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GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

A LITTLE ABOUT NUMEROUS THINGS

The Pith of the World's News That Might Interest Our Readers. An Item Here and There.

In his paper Mr. Watterson declares that Joseph W. Folk, of St. Louis, is a possibility for the Democratic nomination for president. He says that the party can go further and do worse.

The Breakers, Flagler's palatial hotel at Palm Beach, Fla., and several other valuable buildings were destroyed by fire Tuesday, entailing a loss of \$750,000. The furniture in the hotel, valued at \$200,000, was a total loss, no insurance.

St. Louis, June 10.—Almost two-thirds of the territory of East St. Louis, Illinois, is under from 2 to 15 feet of water. Between sunset last night and dawn today 11 lives are sacrificed to the waters and damage which no man today dares to estimate, has been done to the property.

Secretary Moody Tuesday announced the acceptance of the three lowest bids for the three new 16,000 ton battleships and the following awards have been made. Minnesota—Newport News Shipbuilding company, of Newport News, Va., \$4,110,000. Kansas—New York Shipbuilding company, of Camden, N. J., for \$4,179,000. Vermont—Fore River Manufacturing company, of Weymouth, Mass., for \$4,165,000.

Jackson, Ky., June 10.—Martial law was proclaimed here tonight by State Inspector Hines, the representative of Governor Beckham. Captain W. C. Longmire was appointed provost marshal. Eight men under him are policing the town with orders to arrest any persons moving about without a permit from Colonel Williams, commander of the militia. Captain Longmire has orders to arrest all persons found in the streets, taking them dead or alive.

London, June 9.—The rumored resignation of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain is the most startling development of the proposal of the chancellor of the exchequer, Mr. Ritchie, to abolish the corn tax, the debate on which kept the house of commons packed and spell-bound today until midnight. Even if Premier Balfour persuades Mr. Chamberlain to remain in the cabinet the colonial secretary's preferential tariff program is hopelessly snowed under, and his influence as a political power in Great Britain at least temporarily eclipsed.

Richmond, Va., June 10.—Because Thomas Jefferson rode to his inauguration as president of the United States, Roosevelt, who tomorrow will visit the University of Virginia, has declined to go to Monticello, the home of Jefferson, in a carriage. The committee had arranged to give the president a comfortable carriage drive over the rocky roads to the home of the great Democrat. Information from Charlottesville today, however, is that a letter has been received saying he will ride to Monticello on horseback and asking that a good nag be secured for him.

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God's greatest gift to man was the laugh. Without it the human race would have wept itself to death or exterminated itself long ago. Pathos is beautiful; tragedy is absorbing. But both pathos and tragedy are instantly routed by the laugh.

Laughter has sunshine in it. It is warm. Learned men have searched for the secret of life. What is it but good humor? That's the secret of life being worth living.

What sunshine is to earth good humor is to man. Take the smile and the laugh away, and it would be the end of man.

Men can't fight while they enjoy a joke. Death himself recoils from the laugh. The man in a good humor has an enormous advantage over the man who is angry. Anger is dark. Bitterness is filled with shadow. Intolerance is grim and black. Prejudice is blind.

Good humor, with the smile and the laugh, is sunshine in which objects are plain and distortion disappears and wherein phantoms become nothing.

One reason for America's greatness is that, above all, it is a nation that laughs. There have been gay peoples and frivolous nations, but gayety and frivolity are strangely akin to melancholy. That gay Germany whose national happiness is expressed in song is clouded by melancholy. Sadness pervades the temperament of Germany.

And frivolous France—how tragic she becomes—how desperately tragic!

The great American laugh is another thing. Investigate the American national laugh, and there's a sound, practical something behind it. It is never a forced laugh. It is healthy, vigorous, spontaneous.

Empires and powers have crumbled and gone to pieces in solemn seriousness and gloomy grandeur, while Uncle Sam, with a joke on his lips, forges ahead.—Denver Post.

A Scotchman Who Smoked in Church.

Sir Walter Scott in his "Heart of Midlothian" refers to one Duncan Knockdunder, an important personage, who smoked during the whole of the sermon from an iron pipe tobacco borrowed from other worshippers. We are told that at the end of the discourse he knocked the ashes out of his pipe, replaced it in his sporan, returned the tobacco pouch to its owner and joined in the prayer with decency and attention.

Ever Notice It?

Say, have you ever noticed how some folks bellow their names, from Algernon to Zachary and back again to James? How in the name of common sense such errors happen to creep into nomenclature baffles me; it's up to you! There's Algernon, for instance, six feet four, rawboned and stout. And Bill, a dainty chap, whose mother doesn't know he's out. And Moses, who is generally anything but meek. And Mike, who is so timid that he hardly dares to speak. The infant christened Georgie usually turns out tough. And Percy in the cradle later on gets good and rough; Napoleon is nervous and as fussy as a hen. And Gussie somehow proves to be a leader among men. It is the same old principle—Tame's tough and tough is tame. And we opine with Shakespeare that There's nothing in a name. Baltimore News.

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Found no Aid for Dying Babe.

New York Sun, 7th.

A door which had been taken off its hinges in the home of Mrs. Emma Tolkan at 660 Flushing avenue, Williamsburg, fell on her two-year-old daughter Anna, yesterday. The child's skull was fractured and she sustained internal injuries and shock. Mrs. Tolkan took the child in her arms and ran out of the house to find a doctor. A large number of people saw her running along the street. At each doctor's house where she called she was informed that the physician was out.

After running around for nearly an hour she fell in a faint on the sidewalk in front of 48 Graham avenue. The child, who was insensible, fell beside her. Nobody paid any attention to the child after picking it up but looked after Mrs. Tolkan. When she revived she whispered that her child was dying.

A hurry call for an ambulance was sent to St. Catherine's Hospital. Dr. Callahan found the child at the point of death and removed her and Mrs. Tolkan to that institution. The child died an hour later.

Senator Hanna's Daughter Weds.

Cleveland, Ohio, June 10.—In the presence of a large and distinguished assemblage Miss Ruth Hanna, youngest daughter of Senator and Mrs. M. A. Hanna was united in marriage to Mr. Joseph Medill McCormick, of Chicago, at St. Paul's Episcopal church here at high noon today.

In intrinsic beauty and interest the wedding expellid any similar function ever held in Cleveland. St. Paul's church was decorated with the utmost magnificence.

The bridal party entered under an arch of white peonies and deutzias, and the pews of the middle aisle were all marked with big bunches of the deutzias.

Mr. and Mrs. McCormick left for their wedding trip to Monticello, Ill. In the fall they will be at home in Chicago. The groom is one of the editors of the Chicago Tribune. He is a son of Robert S. McCormick, ambassador to Russia, and a grandson of the late Joseph Medill for many years owner and editor of the Chicago Tribune.

A Tarboro Negro Boy Wins Honor at New Haven School.

New Haven Dispatch, 6th.

William A. Perry, a colored lad of Tarboro, N. C., was to-day chosen salutatorian of the graduating class of the Hopkins Grammar School, a preparatory school for Yale. Perry is the son of the Rev. J. W. Perry, a colored preacher. The appointment was made for excellence in scholarship. He is the third colored student to win scholarship honors in Yale collegiate circles recently. The others were William Pichen, Little Rock Ark., '04, and George W. Crasord, '03 Yale law school, Birmingham, Ala., the former taking the Ten Eyck prize in the junior class and the latter the Wayland prize. Crawford has also been selected as a Townsend prize speaker at the law school commencement.

"I have been troubled for some time with indigestion and sour stomach," says Mrs. Sarah W. Curtis, of Lee, Mass., "and have been taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, which have helped me very much so that now I can eat many things that before I could not." "If you have any trouble with your stomach why not take these Tablets and get well?" For sale at J. E. Hood's drug store.

Wild Horses.

The wild horses of Arabia will not admit a tame horse among them, while the wild horses of South America endeavor to decoy domesticated horses from their masters and seem eager to welcome them.

Sage Tea.

It is said that good old ordinary sage tea is the very best thing yet discovered to prevent the falling out of the hair. It should be rubbed into the roots three or four times a week.

Letter to Geo. O. McRae, Kinston, N. C.

Dear Sir: Let's have a little private talk by ourselves on business; nobody else, please read.

You want to know how to do a cheap job of painting, and have it look good. Here is it: The cheapest thing there is in the way of a good-looking job—say nothing about its being good—is Devco; the regular thing in Devco.

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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI ATTENDING

Contest for Wiley Gray Medal Leading Feature of the Exercises Yesterday. Four Splendid Orations.

Editorial Correspondence.]

Durham, N. C., June 10, 1903.

A gentleman sitting near me last night in the Craven Memorial hall said the hall is more crowded tonight than throughout all the previous commencement exercises. He explained the occurrence by saying that people are "always interested in the boys." And so they are.

Our State today, as is the case with our whole country, is looking anxiously to the boys, and the girls too, who are graduated from its colleges and university to take up the responsibilities of a leadership that is yearly becoming more exacting in its demands. Then to "the boys" who are just about to leave their Alma Mater and who carry a moment to deliver a parting message are so full of strength, hope and buoyancy, that cold and callous indeed is the man not interested in them.

The occasion bringing out the large audience was the delivery of the senior orations by four chosen members of the graduating class. The orations were striking in that the young men handled practical, everyday questions. They were full of thoughts applicable to the proper solution of problems that confront each community; and they were treated in a manner showing deep and comprehensive as distinguished from superficial thought.

Mr. Eli Wade Cranford, of Ophir, N. C., spoke on "Activity the Cure for Pessimism." The constant grumbler and inveterate kicker, the man who cannot talk five minutes without complaining was presented to the audience, and was told to get out and do something worth while in the world as the best cure for the mental and moral indigestion that afflicts him.

"The Spirit of Lawlessness," was ably discussed by Mr. Leslie Powell Howard, of Mobile, Ala. The speaker recounted the many forms of lawlessness that are manifested in American character. The lawlessness of labor, of capital, of mobs, of communities in the non-enforcement of law, and of individuals in disregard of their obligations. Then in a stirring appeal he pointed out agencies that should stiffen this spirit and make us a law-abiding people.

The next speaker was Mr. Charles Frank Lambeth, of Thomasville, N. C., who spoke on "A Period of Transition," showing how American life, and especially how our southern life is undergoing a change. He brought out very forcibly the fact of transition in life and conditions in North Carolina, and showed us how to learn from history the best method of adapting ourselves to coming conditions.

Mr. William Walter Peelle, of Gibson, N. C., was the last speaker. The subject of his oration was "The Power of the Individual." He contended, with many allusions to history and literature, that the individual has never been the mere product of environment, the mere child of circumstances, but that all success in the world is due the development of that God-given principle of life and energy implanted in every human being.

The orations were of an excellent type and deeply appreciated by the large audience. Without a doubt many seeds of thought that may some time ripen into noble action were sown. A committee composed of Dr. D. G. Detwiler, of Charlotte, Dr. Dred Peacock, of Greensboro, and Senator Simmons decided that Mr. W. W. Peelle had presented the best oration, and to him was awarded the Wiley Gray medal for oratory.

On the rostrum, besides President Kilgo, there were among others, Hon. James H. Southgate, president of the board of trustees, United States Senators Simmons and Overman, Lieut. Governor W. D. Turner, Judge B. F. Long, of Statesville, State Auditor B. F. Dixon, Dr. D. G. Detwiler and Dr. Dred Peacock.

Excellent music was furnished for the occasion by the Richmond orchestra. A tantalizing feature of the evening was the continual going and coming of the electric lights in the memorial hall, which led Dr. Kilgo to say that one of the fortunate circumstances ahead of the college was in the fact that the present contract for lights expires in November. At present the company that lights the city undertakes to furnish lights for the park, and at times the service is unsatisfactory. Next fall the college will probably install its own dynamo and then will not be dependent for lights.

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SUPERIOR COURT.

Graham and Faucett Guilty of Highway Robbery—Other Cases.

The case of the State vs Henry Graham and Richard Faucett for highway robbery which has been occupying the attention of the court since Tuesday 12 o'clock, ended yesterday evening by the jury rendering a verdict of guilty, after being out about five minutes.

Judge Peebles sentenced both to 10 years in the State prison at hard labor. An appeal was taken by the defendants.

This case which has attracted a great deal of attention was the robbing of L. K. Nicholson about seven miles from Kinston, on the south side of the river, one night last fall when he was returning home from selling tobacco in Kinston.

The evidence was almost entirely circumstantial, the chain being woven by the State so completely as to satisfy the jury as to their guilt.

Part of the testimony showed the men in question to be in the neighborhood that night, and Nicholson, though he could not recognize them, did see three men with shot guns.

This fact in conjunction with the fact that the men were proven to be, and admitted being in that section during the day with guns completed the chain. The amount stolen was twenty-five dollars.

The case has been stubbornly fought by both State and defense, the solicitor being aided in the prosecution by Isler & Shaw and H. I. Harris. The defendants were represented by Capt. Swift Galloway and T. C. Wooten.

Several good speeches were made on the two sides and especially was Solicitor Duffy's speech complimented by those who heard it, many declaring it to be the strongest appeal ever made to a jury in this county.

The appeal bond was fixed at \$500, which the prisoners have not given yet.

The following cases have been disposed of in addition to the above since yesterday:

State vs Will Sherrod; assault. Alias capias.

State vs Will Sherrod, S. A. Quinley and Felix Sutton. Judgment absolute on the bond according to sci. fa.

State vs William Mason; assault with deadly weapon. Nol. pros with leave.

State vs Ray Morton; false pretense. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

State vs Essex Battle; injury to personal property. Guilty, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

State vs Gay Lumber Co. and J. W. Lynch; trespass. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

State vs David Floyd; larceny. Not guilty.

State vs Benjamin Cannon; assault with deadly weapon. Not a true bill.

Jim Wilcox Must Serve His Sentence.

Raleigh, N. C., June 11.—James Wilcox, the alleged slayer of Nellie Crosey, will have to serve thirty years in the penitentiary—according to the judgment of the court of Perquimans county court, as rendered last February.

The supreme court handed down its decision of the case as appealed yesterday and affirmed the judgment of the lower court.

Judge Connor writes the opinion, which is a full, beautifully written and learned discussion of this mysterious case. The opinion goes into detail—takes up each point in each exception—in the case, one at the time and disposes of each in order.

After going over the evidence Justice Connor concluded with the following words:

"We think that, in this case, measured by the standards prescribed by law, the evidence was properly submitted to the jury and we cannot say they have reached an incorrect conclusion."

S. C. Flood Sufferers Grateful.

Charlotte, June 9.—A special to the Observer from Spartanburg, S. C., says:

Mayor A. B. Calvert this afternoon gave out the following:

"The people of Spartanburg and the sufferers from the recent floods in this county have been profoundly touched by the generous contributions that have come so promptly from all parts of the country to relieve distress among the sufferers from the flood at the mills in this county. These contributions have been so large that it is now thought by the relief committee here that further funds will not be needed."

Shocked to Death at Raleigh.

Walter Martin, a young white man employed in the power house of the Raleigh Electric Co., was instantly killed Tuesday morning by coming in touch with a live wire. He was showing a new engineer through the place, telling him what he could and could not touch. He went to the switch board, raised his hand to pull down a lever, but instead of taking hold of the handle, grasped the copper part below. Instantly 1,100 volts of electricity permeated his body, killing him instantly. Martin was 21 years old, a son of E. W. Martin one of the tax assessors for Raleigh township.

Pepsi-Cola, the new drink, which has become so popular in such a short time is indeed a remarkably fine drink. Assisting the digestion and not effecting the nerves or appetite. It is most delicious and satisfying. 5-cts at all soda fountains.

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NORTH STATE NEWS

Clipped and Culled From Our North Carolina Exchanges.

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Gossip Gathered from Murphy To Manteo of Importance to Our Tar Heel Readers.

Shelby witnessed the greatest rainfall that has ever fallen there, Tuesday. The crops were damaged very much, but 10 lives have yet been reported lost.

At the Soldiers' Home in Raleigh some improvements are being made. The dining room, which now seats 88, is being enlarged, in order to seat 40 more of the inmates.

In the federal court at Charlotte Tuesday morning Dr. Frank Bright, W. H. Hester and Marian Carver, the last of the famous cherry tree gang, were sentenced. Judge Boyd took occasion to give the men a severe lecture. Bright was sentenced to 6 months in jail and fined \$500 and costs. Hester was given 10 days in jail and fined \$100 and costs. Carver was fined \$25 and costs.

Raleigh Times: Last night, at her home on North street, Miss Anna Gales showed a remarkable nerve for a young lady by discharging a pistol several times at a man who was endeavoring to enter the window. At the time of the attempted robbery there was no one in the house except Miss Gales and her mother. Fortunately both escaped without any injury, with the exception of a pretty good fright.

Statesville Landmark: Last week Mr. J. L. Mason, of Davie county, sold some tobacco in Statesville and while en route home on Wednesday became insane. Whether his mind had previously been affected we don't know, but it is learned that when he reached the vicinity of Fifth Creek church, in Cool Spring township, on his way home, Mr. Mason became so violent that those with him had to tie him before they could take him home.

A charter was issued Tuesday for the Greenville Buggy Co., of Greenville, N. C., the capital stock being \$50,000 authorized and \$5,000 subscribed. The object of the company as specified are the manufacture and sale of all styles of buggies and parts thereof and of agricultural implements. The incorporators, each of whom subscribes to \$1,000 of stock are E. A. Mays, E. A. Mays, Jr., D. D. Gardner, W. R. Smith and J. E. Warren.

In a drunken negro riot at Cumberland, Union (negro church) near Little River, on Cumberland-Harnett line Sunday night, three negroes were shot and cut. One negro, Addison Barney, was shot and cut to pieces. Three negroes emptied their revolvers, twelve shots, at him. He died Tuesday. The three negroes implicated are in jail. It is hard to get particulars as the affair was wholly among negroes. Whiskey sold somewhere about there was the cause of the riot.

William H. Bobbitt, 67 years old and a prominent citizen of Marion, N. C., committed suicide in the lobby of the Orton hotel at Wilmington, Tuesday. He had been drinking heavily and it is thought was despondent as a result, and after handing the clerk a note for his brother to come and take some papers out of his pockets, walked across the room, sit down on a seat and pulling out a pistol, placed it to his temple and fired, the ball passing clear through his head.

Charlotte Observer: In the district court yesterday afternoon, Miss Jane Birns, daughter of Dave Birns, of Rutherford county, was charged with illicit distilling of corn whiskey. "Are you guilty?" asked Judge Boyd. "I am guilty," was the reply in a firm voice. The court graciously suspended judgment, though the father of the girl was fined one hundred dollars and sentenced to one month's imprisonment after he had pleaded guilty to a charge of blockading.

Goldboro Argus: Some unknown person is having quite a lot of fun at the expense of other people. The center of the railroad tracks in this city is used quite extensively by bicycle riders. The space between the Southern and Atlantic Coast Line tracks makes an ideal race track for nearly half a mile. Some sour-tempered individual who has a grievance against bicycle riders has recently strewed the bicycle track with tacks and the bicycle repairers are reaping a harvest.

Laurinburg special to Charlotte Observer: A 'phone message from John Station, in the southern part of this county, brings the news of a tragedy committed near that place this afternoon at 5 o'clock. A Croatan by the name of Walter Scott was found dead by the roadside, with a pocket knife sticking in his body. It has developed that Scott had a one-armed white man, who was known in the community as C. E. Graves, met in the road, when a quarrel ensued with the above result. It seems that a woman is at the bottom of the homicide. It is said that Graves is a man of desperate character, having boasted of killing 3 men. At this writing Graves has not been apprehended.

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