

CLOSING EXERCISES COMMENCEMENT

Large Attendance at Splendid Piano Recital Tuesday Night; And At The Primary and Grammar Grades Entertainment Wednesday Night.

Lincolnton is in the midst of the closing exercises of the graded school and the patrons and public generally are attending the ever interesting programs.

Part I. Sextette, Nodding Rose, Rand—Marie Motz, Mamie Linberger, Mary Hoyle, Mayacca Warren, Agnes Dellinger, Buna Linberger.

Part II. Duo, Marche Hongroise Op. 13, Kowalski—Corinne Crowl, Edna Hoyle, Mrs. Goode.

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EMPEROR DESIRES TO LEAD GERMANY AND AMERICA OUT OF PRESENT CRISIS

Berlin, April 26.—(By wireless to the Associated Press from a staff correspondent.)—The Associated Press learns that developments are impending which demonstrate unmistakably the desire of Emperor William to follow a course which will lead Germany and the United States out of the present crisis.

Ambassador Gerard is still maintaining silence, following his latest conference with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg but the Associated Press has been able to obtain information from other sources indicating that the outlook has improved.

Optimism prevails in Berlin that the situation between the United States and Germany arising from the American Government's demand that Germany cease her present methods of submarine warfare will be satisfactorily settled.

Several detachments of American troops have resumed active pursuit of Villa and are whipping the mountains north and west of Parral, where the bandit chieftain is reported to be hiding.

The advanced base 300 miles south of the border is now completely equipped, train after train of motor trucks having arrived here within the last ten days bringing rations, clothing and equipment.

El Paso, Texas, April 26.—A report was received here today that Colonel Dodd's advanced cavalry detachment had an engagement several days ago in which both sides suffered losses.

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EAST LINCOLN NEWS LETTER

Alpha Writes of Happenings in His Section—Boy Falls from Bicycle And is Injured—Rev. Killian Preaches—Rev. Green at Lebanon—Democrats Need Perfect Harmony This Year.

Iron Station, N. C., April 24.—Cotton planting is now the order of the day and the farmers would like to see a good rain.—Charlie the 12-year old son of Mr. C. T. Hoke had the misfortune to fall from a bicycle one day last week badly wounding his right arm.

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President Insists This Bill Should Pass At This Session of Congress—Outline of Plan.

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NEWS EUROPEAN WAR

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SHORT NEWS ITEMS

Gastonia is to have two more new school buildings. One is to be erected in West Gastonia at a cost of about \$25,000 each. It is proposed that the buildings completed by State Library.

Gen. Funston has forwarded to the War Department another long report from General Pershing on conditions in that part of Mexico through which his troops had moved. General Funston said it pictured a state of frightful destitution of the country and reflected the apathy of the peons towards the American forces.

The Federal Council of Switzerland has sent a representative to London to charter vessels to bring food supplies, especially wheat, corn, rice and sugar from the United States for Switzerland. It is expected to charter steamships flying the American flag to avoid danger of submarine attack.

Louis Ehrich, an aged inventor of New York, has a formula of green liquid which he declares will, when added to water, propel engines; and claims that he has demonstrated sufficiently to show that as a substitute for gasoline, it is the goods, even if green. But he doesn't know what to do about it. Any chemist could discover his secret if he put the stuff on the market. He thinks he might sell it to all auto makers in a bunch or turn it over to the government.

Wage increases have been made practically in every industry in the land during the past few months. A decade ago, this being a presidential year, big business would be cutting wages, laying off and shutting down factories, to make votes. That has been passed. United States steel announces that May 1 it will increase wages 10 per cent, which means 20 millions more a year for labor. February 1 its wage were increased over 10 per cent and this is the second raise.

In Cleveland county fire destroyed two barns of W. J. Hogue, together with two mules, 20 sacks of fertilizer and considerable forage. The origin of the fire is unknown but is believed to be incendiary.

Mayor Geo. A. Warlick of Newton has been renominated along with most of the board of aldermen and school board.

C. W. Mitchell of Bertie county who has represented his county in both branches of the Legislature, will oppose Hon. Claude Kitchin for the Democratic congressional nomination in the second district.

Mr. Airy has a lady sanitary officer—Mrs. A. W. Taylor. A lady with determination and backing is much better fitted for sanitary officer than a man. She knows what real cleaning-up means.

Mr. John C. Fisher, an aged and respected citizen of Pineville, Mecklenburg county, was found dead in a well on his place early Saturday morning. It was a case of suicide. He had been mentally unbalanced for some days. Wife and nine children survive.

To prove his assertion that he would die for her, Joseph Benton, who lived near Kinston, placed a revolver in his hand, fired and dropped dead while Miss Lorena Moore, who had rejected him looked on. That's the story that comes from Kinston—where they have a sensation every day and sometimes two or three a day—according to the newspaper correspondents. It is said that Benton first threatened to kill the girl, but finally compromised by killing himself, which was fortunate.

A report from Lenoir yesterday says a serious forest fire is burning in the Linville river section. Buildings have been burned and damage is reported at Edgemont.

Chairman McCombs of the Democratic national committee, has notified the President that he will retire from the chairmanship at the meeting of the national convention.

Seedless tomatoes and cucumbers are the latest freaks in horticulture. They were grown by E. P. Sandsten, professor of horticulture of the State Agricultural College of Colorado.

Friday night—High School entertainment, which will be the closing of the commencement exercises. An admission of 5c for reserved seats and 25c general admission will be charged at this entertainment.