of Major John D. Shaw, of Rockingham, died after a brief illness at the home of her niece Mrs. Neal A. McNair, near Cheraw, S. C., where she was visiting, early yesterday morning. Mrs. Shaw was about 65 years old and leaves a husband and three children; Mrs. M. Fairley and Miss Estelle Shaw, of Rockingham, and Mr. Clifford Shaw, of Washington.

The funeral will take place at the Episcopal church at Rockingham at five o'clock this afternoon. Rev. E. A. Osborne conducting the services.

Mrs. Shaw was a woman of fine sense, noble character and prominent family. In her veins flowed pure Scottish blood. Her father, Charles Coleworth Henderson, was a merchant of large interests in Lincoln. Her grandfather Lawson Henderson was a prominent citizen of Lincoln county, filling the office of Sheriff, Clerk of the county and Superior Court. He was the first Superior Court clerk of the county. Appointed in 1806 for life he was defeated in 1833 by John D. Hoke, but won out in the courts in the famous case of Hoke against Henderson. He resigned in 1835.

Major Lawson Henderson was the son of James Henderson a pioneer owner of the McAdenville Shoals and was buried there. Her mother was Barbara Glenn Briden, daughter of William Briden and Ann Briden, of Dumpries, Scotland, and Briden was the daughter of David Glenn of the same place. David Glenn was a friend of Robert Burns as may be seen by references to the letter to James Tait, of Glenn, corner "My Heart's Warm Blood to Guide, Auld Glenn."

Mrs. Shaw was of a family of ten children, a brother, Charles Henderson, and a sister, Mrs. Fannie Davis, of Lincoln, survive her. Her uncle, James P. Henderson, was a major General in the U. S. Army, Governor of Texas, a foreign minister and United States Senator. She was born in Lincoln in 1836 and married to Major Shaw in 1859.

Western North Carolina Strong For Lock Craig.

Hon. W. T. Crawford gave the following interview to a News and Observer representative in Raleigh a few days ago:

"The west is solid for Craig for Governor and proposes to do all that is possible to have him nominated, for our people feel that the section is entitled to the nomination and that Craig is the man who should receive it. Mr. Craig has done more work for the party than has been done by any other man who has not received recognition for it. In every campaign he has answered the call of the party for service and he has done this in a vigorous and earnest manner that has borne fruit for he is a worker who never tires when he is doing things for the Democratic party and for North Carolina.

"The solid west is behind him in the campaign and the people believe that now is the time to give him the honor his services deserve. Mr. Craig is one of the ablest and most eloquent men in the State, and I feel certain that no man could make a more telling canvass for the party or more successfully present its principles before the people. He is a man of wisdom and stands high in the regard of the people of all sections of the State. He would make a Governor who would measure up to the best chief executives that the State has ever had and I look forward to his triumphant nomination and election to the office of Governor. In honoring him the Democratic party will make no mistake and the west as a solid body asks that he be given the nomination that he deserves."

Cheer Mrs. Jackson.

A happy moment for nearly 200 veterans Wednesday morning as they were about to board the Southern's special train in Charlotte for Richmond, Va., was just as Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, widow of the South's great chieftain, was about to enter the car. The Bessemer City band had been playing several selections and as the leader noticed Mrs. Jackson for the first time he gave the signal for the playing of "Dixie." Every veteran assembled around the train and many already inside the cars, grasping the meaning, threw up their hats and let out a yell that might have resembled the capture of a whole regiment of "yanks." All along the line from one end of the train to the other came shouts and "rahs" that "made the welkin ring," to say the least.

Mrs. Stonewall Jackson and Miss Julia Jackson Christian, who accompanied the veterans, will be special guests of honor in Richmond during the five days of the reunion. They have a suit of elegantly appointed rooms at the Jefferson Hotel.

Extras Come High.

The minister of a negro church in Richmond gave out a funeral notice one Sunday as follows: "I have to announce to you, brethren and sisters, dat de funeral of the only survivin' son of the late Thomas Pinkers an' his widow, Martha Jane Pinkers, both deceased, will take place an' come to accurrence on Tuesday next at twelve M noon precisely. An' I have to say, brethren and sisters, dat contributions for carryn' out dat funeral will be in order an' acceptations, or else de funeral can't take place, exceptin' and save only as a plain burial; fo' Samuel Pinkers has got jes' money enough to bury hisself without any obsequious ceremonies, such as he deserves."—Harper's Weekly.

The Glorious Fourth.

The Executive and sub-committees are still busy getting things in shape for the Celebration of The Fourth, and enthusiasm continues to grow. A meeting of all committees was held in the Court House Wednesday afternoon and reports from the chairmen of the various committees was most encouraging.

The Finance Committee has \$500 already pledged and has not more than half completed its canvass. The citizens of Lincoln are responding handsomely to the request to contribute, and the entire community, to a man, are united on the one idea, if we are going to celebrate at all we must celebrate in good style. This is the spirit which is actuating every one to give, and to give liberally.

The Hon. Locke Craig, of Asheville, has accepted the invitation to deliver an oration on the Fourth, and the committee on speakers is awaiting a reply from Gov. Hoke Smith, of Georgia, who has also been asked to come and speak on the 4th of July.

Mr. J. Laban Lineberger, Chief Marshal, has in charge the supervision of getting up the floats for the parade, and everyone who wishes to have a float in the parade is requested to communicate with him at once.

The Forest City band has been engaged for the 4th, and negotiations are in progress with the Reepsville band, and others, which will be secured if suitable terms can be agreed upon.

The Amusement Committee is in correspondence with various parties looking toward securing diversified attractions for the day, and when plans are definitely settled the official programme for the celebration will be published in this paper.

The following out-of-town Marshalls have been appointed and invited to ride in the parade:

Newton—W. C. Kynon, C. H. Mebane, George Moore, F. M. Williams, Ralph Corpening, Milton McCorkle, and D. M. Boyd.

Maiden—R. A. Rudisill, and Pick Taylor.

Fallston—W. D. Lackey, and Dr. Alvin Houser.

Cherryville—John S. P. Carpenter, — McDowell, J. H. Rudisill, John Magness, and Sam Leonard.

Lowell—John C. Rankin.

McAdenville—R. R. Ray, and — Merritt.

Harden—H. Aubrey Costner, and Earl Carpenter.

High Shoals—J. C. McBrayer, and Abe Kale.

Hickory—A. A. Shuford, Fred Abernethy and Augustus Self.

Gastonia—Dr. R. M. Reid, J. Flem Johnson, T. L. Craig, L. L. Jenkins, A. G. Meyers, C. B. Armstrong, Lamar Pegram, J. W. Atkins, Robt. A. Love, Edgar Long, Walter Davis, Robt. Craig, W. T. Love, and S. N. Boyce.

Dallas—Hon. O. F. Mason, John Carpenter, Robert Lewis, Thomas Shuford, Sheriff, and Hon. A. L. Bulwinkle.

Shelby—H. P. Hudson, Edgar B. Blanton, F. D. Hambrick, Forrest Eskridge, Charles Blanton, Hon. O. Max Gardner, and Charlie Doggett.

Waco—Plato Miller.

Stanley Creek—Dr. Thomas C. Quikel.

Mount Holly—Henry A. Rhyne, John W. Holland and R. K. Davenport.

The following firms have decided to have floats in the parade: Lincoln Cotton Mills, Laboratory Mill, John Rudisill Manufacturing Company, Long Shoals Cotton Mill, Indian Creek Manufacturing Company, Southern Ex-

press Company, Lincoln Insurance and Realty Company, Lincoln Hospital, Wampum Department stores, E. C. Baker, Lincoln Drug Company, County National Bank, E. & R. Love, Daniel Manufacturing Company, E. & R. Love's Millinery Department, Reid Hardware Company, W. C. Quickel, Piedmont Cotton Mill, Eureka Manufacturing Company, Lincoln County News, First National Bank, W. M. Sherrill, Lincoln Livery Co., J. H. Rudisill & Co., R. F. Beal & Co., Burke Manufacturing Co., and Heafner Brothers, of Crouse, Carolina & North Western R. R., Seaboard Air Line R. R., W. W. Hines, Motz Brothers, W. W. Motz, R. M. Roseman, Ramsaur Roller Mill, Michal-Gheen Mfg. Co., Elm Grove Cotton Mills, Rhodes Mfg. Co., Piedmont Mantel & Show Case Co., F. P. Long & Co., North State Hotel, and The Phi Phi Delta Club.

Obituary.

On Saturday evening May 25, at 7:20, Martha Stowe, the sweet little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Merritt fell asleep in Jesus and in peace, at the age of nearly ten months. She was ill only a few days. The struggle was brief, but severe, the little body succumbing to an attack of dysentery.

The child was buried from the home at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. R. A. Yoder conducting the service. The interment took place at the M. E. Cemetery, where the remains were laid tenderly away beside those of her little brother, who was buried July 4, 1905. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the afflicted parents in their home of sadness and grief.

"Lay the precious body
In the quiet grave;
'Tis the Lord's hath taken,
'Twas the Lord that gave."

Here the casket lieth
Waiting for repair,
There doth Christ the Jewel
In his bosom wear.

Wait a little season,
And in him shal' be
Both again united,
Throughout eternity."

R. A. Y.

Resolutions of Respect.

At a regular Communication of Rock Spring Lodge No 341 A. F. & A. M. held in their hall May 24th A. L. 5907. The following resolutions of respect were adopted in honor of A. H. King a worthy member of this Lodge who departed this life May 11, 1907.

Whereas it has pleased the all wise one to take the spirit of our deceased brother out of this world of trouble and affliction.

Resolved, 1. That we bow in humble submission to the will of him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, 2. That in the death of our Brother Rock Spring Lodge has lost a zealous member the country a good citizen and the home a kind father.

Resolve, 3. That we tender to his bereaved children our sincere sympathies and commend them to the God of love who will comfort and guide.

Resolve, 4. That these resolutions be spread on our minute book. That a copy be sent to the family and the The Lincoln County News for publication.

C. S. McCaul,
J. W. LITTLE,
A. LEE CHERRY,
Committee.

Men who whistle at their work seldom work any better than they whistle.

A hero is a man who happens to be on hand at the right time and makes good.