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ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

A Primary Candidate.

Charlotte, May 28.—Charlotte has a candidate for the senatorship, Robert A. Ford, principal of the South graded school. This afternoon he announced himself. He says in part: "I have been waiting to have some one of our public men take a bold stand and speak out for the people on the question of selecting our United States senator by the people. Our representatives seem to be but playing with the subject and there is no telling what will be done. The voice of the people when properly informed is the voice of God, and as one of the people I demand a primary throughout the state. I will cut the knotty question and I here, by declare myself a candidate for the Senate subject to the action of a State primary (the plan of which I shall present hereafter). I am rock-ribbed and hide-bound in my adherence to the distinctive Democratic principals as enunciated in the successive national platform from 1876 to the present time. I seize the present condition of things as a great opportunity to express my views, and my hopes of being elected are of secondary consideration and importance."

A Ghastly Find.

Charlotte Observer: Last Saturday S. E. Lanier of Pender county, while going through an infrequented cart road leading through a swamp, a half mile from Bannerman's bridge, on the north-east cape Fear river, came upon the skeleton of a man lying in the swamp. Vultures had picked the flesh from the bones and all that remained was in a heavy pair of boots which the man wore. The man's clothing which had been torn off by the vultures was near the bones. The remains were identified by the clothing as those of Lymus Mitchell, a negro about 40 years of age who had been missing since the 31st of January last. When last seen alive, the missing man was with two negroes named Louis Jacobs, of Columbus county, and Robert Keith of Colly, Bladen county. These two men were suspected of murdering Mitchell and were arrested.

Singular Incident.

Sallebury Sun: Mr. W. J. Estridge, formerly of Union county, now of this city, tells us of one of the strangest cases on record, with which he is perfectly familiar. Mr. John Bell, a well to do farmer of Union county, who lives about five miles from Monroe, has 14 children. The third of these is a daughter of 18, a bright young girl, who has never spoken a word to her father; although she converses with any one else in her presence she finds it impossible to utter a word to her father. Both the young lady and her father are deeply distressed over the former's affliction which has never yet been accounted for by the physicians who have investigated her case.

Very Clever It Would Appear.

Charlotte Observer: Out at the Gingham Mills in this city there is either a very clever or a very foolish mule. She works six days in the week and rests on the Sabbath; and the few daylight hours that this mule has been kept in her stall after Sunday have been a period of great agony for the animal. On the Sabbath she blinks and sleeps and nothing short of force can make her leave her stall but at the break of day Monday morning if somebody doesn't come and take her out and hitch her up to something she goes stark raving mad. Certainly the mule sets an example that mankind may follow with profit—but is she a fool?

A Meal that Lasted.

Newton Enterprise: Mr. Leach, who returned recently from Lucas' mill pond on a fishing trip, tells the following: Late last fall Mrs. Lucas had a hen that had a nest under a grape arbor near the house. Every day eggs were missing from the nest. Mrs. Lucas picked up a porcelain door knob which she placed in the nest as a nest egg. The following day the door knob was missing, supposing the hounds had stolen it. Early this spring a neighbor living half a mile away killed a black snake six feet long; on examining the snake he discovered a large swelling in its stomach—prompted by curiosity he cut the snake open and lo, there was the porcelain door knob.

How We Grow.

According to the last census North Carolina has a population of 1,893,810, and is the 14th state of the 45. This showed an increase of 17.1 per cent. over 1890, and in percentage of gain this state ranks 31st of the 45 states and territories. In 1790 North Carolina was the third state in population, only Virginia and Pennsylvania surpassing her, but in 1800 New

YORK PUSHED NORTH CAROLINA TO 4TH PLACE AND TOOK THIRD. NOW NEW YORK CITY HAS A GREATER POPULATION THAN THIS ENTIRE STATE.

SHORT STATE STORIES.

The tobacco crop of Warren county promises to be much larger this year than it has been for several years past.

Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer: Fourteen cases of smallpox were discovered in the vicinity of Wingate last week.

Charlotte, May 28.—Chief of Police Irwin today received a telegram from White Plains, N. Y., stating that Bud Abernethy, one of the most noted criminals of this entire section, had been captured. Abernethy tried to kill an old negro here last fall. He later assaulted Constable Porter while in custody and finally escaped.

Anti-Saloon League Endorsed.

Whereas, Intemperance is a great and growing evil, the great enemy of the church and righteousness, and is destroying more lives, blasting more hopes, deadening more aspirations, darkening more homes and causing more sorrow and suffering than all other evils—and

Whereas, the open saloon is the chief agency which fosters and nourishes intemperance and is a constant menace to the peace and happiness of society and the home and a constant snare to the young; and

Whereas, We believe the Sunday school should occupy no doubtful or uncertain position as to this great evil—therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Sunday school of the Kinston M. E. church, South, hereby endorse the Anti-Saloon League recently organized in our state and county and we pledge its earnest support in its efforts to suppress the liquor traffic and to create a healthy temperance sentiment in our state and community.

Adopted May 18, 1902.

J. J. BIZELL, G. P. FLEMING, C. M. JORDAN.

HORSE BRANCH.

Crops are looking very well in this section.

A lot of the Woodington boys and girls attended church Sunday at Smith's New Home.

Mr. Louis Tyndal and wife visited Mr. A. G. Tyndal Sunday.

Mr. Simpson Howard is having a large canal cut through his swamp.

Mr. Z. V. Howard is putting up a pack house.

Mrs. E. A. Daniels of Goldsboro is visiting friends and relatives here.

Cotton chopping is the order of the day.

Mr. Frank Howard of Falling Creek visited Mr. Simpson Howard Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Lotty Korngay and sons visited Mr. A. G. Tyndal Sunday.

Mr. N. A. Tyndal lost his horse the other day.

Mr. Burwell Stroud of Kinston is visiting Mr. Charlie Stroud of Repose this week.

PINK HILL.

The farmers in this section complain of a bad stand of tobacco. Corn crops looking well.

Some of our people attended the closing exercises of Seven Springs high school last Friday. They report a good time.

Mr. Thurman Davis leaves to day to attend the commencement at Trenton high school.

Mr. J. W. Worley has purchased a new horse.

PHENOMENA ALL NEW TO SCIENCE

MT. PELEE STILL INTENSELY ACTIVE

Prof. Hill Tells of His Failure to Reach the Crater.

Another Tremendous Explosion Thursday Morning—Americans Nearly Caught—Prof. Hill Descends the Awful Devastation and Says Nearly All the Phenomena are New to Science.

Fort de France, Island of Martinique, May 28.—A tremendous explosion of very black smoke from Mont Pelee occurred at a quarter before 9 o'clock this morning. Fear was entertained for the safety of George Kennan, the American author, who, with a land party, has been examining the northern part of the island. The governor of Martinique, M. L. Huerre, was at once seen with the object of arranging for a rescue party, but about 11 o'clock Fernand Clerc, a wealthy landed proprietor, arrived and announced that Mr. Kennan and his party were safe on a plantation at the north end of the island.

Professor Robert T. Hill, United States Government geologist and head of the expedition sent here by the National Geographical society, who left Fort de France Monday on horseback for the volcano, returned home this morning, completely exhausted.

Speaking of his expedition to Mont Pelee, Professor Hill said: "My attempt to examine the crater of Mont Pelee has been futile. I succeeded, however, in getting very close to Morné Rouge.

"At 7 o'clock Monday night I witnessed from a point near the ruins of St. Pierre a frightful explosion from Mont Pelee and noted the accompanying phenomena. While these eruptions continue no sane man should attempt to ascend to the crater of the volcano.

"Following the salvo of detonations from the mountain gigantic mushroom shaped columns of smoke and cinders ascended into the clear, starlit sky and then spread, in a vast black sheet, to the south and directly over my head. Through this sheet, which extended a distance of 10 miles from the crater, vivid and awful lightning-like bolts flashed with alarming frequency. They followed distinct paths of ignition, but were different from lightning in that the bolts were horizontal and not perpendicular. This is indisputable evidence of the explosive oxidation of the gases after they left the crater. This is a most important observation and explains, in part, the awful catastrophe. This phenomenon is entirely new in volcanic history.

"Nearly all the phenomena of these volcanic outbreaks are new to science, and many of them have not yet been explained. The volcano is still intensely active, and I cannot make any predictions as to what it will do."

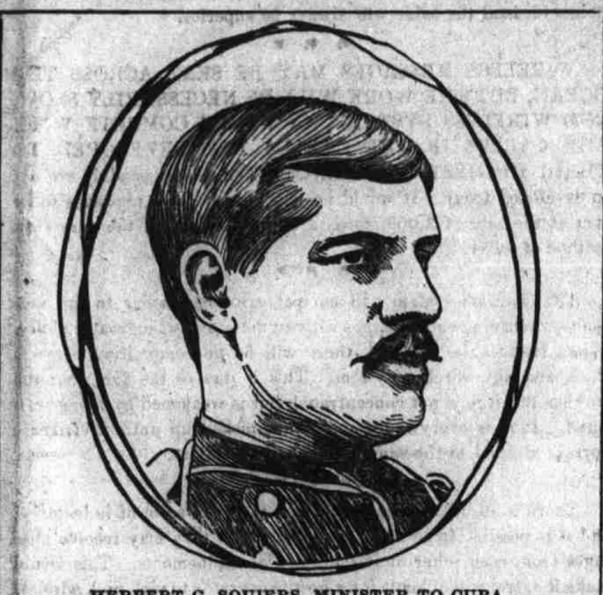
BASEBALL.

STATE LEAGUE.

New Bern 8, Wilmington 2; Charlotte 5, Greensboro 4, Durham 8, Raleigh 1.

Relative standing of the clubs today:

| Club | Won | Lost | P. C. |
|------------|-----|------|-------|
| Charlotte | 18 | 3 | .857 |
| Raleigh | 13 | 9 | .571 |
| Durham | 13 | 9 | .571 |
| Greensboro | 10 | 12 | .454 |
| New Bern | 10 | 12 | .454 |
| Wilmington | 1 | 20 | .050 |



HERBERT G. SQUIERS, MINISTER TO CUBA. He was Uncle Sam's first minister to Cuba in a diplomat of considerable experience. He was secretary of the United States legation at Peking in 1900 and displayed great resourcefulness during the siege of the legations. The plan by which the south wall of the Tartar city was seized was his. He is a West Pointer and fought Indians under General Forsythe at Wounded Knee.

DOVER.

May 30.

Huckleberries are beginning to come to market. It is said there is an unusually large crop of them.

Mr. J. H. West went to Kinston yesterday, returning on the afternoon train.

Messrs. Geo. Sumrell and T. W. Mawborn of Kinston were in Dover between trains yesterday afternoon.

All reports that we have from crops in this vicinity are encouraging except that bud worms are playing havoc with corn this cool weather.

owing to the accidental breaking of some parts of the Goldsboro Lumber Co.'s steam feed their saw mill has been shut down since Monday afternoon and "a lot of us" have been on the loaf, awaiting the coming of a duplicate of the broken piece from Erie City, Pa. They expect to start up again tomorrow morning.

The writer is in company with Dr. Ray Pollock enjayed a ride through the country to Kinston yesterday, thus getting a much needed sniff of fresh country air after months of close confinement within the city (?) bounds.

We were glad to meet Manager Herbert, Timely Topics man and Reporter Koonce and find them, as well as the entire FREE PRESS force, bustling and brim full of business.

Policeman White is working a squad of men grading and improving the sidewalks on Dover street.

There is much sickness in and around Dover now and our popular physician, Dr. Ray Pollock, is kept right busy, but we are glad to learn from him that there are no very serious cases at present.

We expect to report the jingle of the marriage bell in the near future.

We are informed that a certain Dover belle was complaining a few days ago that she lost her beau (bow). We would sympathize with her, if we did not know that no such sweet belle as she can go a—Miss for lack of beaux.

The first shipment of potatoes from here this season was made last Wednesday by Mr. William Rogers, of Mr. B. R. Taylor's farm. We hear that the crop yield of them will be very light and of inferior quality.

We invite THE FREE PRESS and LaGrange Sentinel to give chicken and dog stories a seat 'way back and let Dover come to the front with a cat tale in "gimpy-wine" fact. On last Saturday night Mr. W. A. Wilson, his clerk being sick, was kept so busy in his store that he had not time to do any shopping preparatory for Sunday morning breakfast, and his cat, seeming to realize the situation, went off and brought in three pounds of beef steak, wrapped up in brown paper. Pass the cake over to us, please.

The closing exercises of Dover high school will take place on Thursday and Friday nights of next week, June 5 and 6. Ron S. M. Brinson of New Bern will speak on Thursday night and there will be exercises by the grammar class. Dr. J. C. Coggins, president of the Christian college at Wilson, will deliver the annual address and a concert consisting of an entertaining program will be given.

GRAINGERS.

May 29.

We are having some right cool weather. Mr. G. F. Johnson spent Saturday night and Sunday near Beulah.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Johnson spent Saturday in Kinston.

AIRY GROVE.

May 29.

Rev. Grubbs filled R. W. Nash's appointment at Lousin Swamp Sunday.

Crops are looking well in this section.

Mr. Hardy Hill has seen on the sick list at his brother's near Glenfield the past week.

Miss Lola Sutton of Greenville come Tuesday to visit her aunt, Mrs. D. G. Taylor.

Miss Lilla Simmons of Kinston who had been visiting relatives here last week returned home Sunday.

Little Misses Pearl Phillips and Rachel Sutton were well amused at Capt. Caraway's Saturday evening looking over his crochets. Captain is the man to amuse children.

A good many of our people took in the Sam Jones lecture Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Sam Caraway while swinging the other day fell and broke his arm.

We have a remarkable turkey hen. The hawk played havoc with her young ones last Sunday and on Monday seeing her family so small in number she went to our nearest neighbor's and stole from her a beautiful dove of young turkeys and brought them home.

WOODINGTON.

May 27.

Tobacco is looking nice.

The fruit crops are fine in this section.

Mrs. Henry Smith spent Saturday and Sunday in Kinston.

Little Miss Edie Dawson, of Kinston, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Rebecca Stroud is visiting her brother, Mr. C. R. Stroud, at Repose, this week.

Mr. David Williams and sister, Miss Jennie, of Cadex, were guests at Mr. Simpson Harper's Sunday.

The children's day service will be Sunday. All are invited to come.

There will be a fish stew at the mill Saturday afternoon, June 7. Everybody is invited to help catch fish.

Among those who attended church at Smith's New Home from here Sunday were Misses Rebecca, Janie and Maud Stroud, Florence and Ellen Waller and Ole Rouse; Messrs. J. J. Harper, Jr., Eddie Williams, Eddie and Roscoe Rouse, Thomas, Eddie, Paul, Carl and Travis Stroud.

HYCO.

May 28.

We were all glad to see the nice rain that fell Sunday afternoon.

FRESH FACTS IN A FEW LINES

Items of Interest for Male and Female

CURRENT COMMENT.

It is interesting if not significant that the six honor graduates at Annapolis this year are all from the west and south.—Louisville Times.

Before congress admits Arizona and New Mexico as one state it should offer a prize for a name to fit the combination.—Philadelphia Ledger.

King Edward's coronation medals are being made in this country. Isn't that enough to jar the jaw teeth of the British lion?—Atlanta Constitution.

The sticks are coming down in Wall street, but the supply of rockets never gives out. We shall see them going on merrily again before long.—New York Mail and Express.

If President Palma exercises the proper amount of wisdom, he will not stray too far from the safety valve. There is a powerful head of steam on in Cuba.—Washington Post.

And who was Robespierre, whose statue is to be unveiled in Washington? Hist! Was he not the only figure in the American Revolution that has succeeded in keeping out of the "historical novels"?—Louisville Courier-Journal.

LAW POINTS.

To determine whether a right exists under a contract or what construction may be placed thereon acquiescence by one party in the known construction of the other and compliance with his demands based on the contract are material in evidence. (37 S. E. Rep. 854.)

Where on a contract for the purchase of goods the buyer tendered his check for the proper amount in payment and no objection was made to the amount or form of the tender the seller cannot afterward object that the tender was not made in money. (65 Pac. Rep. 953.)

While the interpretation of the parties, as evidenced by their acts, will in cases of doubt be resorted to for the purpose of arriving at their true intention, this rule is never allowed to govern when the effect will be to overthrow the plain terms of the contract. (91 Ill. App. Rep. 28.)

BALLOON AIRSHIPS.

The Severo airship, which exploded over the city of Paris, causing the death of the aeronaut and his assistant, very probably embodied in its construction some of the elements of final success in aerial navigation.—Philadelphia Times.

At the several accidents which befell Santos-Dumont showed, and indeed as the behavior of his balloon made clear under the most favorable aerial conditions, the motor driven airship is a most dangerous plaything.—Philadelphia Press.

The dirigible balloon is and must always remain a fair weather toy, of no practical value for purposes of transportation and impossible of profitable utilization. The fate of Severo awaits every adventurous aeronaut who tries to sail a balloon against the wind.—New York Times.

CROWN POINTS.

King Edward prefers "God save our gracious king" to "God save our lord the king" as the opening line of the national anthem.

It is rumored that Queen Nathalie is about to marry a French nobleman; hence her recent conversion to the Roman Catholic faith.

Queen Alexandra has a quaint treasure cupboard which contains casts of the heads of her five children taken at the age of two years and again at the age of twenty.

King Alexander of Servia has created a new decoration called the medal of the Queen Draga. It is to be bestowed upon ladies who have rendered service to the present dynasty.

ST. PIERRE.

The destruction of St. Pierre is apparently more complete even than that of Pompeii and Herculaneum in the first century of this era.—Philadelphia Times.

To suggest that St. Pierre was destroyed because of the "vice and immorality" of its inhabitants does not seem to be reasonable. It is far more satisfying to think of the destruction of the town as the work of the elements alone.—Baltimore Sun.

BETWEEN HEATS.

Searchlight 2:03 1/2 will be raced this season.

Team races will be the feature of the matinee at Detroit this year.

Dolly Dillon 2:07 has been a mile in 2:14 this season, a half in 1:04.

Ben Walker is a possibility as the driver of Hesta, 2:09, in her month this year.



FIND OWNER OF THESE BOOKS.