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ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Former North Carolina Returns Rich.
Elizabeth City, Oct. 8.—Job A. Hinson, president of the National Car Coupler Company, of Chicago, was in the city today en route to Morehead City, where he visits relatives. From there he goes to Chatham county, the place of his birth. Mr. Hinson left North Carolina forty-four years ago and went west. He was then a penniless youth. Today he is rated a millionaire and is prominent as the inventor of a car coupler now in use on twenty of America's leading railroads. His father, Joseph G. Hinson, superintended the construction of what is now known as the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad.—Charlotte Observer.

Gastonia Gazette.—Sixteen dogs, supposed to have been mad were reported to have been killed in the South Point section last week, creating something of a sensation but doing no damage. Some negroes, who were picking cotton for Mr. W. O. Glover, brought a dog to the field with them which showed symptoms of hydrophobia. It was disposed of at once and the next day other dogs in the community acted strangely and sixteen were killed. So far as could be learned no persons or cattle were attacked.

Raleigh Correspondent Wilmington Messenger.—The bulletin of the State board of health issued today says there is smallpox in 16 counties, with two deaths in Craven, and one in Carteret; 29 cases in Forsyth, 25 in Gaston, 11 in Northampton and 15 in Rockingham. Typhoid fever is reported in 78 counties.—In all, hundreds of cases. No part of the State is free from it and there are many cases in the east.

A Reward of \$400 for Frank Winn.
Goldboro, N. C., Oct. 8.—The county commissioners have offered a reward of \$150 for the capture of Frank Winn, the negro accused of the murder of his nephew, Charles Winn, who while out on bond of \$2,500 under habeas corpus proceedings fled the State. The governor has offered \$150 reward and this makes a total of \$300 offered for the capture of Winn. If he is not captured or does not return, the \$2,500, which is his bond, will, it is understood, go to the county school fund.

North Carolina Man Dies of Morphine.
Norfolk, Va., Oct. 8.—J. Lee Martin, a Seaboard Air Line clerk, died yesterday morning from an overdose of morphine. He had taken it to relieve a pain in his head. He was breathing heavily when found in his bed room, but died despite heroic treatment. He was 25 years old and his body has been forwarded to Conway, N. C. his former home.

A. C. L. Men Work Overtime.
Wilmington, Oct. 8.—The force in the Coast Line machine shops at Florence is working overtime in order to catch up with the excess of work, which is largely in converting coal-burning locomotives into wood-burners. The scarcity of coal is really becoming an item with the railroads. It is said that the Coast Line has recently confiscated coal in transit to Richmond to keep its trains in operation.

A Suicide in Cleveland County.
Shelby, Oct. 8.—Henry Campbell, who lives near Lattimore Station, eight miles west of Shelby, committed suicide this afternoon by shooting himself through the heart with a pistol. His health has been bad and was aggravated by the excessive use of tobacco, which made him very nervous. He was 50 years old, and a farmer by occupation.

North Carolina at Christian Conference.
Norfolk, Va., Oct. 8.—North Carolina is well represented at the Quadrannual Convention of the Christian church in the United States in session here. Except in Virginia, North Carolina has the largest delegation. It ranks with any in point of ability.

In Favor of the Mills.
Durham, N. C., Oct. 8.—The ten thousand dollar damage suit of T. F. Smith against the Erwin Cotton Mill Company came to a sudden close yesterday afternoon. It was decided in favor of the company without even being allowed to go to the jury.

Negro Assaults a Registrar.
Concord, N. C., Oct. 9.—A negro assaulted a registrar, Frank McKenna, here today because Mr. McKenna refused to register him. He knocked his assistant with a brick. The negro was arrested. Mr. McKenna was not seriously hurt.

You Know What you are Talking.
This is the best of the Free Press. It is the only paper in the State that is published every afternoon except Sunday.

GOSSIP OF THE COAL STRIKE.

Hartford Post: The coal operators are qualified to collaborate in the preparation of a magazine article on "How to Alleviate Popular Sympathy."

Hartford Post: We take it that the coal combination is the sort of octopus that President Hadley would decline to invite home to lunch.

Chicago Post: If Uncle Sam and President Baer should stand up together it is altogether probable that the latter would be shocked to find how small he is by comparison.

Durham Sun: The Richmond papers tell us that that city is on the brink of a terrible calamity. That the street car service may be tied up; the city plunged into darkness and every manufacturing plant closed unless the coal situation is relieved in five days. Fifteen car loads of soft coal en route to that city was confiscated by the Atlantic Coast Line. It is said other roads may follow suit. The strike is beginning to strike us.

St. Louis Globe: The plan of constructing one of the world's fair buildings of coal has been reconsidered. Instead of using lump coal Klondike nuggets will be substituted.

Exchange: Coal and other fuel is so scarce in the City of Rochester, N. Y., that in some parts of the city the people are pulling up and burning the wooden sidewalks.

President Reviews G. A. R.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 8.—President Roosevelt today reviewed the Grand Army parade in his carriage. He was carried downstairs from his room on the second floor of the temporary White House in an invalid's chair, and amid the cheers of a large crowd, was placed in the carriage, in which there was a board to support his injured leg. He was accompanied by Secretary Cortelyou and Colonel Bingham, his military aide. His carriage was guarded by a platoon of mounted police, under command of Major Sylvester, superintendent of police. As the carriage appeared on the avenue the president was greeted with loud cheers. The president stopped at the reviewing stand for a moment until the marshals of the parade and Rufus Post, of Minneapolis, the right of the line, had been passed, and then drove down the avenue to Peace monument at the foot of the capitol. The veterans faced the carriage as the president drove by and saluted him. There was continuous cheering from the crowds as the president drove along.

Miners' Story Yet.

Washington, Oct. 9.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor is again in session today, after its adjournment over yesterday. President Mitchell is expected to be in Washington to attend the council meeting tomorrow, and it is the general opinion among its members that the coal strike will be fully discussed. Mr. Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, in speaking of the situation, said this morning: "I heartily wish this strike as settled, but if the operators are of the opinion that they can starve the miners into again going to work they are greatly mistaken. The miners are in a condition now to hold out all through the winter, and if necessary they will do it. This talk of a decrease in the contributions for their support is all false. In truth the collections are increasing."

Two Negroes Lynched.

Newbern, Tenn., Oct. 8.—Carfield Burley and Curtis Brown, two negroes, were hanged here tonight by a mob of 500 persons. Burley on last Saturday shot and killed a well-known young farmer near Dyersburg. Platt, the farmer, had traded horses with the negro and later Burley demanded that the trade be declared off. Platt refused to accede to this proposition and while on his way home was shot down by Burley. A posse had been hunting for the murdered and last night located him in a negro cabin at Huffman, Ark.

New Orleans Strike.

New Orleans, Oct. 8.—As a result of the continued difficulty experienced by the New Orleans railway company in attempting to resume their schedule on account of the conflict between the strikers and those who attempted to fill the dissatisfied men's positions all the militia in this city was ordered under arms tonight.

His Life Saved by Chamberlain's Cough, Croup and Whooping Cough Remedy.

"I. L. Ryan, a well known cooper of this town, says he believes Chamberlain's Cough, Croup and Whooping Cough Remedy saved his life last summer. He had been sick for a month with what the doctor called Whooping Cough and could get no relief. He was almost dead when he took Chamberlain's Cough, Croup and Whooping Cough Remedy. It gave him relief and he is now well."—I. L. Ryan, carpenter, Rockwell, Md. For sale by J. E. Hurd.

OPTIONS ON SEVENTY MILLS

STATEMENT BY FRIES ON COTTON

To Eliminate Ruinous Competition, Make Better Goods.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Oct. 9.—During the next few days there will be a meeting of a few business men in Greensboro, and this meeting may have an important influence on cotton manufacturing in this and other southern states. Mr. H. E. Fries, who has been at work on the plan for some time, gave out the following statement this afternoon:

"A great deal has been said about mergers and trusts and their injurious effects on the general welfare. These gentlemen and companies they represent do not expect to control cotton manufacturing, nor oppress labor, nor enhance value beyond a reasonable profit. They do expect to eliminate ruinous competition, to furnish employment to a large number of our population at fair and just wages, and to furnish to the public the very best quality of goods made demand. They are working along conservative lines, and the consumption of their plans will prove a blessing and not a curse to the community in which they dwell and labor.

"The company that will be formed to acquire certain properties will be known as the 'Southern Textile company.' According to the plan under which they will be operated, there appears the following clause: No plant or business shall be purchased, however, in the organization of the company except with written unanimous approval as to desirability of purchase and as the propriety of price of the following named persons: Geo. A. Gray, S. B. Tanner, John W. Fries, C. G. Latta and A. W. Haywood."

The writer regrets to learn that Mr. Gray is not able to serve. The vacancy has been filled by Mr. T. W. Pratt, of Huntersville, Ala.

"The options to be presented to the committee will embrace seventy mills, located in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. From these mills the committee will select the more desirable and same will be paid for in cash securities of the new company. The option provides that the company can issue \$7,000,000 in common stock, \$7,000,000 in preferred stock and \$6,000,000 in bonds. The financial parties interested are represented by a prominent trust company in New York.

The controlling management of the new 'Southern Textile company' will be southern manufacturers, who have for years been identified with cotton manufacturing in the southern states.

Democratic Canvass.

The appointments for the Democratic canvass of Lenoir county are as follows: LaGrange, Oct. 11th, Hon. Cyrus B. Watson. Kinston 11th, at night, Hon. Cyrus B. Watson. Sand Hill, 14th at Daughtey's house. Kinston, 14th, night. Institute, 15th. South West, 16th at Kelly's mill. Vance, 17th, at Fairfield school house. Kinston, 17th, night, Hon. Lee S. Overman. LaGrange, 18th, Hon. Lee S. Overman. Contentment Neck, 21st, at Sharon church. Neuse, 22nd, at Parrott's school house. Woodington, 23rd, at Waller's school house. Falling Creek, 24th, at the station. Trent, 25th, at Tull's mill. Pink Hill, Nov. 1st, at Tyndal's store. Day speaking to begin at 1 o'clock; night at 8 o'clock. Come out and hear the county candidates and other distinguished Democrats discuss the issues. J. W. GRANGER, Chairman. W. A. MITCHELL, Secretary.

General Coal Strike Ordered.

Paris, Oct. 8.—The national conference of the French Miners Federation has decided to declare a general strike effective tomorrow. It is estimated that 4,000 men have struck in the northern coal field, and 5,000 around St. Etienne. The decision of the national coal committee of the Miners Federation to declare a general strike throws the responsibility upon the mine owners, because the latter have decided to discuss the claims of the miners. The *Troisep* estimates that the French miners number 175,000 men, of whom only 40,000 belong to the federation. The probability of a rise in the price of domestic and foreign coal is beginning to be seriously discussed.



THE PATOS ISLAND "TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT."

Though it scarcely appears to be worth quarreling over, it is a fact that the tiny island of Patos, near Trinidad, may involve the United States and England in serious complications. England has seized Patos, which Venezuela claims as her own. Herbert W. Bowen and W. H. D. Haggard are respectively the American and British representatives in Venezuela.

TRIED TO BAKE HIS WIFE.

A Dastardly Act of a Colored Man at Five Points.
New Bern Journal: The rare and sordid dish of baked wife was tried by a negro in the vicinity of Five Points yesterday afternoon, and her screams and resistance brought the timely help of policeman Montague who was in the neighborhood, or there might have been a tragedy. He was in the act of thrusting the woman into the oven.

While up in that part of town Mr. Montague heard the cries of a woman in distress and when the trouble was located he secured the assistance of a man to catch the offender. Upon the officer's entrance the man escaped by a door not covered by the assistant and had got quite a little lead on his pursuer. Mr. Montague followed him up Queen street to West street, along West to Cypress street, thence to a small pond where he gave up, only after three shots from the officer's pistol.

The man was arrested and will be tried today for murderous assault. The stove though small was hot and would have burned the woman severely. He is a desperate negro and should be given a heavy punishment for his fiendish action.

CHURCH AND CLERGY.

Bishop Clark of Rhode Island, ninety years old, is the oldest bishop of Anglican communion in the world.

The Rev. Charles A. Trotman, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, St. Louis, is also a practicing physician, having regular office hours during the week.

Rev. Wilson Carlile, the noted London minister, has introduced moving pictures into his church service and furnishes all persons desiring it with a free cup of coffee as they leave the church.

Mr. Thornbury has resigned as a clerk in the Rock Island railroad offices to become rector of Trinity Reformed Episcopal church in Chicago. He fitted himself for the ministry by night study and for eleven years has devoted his spare time to his ambition.

PEN, CHISEL AND BRUSH.

Mrs. Archibald Little, the traveler and author, will write a biography of Li Hung Chang.

C. Ricketts is an English painter who is following the lead of Becklin and Franz Stuck in painting centaurs. He indulges in Biblical as well as classical subjects.

Henri Gervez, the French artist, has been decorated by the shah of Persia with the Order of the Lion and the Sun, in recognition of his having painted the shah's favorite portrait in 1900.

Great is the industry and fertile is the imagination of Guy Boothby, the English novelist. In less than eight years he has published some twenty-six books, the majority of which have achieved more than ordinary success. Mr. Boothby is a South Australian by birth and is thirty-five years of age.

COLLEGE AND SCHOOL.

The United States has 10,000 school-teachers.

Albert von Kolker has been professor of anatomy in the University of Wurzburg, Germany, for the last fifty-five years.

The cost of the State University of Missouri for its buildings, books and other equipments is \$1,300,000, and the endowment bearing interest at the rate of 5 or 6 per cent is \$1,234,000.

Charles A. Woods of Marion, S. C., has been elected president of the South Carolina college, at Columbia. He is a leading member of the South Carolina bar and is now president of the State Bar association. For many years he was president of a banking institution. He is a trustee of Wofford and Winthrop colleges.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Carrying gowns to Paris is the latest piece of Yankee bravado.—Boston Journal.

The attempt to assimilate the militia to the army would prosper if the states were less stingy in appropriations.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Nat Herreshoff has before him the difficult task of planning a yacht to outlast all the yachts that he has heretofore planned to outlast all the yachts everybody else has planned.—Boston Herald.

We are the greatest and most energetic of people, but we are also the most wasteful of people. In getting out the lumber of our great forests we have destroyed and wasted more than we saved and fitted for the market.—San Francisco Call.

The United States is now the fourth nation of the world in fighting strength on the water. England, France and Russia leading us in this order. The demands of the country's position compel it to advance and not retrograde in its position in this list.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Purely Personal
Items About People Who Come and Go

Mrs. N. B. Wooten and child went to LaGrange this morning.

Mrs. Seth West, of Dover, spent today in Kinston.

Mr. W. H. Pridgen went to Falling Creek today.

Miss Nannie Aldridge, who had been visiting at Mr. J. F. Davis', left for her home at Oriental this morning.

Mr. W. D. LaRoque, Jr., returned from Norfolk this morning.

Mr. Everett Rouse returned from Raleigh yesterday afternoon.

Rev. B. W. Spillman came yesterday from Macon, Ga.

Mrs. Stella Austin, of Terre Haute, Ind., came yesterday to visit her aunt, Mrs. G. E. Korogay.

Miss Clemmie Gladstone went to Greenville this morning to visit her sister.

Miss Ella Miller, who had been visiting her sister at this place, returned to her home at Hamilton, this morning.

Mrs. J. J. Rogers, Macon, Harris, Harry Stevenson and Frank Webb went to Greenville this morning.

Mr. J. W. Lynch returned from New York last night.

Mr. J. H. Herbert returned from Rocky Mount last night.

Miss Helen Gray has returned from Seven Springs, where she had been for some time.

LaGRANGE.

October 10.
Mr. Henry Spence, aged 53, died at his home near Seven Springs and will be buried this afternoon at the family burying ground near Ryd's school house. Mr. Spence leaves a wife and several children.

Colored people are coming here from all quarters to attend the Baptist association now in session here.

Hon. Cyrus B. Watson will speak here Saturday at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Ruan, a painter from Rocky Mount, is painting some attractive signs for our business and professional men.