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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

George W. Vanderbilt's estate in Buncombe is being considerably increased by the purchase of land in the western section of the county.

The supreme court of the United States fully sustains the power of a governor to reprieve a person sentenced for contempt of court, as in the Gorham case at Statesville.

It is probable that Charlotte will have a \$400,000 hotel. New York capitalists are said to be negotiating for the purchase of the Morehead property and erecting a handsome hotel, to be called The Morehead.

An old colored woman, Mandy Tyne, while attempting to light a fire with kerosene at her home in Newbern, on Sunday, had her clothes saturated with the oil which caught on fire and she was burned to death.

Judson C. Honeycutt, of North Carolina, has been sentenced to a year in the penitentiary at hard labor for desertion from the army. His father is a well-known Baptist preacher, who is now in Florida, where he went in the hope that the climate would benefit his fast-failing health.

Lumberton Argus: Provisions are certainly very high and also scarce on the farms. As a consequence this will be a very expensive crop. A great many farmers will have to buy all they will eat and feed to their stock (except hay, and some will have to buy that) right from the start.

Winston Journal: There seems to be a great stir among the dogs in the eastern part of this county and also in Guilford county. Many of the cattle are suffering death at the mouths of mad dogs and several people have also been bitten. Several dogs were killed at Colfax Monday and four were killed at Friendship Wednesday.

Mt. Airy News: Ex-Judge W. P. Bynum, of Greensboro, denies that he is a candidate for congress and accompanies his denial with these emphatic words: "Whenever you hear me rising up and wanting to run for congress, or any other political position, you may know that I am bereft of reason and am a fit subject for the lunatic asylum." It is clear Judge Bynum has no idea of pushing himself on anybody.

Charlotte Observer: Visitors from Lincoln county who were in Charlotte Saturday brought intelligence of the death of Quince Baumgardner, a young white man, which occurred Thursday evening and was the result of a gun-shot wound inflicted by Mrs. Stillier, a woman who lives near Lowesville. Baumgardner, while drunk, was trying to break down the door and force an entrance into the house the Stillier woman was in.

Durham Herald: There was a double death in Hayti at an early hour Saturday morning—an aged husband and wife passed away at the same time. The deceased were Kin Scott, about 95 years of age, and his wife, Frances, who was about 80 years old. They were taken ill a few days ago and during their illness occupied the same bed. Those who were watching by their bedside say that they passed away exactly at the same time.

Yadkin Ripple: Report has it that a man in this vicinity has a cat that follows him to the field and that was taken up by a large hawk the other day. It is said that the hawk carried the cat up some fifty or sixty feet before Thomas got ready for business, and then hawk feathers filled the air for a little while and cat and hawk hit the ground. The hawk was dead, but the cat was in good shape and trotted off none the worse for his aerial voyage.

A pamphlet is in preparation at Raleigh giving information regarding colleges and high schools, as well as all other private schools in the State. One of the compilers says there are eighteen well defined denominational colleges in the State, and that these have 2,700 students. (There are the university and two State colleges with 1,200 students.) There are 335 private schools, including high schools, with 20,000 pupils in attendance. The teachers of 250 of these teach public schools as long as the money lasts and then supplement this with what are termed "pay schools."

Washington Cor. Charlotte Observer: The Republican contingent here appears much pleased over the announcement that John W. Atwater, who represented the Raleigh district in congress, has thrown his political fortunes with them. The information came here through a friend of the late Democratic congressman, and is regarded as authentic. While a number of gentlemen were discussing Mr. Atwater's change of faith today, ex-Senator Marion Butler joined in the conversation, and what he had to say was significant in that it seemed to indicate where he stood politically. He smiled his approval when informed regarding the subject under discussion, and observed that Atwater had at last gotten right, as he was doubtless miserable in his late political associations.

Typewriter paper for sale at The Free Press office.

INSTITUTE ITEMS.

February 10, 1902.

Mr. Roy Dawson visited relatives near Grifton Sunday.

Miss Pennie Clayton, of Kinston, is visiting Mrs. S. P. Hardy.

Mr. J. J. Bryan, who has been storekeeper at Grimesland, returned home Friday night.

Miss Nettie Hardy left last week to attend school at the Claremont College, Hickory, N. C.

Mr. F. R. Hodges is losing a great many hogs by cholera. He also lost a fine Jersey cow Saturday night.

Mr. Guy Dawson, also Mr. Guy Wadston and mother, spent Saturday night and Sunday in Greens and Pitt. We hope the boys saw their best girls before they came home.

Don't forget to come to the Valentine basket party here Friday night, Feb. 14, for the benefit of the M. E. church. We are expecting to have a good time and wish all the boys would be sure and bring their best girls.

The Old Maids Convention last Friday night at LaGrange was well attended by our boys, and all report a fine time. We are glad to say that our town had such a charming "Old Maid" as Miss Violet Ann Ruggles to represent us that night.

Mr. Thomas D. Wilson's house was burned down Saturday night about 11 o'clock. He saved only a few things. The fire originated in the kitchen, perhaps caught from the stove. Loss about \$1,500; no insurance. We all sympathize with Mr. Wilson in his great loss, and Miss Hattie, his sister, who was living with him got everything she had burned up.

LAGRANGE ITEMS

FREE PRESS BUREAU, LaGrange, Feb. 10, 1902.

The first quarterly conference of the M. E. church was held with the church at Trinity Saturday.

Mr. R. M. Harper has sub-rented the Fields Hotel to Mr. O. H. Taylor, of Hookerton. Mrs. John Taylor will have charge with Mr. Taylor.

The Old Maid's convention realized \$50 by their efforts on Friday night. The costumes, the acting of the different members and the happy hits made at the young men were very amusing.

Rev. H. B. Anderson, pastor M. E. church here, LaGrange circuit, moved into the parsonage here Thursday. He has filled his appointments on the circuit, but until Thursday had not moved here.

The public school here will close April 17. Prof. Matt Wooten received a telegram Friday from Gov. Aycock signifying his acceptance of an invitation to deliver the literary address on that occasion.

The dwelling on Mr. G. L. Taylor's farm, near here, occupied by Mr. Ralph Kennedy, was destroyed by fire Friday night. Origin of fire unknown. The fire was so far under way when discovered that Mr. Kennedy was unable to save anything. Mr. Taylor's loss was about \$1,500; no insurance.

WOODINGTON ITEMS.

February 10, 1902.

Mr. and Mrs. Lake Rouse attended church at Sandy Bottom Sunday.

Mr. Luther Outlaw, of Duplin county, visited at Mr. T. W. Becton's Sunday.

Mr. Hardy Hill, of near Airy Grove, spent Saturday night at Mr. Wm. Stroud's.

Mrs. Burwell Stroud, of Kinston, spent from Friday until Sunday at Mr. Wm. Stroud's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stroud, of RePOSE, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stroud, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Loftin, of Coahoms, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Becton, Sunay.

There are a number of mad dogs in this section. Mr. Eddie Rouse, Jr., killed four Saturday morning.

Mr. Blackbridge Harper, of Kinston, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harper, Sr., from Saturday until Monday.

About twenty-five of Woodington's young girls and boys met at Mr. T. I. Stroud's Thursday night and enjoyed a reception.

Misses Janie Stroud Helen and Florence Waller, Mess. Thomas, Eddie, Carl and Travis Stroud, Eddie Rouse and Eddie Williams, attended church at Shady Grove Sunday.

Great Fire at Springfield.

Springfield, Ohio, February 10—The great East street shops formerly owned by ex-mayor King, Whitney, now the property of Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, are burning and will be entirely destroyed. The shops are the second largest in the world. The loss so far is one million and the fire spreading.

The fire has been controlled. The loss is heavy.

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A BIG FIRE.

Paterson, N. J., Swept By Conflagration. Eight Million Dollars Worth of Property Consumed. Two Lives Lost and Sixty-Three Injured. Twenty-Six Blocks in Heart of City Burned.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 9th.—A great fire swept through this place today, and in its desolate wake are the embers and ashes of property valued at \$8,000,000. It burned its way through the business section of the city and claimed as its own a majority of the finer structures devoted to commercial, civic, educational, and religious uses, as well as scores of houses.

There was but small tribute of life and injury to the conflagration, but hundreds are left homeless and thousands without employment. A relief movement for the care of those unsheltered and unprovided for has already been organized, and Mayor John Hinchcliff said tonight that Paterson would be able to care for her own without appealing to the charity of other communities and states.

Situation As Seen After Fire.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 10.—Dynamite is being used this morning to shatter the tottering walls standing in the city hall district, menacing the lives of firemen, militiamen and citizens guarding and working in the ruins of the fire, which started at midnight Saturday night and burned 12 hours, destroying the heart of the city. The ruins of the First National Bank were tackled first. A small charge of dynamite was set off at the base of the front and rear walls which came down in a succession of crashes that echoed throughout the city. Other dangerous walls will be razed as speedily as possible. A military sentry fired several shots at a man this morning, suspected of being a ghoul. Mayor Hinchcliff has ordered no mercy to ghouls. The city is under martial law.

Mayor Hinchcliff today issued his statement to the newspapers: "Tell the public that Paterson is doing business at the same old stand and will send out no call for relief. The citizens relief committee is prepared to meet all demands. Our loss is tremendous, but will fall largely on well-to-do corporations and the city itself. All the city records gone and tax rolls and registers of vital statistics. Paterson will have to start anew."

The latest report of the losses of property is eight million, lives two, injured 63. Four hundred families are homeless. Twenty-six blocks were burned. Two hundred dwellings and apartments were burned. Five thousand persons are out of work. Eighty-five public buildings and places of business were destroyed. Both the gas and electric lighting works were destroyed.

New York, Feb. 10.—Mayor Low today sent a message of sympathy and an offer of help to Mayor Hinchcliff of Paterson.

King Coal's Centennial.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 11.—One hundred years ago today the leading residents of the town of Wilkesbarre gathered in Fell's tavern and successfully demonstrated the practical value of anthracite coal as fuel. The winter was severe, and rumors having reached the town that the "black rock," which was found about the town in plenty, was a fuel and gave good heat, it was decided to try it. At first the landlord of the tavern hesitated, owing to the expense incurred in building a new fireplace, but after several friends volunteered to stand their share, Mr. Fell consented. A grate was built and most of the notable persons in the town assembled at the tavern to see the event, which was successful beyond their most sanguine expectations. Mr. Fell and his companions circled about the new fireplace, piled wood upon the bottom of the grate, dumped coal on top, and after igniting it, watched breathlessly for results. After awhile some of the coal was seen to fall apart, but the greater part of it glowed, and soon after burned merrily. After the incident of that night the practical use of anthracite coal was assured.

Today, in celebration of the centennial, the city officials of Wilkesbarre and men prominently identified with the coal industry in Pennsylvania and other states, assembled in the room where the historic experiment was made and listened to papers and addresses commemorative of the event. The grate which was used on the eventful night of February 11, 1802, still exists. It was the center of much attraction at the Centennial exposition in Philadelphia in 1876 and was stolen at the close of the exhibition. Detectives recovered it after weeks of search. Later it was stolen again and was again recovered. The wall which first held it crumbled some time ago, but was rebuilt and made to look just like the original.

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SCHOOL TRUSTEES NOW FREE.

By Consent of Both Parties Judge Allen Dissolves Injunction Restraining School Trustees From Buying Webb Lot For School Site.

We published a few days ago the following:

North Carolina, Lenoir County, In Superior Court, Jan. Term, 1902. H. E. Moseley vs. L. Harvey et al.

Upon careful reading of the matter set out in the answer filed in this cause, the plaintiff now comes into court and enters a non-suit and withdraws the temporary restraining order issued in this cause. That said non suit is taken for the reason, first, that defendants allege under oath in their said answer that they have not selected a graded school site neither do they intend to purchase the Webb lot.

SIMMONS & WARD, WOOTEN & WOOTEN, Atty's for Plaintiff.

We were handed the following this morning by the clerk of court. "Inasmuch as the judgment heretofore filed has been published, in order to set the public aright in regard to this matter I call attention to the fact that the former judgment had been withdrawn and the following judgment substituted by the consent of all parties thereto." We publish the judgment which explains itself.

North Carolina, Lenoir County, Superior Court.

H. E. Moseley, Lovit Hines et al vs. L. Harvey et al and the board of trustees of the Kinston graded schools.

In this cause the plaintiffs having applied to F. D. Winston, judge, for a restraining order which was made returnable before the undersigned and by him transferred by consent to Walter Nell, judge, and the parties by their attorneys having consented that the undersigned may sign a decree dissolving the said restraining order, the plaintiffs agreeing thereto on account of the allegations in reference to the purchase of a site set forth in their sworn answer. Now therefore it is considered and adjudged that the said restraining order be and the same is dissolved.

O. H. ALLEN, Judge, 5th District.

By consent, SIMMONS & WARD, WOOTEN & WOOTEN Attorneys for Plaintiff. Y. T. ORMOND, Atty for Defendants.

As we understand it this does away with all legal restrictions on the board of trustees from buying any site they may choose.

FOULLY MURDERED.

John R. Caton Shot at his Home Near Aurora, Beaufort County. Four Arrests Made.

Newbern Journal, 1, 11th

At his home, two miles from Aurora, Beaufort county, John R. Caton was foully murdered by some person or persons, at present unknown, on Sunday night.

Mr. Caton, was seated, reading, when a shot gun was fired through a window at him, striking him in the head, and instantly killing him.

The story leading up to the probable reason for this murder, is as follows:

On February 6th, Dave Gardner, a colored man, was arrested at Aurora, charged with selling whiskey without a license.

Gardner was brought to Newbern and his case was heard before United States Commissioner Charles B. Hill, who committed Gardner to jail. At this trial Caton was the principal witness against Gardner.

Yesterday Commissioner Hill had a phone message from W. J. Boyd, at Aurora, who asked that a detective be sent to Aurora to take up the murder matter. Mr. Hill wired United States District Attorney Harry Skinner for instructions in the matter.

Last night word was received that the coroner had held an inquest on the Caton murder, and that Ed Daniels, white, two sons of Gardner, the colored man mentioned as being in jail here, and one other negro, were held prisoners, to await trial for the murder.

Weighting Machines.

Weighting machines and scales of some kind were in use 1800 B. C., for it is said that Abraham at that time "weighed out" 400 shekels of silver, current money, with the merchant to Ephron, the Hittite, as payment for a piece of land, including the cave and all the standing timber "in the field and in the fence." This is said to be the earliest transfer of land of which any record survives and that the payment was made in the presence of witnesses.

The original form of the weighting scale was probably a bar suspended from the middle, with a board or shell suspended from each end, one to contain the weight, the other to contain the matter to be weighed. The steel-yard was probably so called from the material of which it was made and from its former length. It is also known as the Roman balance and is of great antiquity.

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