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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.

The Norfolk office of the weather bureau is informed that northeast storm warnings are displayed at Miami and Jupiter on the east coast of Florida. The storm center is apparently south of the Bahamas and seems to be moving northward.

Richmond, Sept. 23.—Members of the firm of John L. Williams & Sons of this city, said to be the largest owners of the Seaboard Air Line Railway stocks and partners of President John Skelton Williams of the Seaboard positively deny the story printed this morning that Mr. Williams is to retire from the presidency and that Mr. Yokum, of the Rock Island, will name his successor.

London, Sept. 23.—To the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner," "Marching Through Georgia" and other American airs, some 200 members of the Honorable Artillery Company left their London armory today and took a train for Liverpool to embark on the Dominion line steamer Mayflower bound for Boston. A large crowd of friends of the artillerymen assembled early to wish them good luck.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Joseph G. Cannon, the most distinguished of North Carolina's native sons, will be unable to attend the gathering of non-resident native Tar Heels in Greensboro next month. It was Mr. Cannon's desire to be present at the reunion, but stress of business made it impossible. This afternoon he mailed a letter to the invitation committee at Greensboro, saying it would be impossible for him to be present.

Atlanta Ga., Sept. 22.—The Atlantic Coast Line's franchise tax returns have been more than doubled by the arbitrators and the assessment of the tangible property of the road stands practically as fixed by the comptroller general of the state. The return made by the railroad placed a valuation of \$8,099,369 on the property owned by the railroad in Georgia. The comptroller general refused to accept this return and assessed the property at \$12,813,471. The question was then given over for settlement to a board of arbitration. The report of the board of arbitration has placed the valuation at \$10,649,986.

New York, Sept. 23.—At a meeting of the American Automobile Association today, it was decided to follow the idea of the League of American Wheelmen by establishing divisions in each state, including North Carolina, the headquarters of which will probably be at Charlotte. If the new movement be successfully carried out there will be two rival national bodies of a distinctive character. The American Automobile Association provides also for individual membership, but automobilists at large will in the nature of things, be more likely to affiliate with such distinctive organizations of individuals as the American Motor League as opposed to association of clubs. Some plan is likely to be adopted, however to consolidate the organization.

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THE TRUE FISHERMAN.

He Enjoys Nature's Beauties and is Not a Mere Butcher.

The angler's art is but a pretext, or rather, the incentive to a ramble, and not the sole object of the fisherman, unless, alas, he belongs to that too common variety, the man whose sole object is his catch. Such a man fishes with a worm, hides fingerlings in the depth of his basket and photographs his catch as a witness of his crime. He is not a fisherman, but a butcher. A yellow primrose on the river's bank is to him a primrose and nothing more.

The true fisherman loves to catch fish, to match his wits against the weary trout, but as he wanders from pool to pool the songs of the birds greet him restfully. Every turn in the stream reveals a nook in which strange wild flowers nestle. The gentle excitement of the sport prevents the scene from becoming monotonous. The element of chance, the uncertainty of the catch, add the drop of tobacco sauce which gives zest to the day. And the nontide meal by the brink of the stream! When did a meal have a more delightful flavor? Delmonico never served a trout like unto those we have eaten by the banks of a mountain brook with the clear blue sky above, the waving forest round about and the murmuring stream at our feet.

The hour of contemplation comes afterward, with the pipe of peace in our hand instead of the relliquished rod. How far off the city gema! Are there such things as corporations, trusts, stocks, bonds, electric lights that amaze the sight, harsh warnings of trolley gongs, the rumble and grind of the wheels and the brakes on the elevated road which affright the ear? The harshest note that breaks the stillness here is the boom of the bittern in the distant marsh.

Home to camp the fisherman goes, taking a cast in this silent pool in which the trout rose in the forenoon to his cast, but missed the fly, or in that dark hole deep under the bank in which a vigilant eye may detect the brown sides of a trout with lazily waving fins and tail, an old campaigner not easily caught.—Dr. A. T. Bristow in World's Work.

CHINESE CONTRASTS.

We bake bread; in China they steam it.

We divide the day into twenty-four hours; they into twelve.

We locate intellect in the brain; they locate it in the stomach.

Our calendar is based on solar time; theirs is based on lunar time.

With us the seat of honor is on the right; with them it is on the left.

Our given name precedes the surname; theirs follows the surname.

The needle of our compass points to the north; theirs points to the south.

We have standard weights and measures; their weights and measures differ in each district.

Our children stand facing the teacher to recite their lessons; theirs turn their backs to the teacher.

Our watchmen quietly go their rounds with a view to catching thieves; theirs beat gongs and yell to frighten them away.

We bury our dead a few days after their decease; they often keep theirs in the house in heavy, sealed coffins for years.—"China's Millions."

The Hookah in India.

The hookah is smoked as a refreshment and sign of fellowship by the natives of India and not merely as a luxury. When a group of natives are seated together and, as is the custom, the hookah is passed around to each in turn it is considered very bad manners for any one to decline to have a few puffs. If the hookah is thus refused in a friend's house or while one is the guest of another it is regarded as an insult. If for any reason a native is put out of caste the fact is strictly marked by his former caste fellow's refusal to smoke with him, and any one who eats, drinks or smokes with an outcast is himself outcasted.—Chambers' Journal.

"Executive Ability."

"But then, of course, he has executive ability," we said conclusively. "Executive ability!" repeated our acquaintance. "What do you mean by that?"

"Why, the quality of holding subordinate responsible for failures and taking credit to ourselves for their successes," we responded.

Which we considered rather clever for studied impromptu.—New York Herald.

A Mystery Explained.

"I don't understand," said the ignoramus at the academy, "why they always put the baldheaded men up in the front row."

"That's easy," butted in the usher. "They put 'em up there so they'll be near the flies."—Boston Herald.

Evil.

Good is positive. Evil is merely privative, not absolute. It is like cold, which is the privation of heat. All evil is so much death or nonentity.—Emerson.

NEGRO MUST BE RECOGNIZED.

President Roosevelt Will Carry into Effect His Plans for Colored Voters.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 22.—J. O. Thompson, collector of revenue for Alabama, and one of the president's referees in this state, said this afternoon, upon his return from a conference with the president at Oyster Bay, that Mr. Roosevelt was determined to carry out his plan of recognizing the negro as an element in the party.

He pronounced as unjustifiable the report that the president was seeking reconciliation with the Vaughan and Bingham, or "Lilywhite," faction, which eliminated the negro from the last state convention. Vaughn and Bingham bear him out in the latter statement.

The eight vacancies in federal offices occurring in this state in December will be filled by the nominees of the referee, and the "Lilywhites" will seek consolation in trying to send an Alabama delegation opposed to Roosevelt to the national convention.

FILIPINO COLOR LINE DRAWN.

Princeton, Ind., Board Decides That Boy from the Islands Cannot Attend School.

Evansville, Ind., Sept. 22.—The school board of Princeton in this state has decided not to admit a Filipino boy into the public schools of that place. P. T. Gilbert who is the instructor of English in the Princeton schools became attached to a Filipino boy while in the Orient, decided to take him to Princeton. The lad is twelve years old and is intelligent.

When Mr. Gilbert expressed his intention of placing the lad in the public schools of Princeton the "color line" was raised and the prejudice against the little fellow became so great that the members of the school board were forced to call a meeting at which they decided against the boy. Mr. Gilbert was much disappointed by the decision of the board and has sent the Filipino boy to Cincinnati.

DEMAND FOR CHEMISTS.

The University Has More Applications Than it can Supply.

Chapel Hill, Sept. 23.—The department of chemistry at the State University has been asked to furnish a man for the position of laboratory assistant in chemistry at Cornell University, but the place could not be filled by the department here owing to the fact that all who are equipped for the position have good situations elsewhere. The department of chemistry has for several years had all the students that could be accommodated, which is still the case. Every year there are more applications for chemists than can be filled by the department.

What is true of this department is in a measure true of other departments in the college.

It will be remembered that two positions in Florida University were recently filled with men from here.

5000 Colored Democrats.

Primaries of the United Colored Democracy were held yesterday in all of the assembly districts of Manhattan and the Bronx in New York city. The headquarters, at 324 west Fifty-ninth street, were crowded during the day, and the returns were all received there at night. The organization is six years old and represents a membership placed by its officers at 5,000.

A Tiger Story.

There is a story current at Kuloang central China, about a tiger which gave trouble in that quarter. A missionary and his wife had been worried by the tiger prowling nightly around their home. They determined to be rid of it and one night tied a cow up in the back yard and a dog at the front of the house. Then they armed themselves with guns and kept watch. The tiger appeared. The missionary fired and killed the cow. The wife rushed to see what had happened, and in her absence the tiger ate the dog.

Read the Signs.

The Young Man—I have known for a long time past that you cared for me. The Lady—Really! How is that? The Young Man—From the fact that your people put themselves out of their way to snub me.

A Wanted Ornament.

Old Graybeard—It's a pity to keep such a pretty bird in a cage. Mrs. De Style—Isn't it a shame! How perfectly exquisitely lovely it would look in a hat!—New York Weekly.

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NO LEASE WAS MADE

The State Does Not Favor Lease of the A. & N. C. Railroad

MEETING TO BE HELD IN DECEMBER

Private Stockholders Seem to Favor a Lease Upon Advantageous Terms. President Bryan's Report.

News and Observer.

Newbern, Sept. 24.—There was excitement and deep interest at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad today, when Dempsey Wood, of Lenoir, representing Lenoir county, himself and Mrs. Florence Tucker, of Raleigh, the largest private stockholders in the road, sprung a surprise on the meeting by introducing a resolution calling for another meeting Thursday, December 10th, when the private stockholders in conjunction with the representatives of the State's interest are to consider propositions to lease the road, and it was declared as the sense of the private stockholders' meeting that the road should be leased.

This action was not in official meeting as the State proxy, J. W. Grainger withdrew, thereby breaking up the regular meeting. There was a clash over an intimation in President Bryan's report that the mortgaged indebtedness of the road should be increased and a resolution of Dempsey Wood was adopted declaring that no additional mortgaged indebtedness should be created for any purpose whatever. Afterwards the report of President Bryan was adopted.

After the State's proxy, Mr. J. W. Grainger, retired, Chairman Robinson attempted to reverse the famous ruling that "there can be no meeting without the State proxy," saying that he had excused Mr. Grainger for a few minutes, but this was not accepted and the irregular meeting proceeded without organization to adopt the resolution which expressed the sentiment of the majority of private stock. After the private stockholders completed their argument the State's proxy returned and the regular session was resumed.

W. W. Mills, of Raleigh, and H. L. Finlayson, of Goldsboro, were present and though they made no proposition to lease the road, the resolution referred to was adopted and it was stated in the meeting that the resolution was not intended as an invitation or advertisement that the road would be leased to the corporation offering the highest rental. It is ascertained that a clause in the proposed lease will nullify the lease if the lessees should turn it over in any way either to the Southern Railway or the Atlantic Coast Line.

Mr. C. E. Foy offered a resolution in effect that the road would not be leased for less than 4 per cent., but no action was taken on this. J. W. Grainger announced Gov. Aycock's decision against the lease as already proposed and President J. A. Bryan spoke in favor of leasing the road. In his report President Bryan shows that the road made 4 per cent. during the past year, but he declares himself powerless, as the Coast Line controls the situation. He says, however, that the Coast Line is friendly.

The opinion was expressed that the Coast Line would not adopt a policy to injure the State's property. There is great interest in the effect of today's meeting on value of stock.

After the stockholders' meeting the new directors re-elected President Bryan, secretary and treasurer Manly and counsel W. C. Munroe and recommended the continuation of all others at the pleasure of the president. The directors granted the use of right of way over its property to the Pamlico, Oriental and Western Railway.

It is stated that Mr. Wood, when he voted Lenoir county for Dr. Tull, chairman of the board of commissioners, had not consulted the latter as to the county's position in the matter, and it is thought the county would not have favored the resolution. The directors and finance committee are the same as heretofore.

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SUPERIOR COURT.

Suit of G. V. Cowper, Trustee, vs T. C. Wooten and Abe Marks Ended.

In the superior court yesterday evening the jury rendered a verdict in the case of G. V. Cowper, trustee, vs T. C. Wooten and Abe Marks, which has occupied the attention of the court since Wednesday. They found for the defendants.

The case is one of more than ordinary interest to the public and the circumstances seem to be about as follows:

Three stores belonging to Charles Dunn were sold under foreclosure and Mr. T. C. Wooten bought them for \$2,900. Later he sold the stores to Mr. Marks for \$5,300. Mr. Cowper, as trustee, brought an action to recover the difference between the price paid by Mr. Wooten and the price obtained from Mr. Marks, alleging in his complaint that Mr. Wooten was the attorney for Dunn when he bought the property and therefore the profit in the trade should go to creditors. Mr. Wooten in his answer denies that he was the attorney of Dunn at the time of the purchase, but says that he bought the property for himself in open bidding, which Dunn knew at the time of sale, to be a bona fide purchase for himself (Wooten) and not for Dunn, as his previous relationship with Dunn, as his attorney, had ceased before the order for the sale had been made by the court, on account of Dunn's not complying with the terms of retaining him (Mr. Wooten.) It was in evidence that Mr. Wooten had signed the consent judgment for the sale, as attorney for Dunn, and therefore the plaintiff says, was the attorney.

Mr. Wooten admits signing the judgment, but says he did so under a misapprehension, believing that Dunn had paid to Mr. A. J. Loftin, an associate counsel, the retainer, which would have made them attorneys in the case. On finding out that these terms had not been complied with, Mr. Wooten files affidavit that he is not attorney in the case, and so states in the court at the time sale was ordered. The point at issue is whether Mr. Wooten bought the property while attorney for Dunn, and the jury decided that he did not.

HOOKERTON ITEMS.

September 24, 1903.

Mr. E. S. Edwards went to Ayden today and will return Tuesday.

Messrs. C. A. Lassiter and Will Canady, of Snow Hill, were here a while Wednesday.

Mrs. W. O. Dixon and children went to Greenville Sunday to spend a week with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Brown.

Miss Ida Edwards, of Ayden, came Monday to spend several days with her sister, Mrs. B. F. D. Albritton.

Miss Fannie Dixon, of Dixonville, came Sunday to visit her many friends here and returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. D. H. Dixon and Miss Julia B. Taylor went to Kinston today to visit friends, and will return Friday.

Miss Palmetto Taylor and Mr. Guy Taylor went to Winterville Saturday to visit friends and returned Sunday.

Mrs. Bettie Moseley, of Greenville, came Friday to visit her daughter, Mrs. W. O. Dixon, and returned home Sunday.

Dr. H. D. Harper, Sr., of Kinston, will fill his regular appointment in the Christian church here next Sunday morning.

Miss Annie Edwards, who has been spending several days with friends here returned to her home at Ayden Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. D. Albritton went to Ayden Saturday to visit the family of Mr. J. J. Edwards and returned Monday.

Mrs. D. H. Dixon left Tuesday to attend the Newbern District Sunday School Conference, which is in session at Dover this week.

Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock a pretty marriage was celebrated in the M. E. church at this place. The contracting parties were Mr. Jesse Roberson, of Lenoir county, and Miss Effie Litchfield, the oldest daughter of Mr. M. E. Litchfield, of this place. Rev. E. Pope, pastor of Snow Hill circuit, officiated. Immediately after the ceremony the bridal couple, with a few invited friends, left for the home of the groom's parents where a reception was given.

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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.

John Mangum, janitor of the State Museum, at Raleigh, attempted to take his life Wednesday night by swallowing two ounces of laudanum, but Dr. Rowland, who was summoned by Mr. Mangum's son, succeeded in bringing him to after a half hours' work.

Charlotte, Sept. 23.—At the inquest over the body of Will Smith in Sharon township today, the coroner's jury, presided over by Coroner Cathey, found "that the deceased came to his death from a pistol wound at the hands of John Kirk, who fired the revolver with criminal intent." It was at first thought that the shooting was accidental, but after the burial the suspicion of the county officials was aroused and the inquest was held.

Counsel for Congressman Gudger have completed their brief in his contest. Mr. Gudger claims his election by a majority of approximately 500. The brief refers in terms exceedingly uncomplimentary to J. M. Campbell, who opposed Mr. Gudger in the convention and was subsequently a witness for contestants. It declares that the evidence shows Mr. Campbell to have been "a violent, vicious, venomous supporter of contestants." The contention is made that the contest should naturally have ceased with the death of Mr. Moody.

Wilmington Messenger: Yesterday morning at the foot of Brunswick St. two old colored men, both of whom must be near the three score and ten mark, got into a dispute about a wheelbarrow which came near a tragedy. One of the aged darkies, John Pugh, attempted to injure the other one, Simon McFarland, with an axe. The latter took to flight and the former pursued attempting while so doing to use the axe. Finally Pugh caught up with McFarland and made a lung at him with the blade which would have had a fatal result but just at that moment McFarland stumbled and fell and the axe cleaved simply the air.

Charlotte News: No. 97, the Southern's fast mail train came very near being ditched yesterday afternoon just north of Danville. The presence of mind of a small boy saved it. Just before reaching Danville and at a time when the train was speeding along at the rate of a mile a minute, the engineer saw a small boy standing some distance down the track frantically waving his hat. The engineer at once applied the airbrakes and stopped the train. Upon examination it was found that one of the heavy iron rails of the track was broken. The little boy was walking about the track and noticed the broken rail. About that time he heard the approaching train and had presence of mind enough to wave it down. After about an hour's delay the train proceeded on its way south.

Secretary Wilson Talks Corn.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Secretary Wilson of the agricultural department returned to Washington tonight from Ogden, Utah, where he delivered a speech before the irrigation congress. His journey both ways took him through the heart of the corn belt and tonight he said:

"The corn crop, owing to the peculiarity of the season, was late and light. Heavy floods destroyed it on bottom lands to a great extent. Continued rains throughout June and July saturated the level lands and retarded the growth of corn. The frost has injured it in streaks. There will be plenty of corn in the country because feeding last year was unprofitable and many secured this season. Taking wheat and our farm products as a whole there is an abundance in the land."

THE COTTON MARKET.

Reported by Baxter & Co.

| | HIGH | LOW | CLOSE |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| May..... | 9.18 | 9.41 | 9.44 |
| September..... | 11.20 | 10.80 | 10.82 |
| October..... | 9.50 | 9.33 | 9.37 |
| November..... | 9.47 | 9.33 | 9.33 |
| December..... | 9.45 | 9.34 | 9.37 |
| January..... | 9.47 | 9.32 | 9.35 |
| February..... | 9.44 | 9.36 | 9.36 |
| March..... | 9.48 | 9.33 | 9.37 |

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