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WILL CHOOSE A PRESIDENT

Trustees in Special Session Thursday

YOUNG CORRECTS IMPRESSION

Agitation of Dog Tax—State Chemist Back From Test Farms—Experiments Progressing Splendidly—Crops Look Excellent

Raleigh, N. C., July 20.—A president for the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanics Arts to succeed Dr. George T. Winston, is to be chosen in this city on Thursday of this week by the board of trustees in special session for that purpose in the executive office of Governor Glenn. The consensus of opinion seems to be that the choice of the board will be Dr. D. H. Hill, who was for a number of years discharged with marked efficiency and ability the duties of vice-president and head of the department of English, Gov. Glenn is ex-officio chairman of the board of trustees, which is composed of the following: W. H. Ragan, High Point; N. B. Broughton, Raleigh; M. B. Stickle, Concord; D. A. Tompkins, Charlotte; W. B. Cooper, Wilmington; E. M. Koonce, Jacksonville; H. R. Ricks, Rocky Mount; W. E. Daniel, Weldon; J. T. Ellington, Clayton; Locke Craig, Asheville; T. T. Ballinger, Taylorsville; C. W. Gold, Raleigh; O. L. Clark, Winston.

Hon. J. R. Young, state commissioner of insurance, says there appears to have gone out an erroneous impression as to what basis cities and towns in this state participate in the "Firemen's Relief Fund," established under the act of 1907 legislation and for which the first distribution of funds is just being made. The impression seems to have gained currency that only towns in which the premiums on fire insurance aggregate over \$6,000 would share in this fund whereas the fact is that every town that maintains a fire department with as \$1,000 worth of apparatus and observes the state law for inspection of buildings, participates in the fund. There are fifty-one such towns at this time and the fund just being distributed among these aggregates nearly \$7,000.

Raleigh is just now rather agitated over the matter of dog tax. There is a municipal tax on dogs due to be paid May 1. It develops that there are only twenty-nine dog owners who have paid this tax today and that last year there were only 104 payments of this tax. There is an increasing demand for the rigid enforcement of this tax, the elimination of hundreds of worthless curs that infest the city and for a requirement that all dogs on the streets must be muzzled.

Dr. B. W. Kilgore, state chemist, is back from a visit to two of the most important test farms operated by the state department of agriculture, he having the general supervision of the work. He says he found the Pender county farm which is devoted largely to experiments with truck and peaches, progressing admirably and the crops in the whole section fine. The national and the state authorities are co-operating in experimental equipment for irrigation. The other farm visited by Dr. Kilgore was the Edgecombe farm, this being principally for experiments with cotton, corn, clover and alfalfa. This farm is progressing admirably, the crops on it and through out the surrounding country being excellent.

John Evans has been sentenced to thirty years in the penitentiary for the murder of his own father, Gus Evans about two weeks ago, the old man having been shot through an open window as he lay in bed. It was one of the quickest trials on record for so serious an offense, Evans having been arraigned, jury empaneled, verdict rendered and sentence passed inside of a half hour. Counsel for Evans tendered a plea of guilty, but this was rejected by Judge Neal, the jury em-

CROPS BEST FOR YEARS

Put in Ground Under Favorable Conditions

SONG OF PROSPERITY HEARD

Depression in Business World Apparently Not Felt By Farmers—June Records Show Continued Activity in Building Operations in South. By Wire to The Sun. Baltimore, Md., July 20.—With the present crop prospects of the country as a basis for optimism, the Manufacturers' Record says this week: "Taking the whole country from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Lakes to the Gulf, the crops were put into the ground under more favorable conditions of weather and of cultivation than ever before. An abundant supply of labor, due to industrial depression, made it possible to thoroughly prepare the soil for planting and to thoroughly cultivate it since. With the exception of limited areas, weather conditions have been remarkably favorable, and as a whole the outlook indicates the most abundant yield which our land has ever known. The fruit trees everywhere are breaking beneath their load; the wheat and corn and oat crops promise to be equal to the largest ever gathered, or, if they fall short at all, only to the extent of a few million bushels; while throughout the south the cotton and corn fields are in splendid condition, free from grass than for many years and the sugar plantations of Louisiana indicate an exceptionally favorable outturn as compared with last year.

ANOTHER CONGRESS

Will Be Greatest Gathering of Roman Catholic Ecclesiastics

By Cable to The Sun. London, July 20.—Following the Pan-Anglican, another great congress is to assemble in London this summer. This is the Eucharistic Congress, which was first held at Avignon, in 1882. It will be the greatest gathering of Roman Catholic ecclesiastics ever seen in England. The Duke of Norfolk is president of the reception committee, which is making preparations to provide suitable accommodation for the prominent ecclesiastics, including more than sixty distinguished prelates, from all parts of the world, who will attend.

There will be present several cardinals from the United States, Rome, Spain, Germany, France, Belgium and other countries, and the special preacher at Westminster Cathedral Cardinal Gibbons.

MOUNTED SCHOOL SERVICE

Gen. Bell Issues Order Reorganizing the School

By Wire to The Sun. Washington, July 20.—An order reorganizing the administration of the mounted service school at Fort Riley, Kan., has been issued by Gen. Bell, chief of staff. The school henceforth will include the training school for officers and non-commissioned officers, shoemakers, and a school for bakers and cooks.

The faculty consists of officers and a school board consisting of the assistant commandant of the school, the senior instructors and the officers in charge of the schools for farriers, horse-shoers, and bakers and cooks will arrange the program of instruction.

FAMILY BIBLE TAMPERED WITH

Effort to Prove Girl a Year Younger Acquires Young Man

By Wire to The Sun. Suffolk, Va., July 20.—Because of alleged tampering with the family Bible by the mother of the girl who accused him, Robert Gilliam this afternoon won his freedom in Nansemond circuit court.

Gilliam was indicted for assaulting Mattie Southall. The gravity of the offense depended on the girl's age, which was disputed. She and her mother swore she was 13. The Bible record gave her birth as May 8, 1895.

But the last two figures were written in different color ink, and a microscopic examination instituted by the defense brought out portions of a "4" over which the "5" had been traced. The jury brought a verdict of acquittal without leaving the box.

Fatally Shot

By Wire to The Sun. Bristol, Va., July 20.—Harrison Robert, 22 years old, was shot and fatally wounded this morning by Henry Good, who, after being arrested and jailed, declared the shooting was accidental, and that he and Roberts were good friends.

LITTLE NEW IN DREW CASE

District Attorney Much Encouraged

RELATIVES WILL RENDER AID

Was Acquainted With Troy Dentist—Made Regular Visits to Meet a Young New York Trainman—It Is Known Both Men Have Sent Her Notes. By Wire to The Sun. Troy, N. Y., July 20.—There is little new today of the Hazel Drew murder case, but District Attorney O'Brien is much encouraged that relatives of, probably, the murdered girl, have at length come out of a spell and agreed to furnish such information and help as they can, to aid the authorities in bringing to justice the party or parties responsible for the death of the pretty governess.

While nothing so far discovered impugns the character of the dead girl, it is now known, she was acquainted with a young Troy dentist and went regularly to New York and would take a George mail train to meet a young New York trainman, running on it.

Both men used to send her notes and one night during the first week of July she went to the office of the dentist, but the dentist explains to the detectives who interviewed him, that this was purely a business call. She wanted a night appointment for fitting some teeth but he told her he could not attend to much work at night.

The railroad man, who lives in New York, will be interviewed today, by detectives of the Troy police department, who went to the city on the early train this morning.

Developments today in the Teal Pond murder mystery, although they cleared up some of the uncertainties of Hazel Drew's whereabouts on the day before she met her death, furnished little of material value to establish the identity of the girl's slayer. Where she spent the night of July 6, the day on which she said she was going to New York, is a question the authorities are unable to answer.

The story told by Mr. Frank Smith and Rudolph Gunderman that they saw Miss Drew on the Taborton road on the evening of July 7, when she is supposed to have been murdered, was partially corroborated today by Henry Rollman, who lives at Bears Head, near Glass Lake.

On the evening of July 7 Mr. and Mrs. Rollman drove to Averill Park, over the Taborton road. At a point about a quarter of a mile west of where Gunderman and Smith met Hazel they saw a girl. Mrs. Rollman remarked to her husband that such a pretty girl ought not to be alone on the road at that hour. The girl was standing near the side of the road picking berries, and after they had driven along for some distance Mrs. Rollman looked back and she was still standing where they had passed her.

"My! But that girl is having a good time with those berries," said Mrs. Rollman to her husband.

The incident was recalled when they read the accounts of Hazel Drew's death and Mrs. Rollman's description of the girl tallies with that of Hazel.

Mrs. Mary Robinson, who lives near the Drew family in this city, saw Hazel at the union station Monday, July 6, when the girl told her she was going to New York. Then she hurried out to take a local train to Albany. Of her movements from that time until her suit case was checked on Tuesday afternoon at the Troy railroad station, the authorities know little. The possibility that she may have spent Monday night in Albany caused an investigation to be made there today, but without result.

Peter Ciphery, a resident of Synners' Lake, thinks he saw her in company with a young man of dark complexion, on a trolley car going from Albia to Averill Park about 3 o'clock on July 7. Ciphery did not know Miss Drew, but his description of the girl he saw on the car makes the authorities think that it may have been her.

AMERICAN TEAM SECOND

Final Swimming Event This Morning

TEAM VERY HOPEFUL TODAY

Commissioner Sullivan Thinks We Have a Good Chance to Win Out in Long Run—Men will Have a Monopoly in Track and Field Contests. By Cable to The Sun. London, July 20.—C. W. Daniels, American team, won second of a 200 meter semi-final swimming event at the Olympic games this morning. The American team is very hopeful today for all dispute over the system, scoring insisted on by Britons for some days threatened to seriously impair the harmony of the games and hold up awarding of the trophies. Commissioner Sullivan said this morning: "We have a good chance to win out in a long run for in the track and field contests our men will have a monopoly and take practically every thing."

"We did not come over here to shoot bows and arrows but when it comes to the runs and jumps our team will show up at the top and will overcome the advantage the British athletics have gained in a kind of contest with which we are unfamiliar at home."

Mr. Sullivan admitted the strange climate and damp weather bothered his men but said they would all be in prime shape by the time the field events, on which the Americans are banking, are reached.

So far as the Americans were concerned the day passed off without any unpleasant incident, such as that connected with the tug of war Saturday; while the Canadians had one of their grievances rectified, the officials of the Cyclists' Union at the last moment allowing Young, of the Canadian riders, to start in the 100 kilometre race, for which they declared Saturday that he did not qualify. It was proven beyond dispute that this qualification was the result of a mistake by an official who placed the Canadian one lap behind where he belonged.

France's protest also in the cycling event, was added to by another today. Schilles protesting Jones, the winner of the 5,000 metres event. Schilles claimed a foul, but the protest was not allowed.

In the matter of scoring the United Kingdom completely outclassed the other countries, her athletes adding seven wins to their already good score. These included the archery contest, the 1,200 metre steeplechase; the 200 metre breast stroke swimming, the 5,000 metre cycling, the 10 kilometre cycling, the tug of war, and the 5-mile flat race.

The only two other events decided—the discus throwing, Greek style, and the fancy diving—went to America and Germany, respectively, but America accomplished two things today of which her supporters are extremely proud. In the first place Martin J. Sheridan, of the Irish-American Athletic Club, broke all previous records with the discus, at this style of throwing, making a distance of 128 feet 8 inches while M. F. Horr of the same club, was second, also with a record-breaking throw of 122 feet 5 1-2 inches. The other accomplishment of which all the athletes are talking was the success of J. L. Sisel, of the New York Athletic Club, in getting third place in the 3,200 metre steeplechase.

Plans to Extend Business

New York, July 20.—The American Bankers' Association is planning to extend its money order business abroad. It is the intention of the association to compete with the express companies who, up to the present, have carried on an extensive business in money orders.

It will arrange to have the association's money orders accepted everywhere, as express money orders are now.

IS DRAFTING SPEECH

Mr. Bryan and Secretary Rose Are Shut Up

By Wire to The Sun.

Fairview, Lincoln, Neb., July 20.—William J. Bryan, refreshed by the quiet of Sunday and no big political callers this morning shut himself up with Secretary Rose in study and commenced a rough draft of his speech of acceptance he will make August 12th to the democratic national committee, when that body comes to notify him of his nomination.

The speech will not be revised and ready until Bryan has read Taft's speech of acceptance to be delivered at Cincinnati on July 20th, as he wishes to reply to every argument of his opponent and is particularly anxious to know how the former war secretary really stands on solicitation of campaign contributions and also publicity promised for these contributions.

AUTOMOBILE LINE

Rain Delays Wheat Threshing—Crop an Average

By Wire to The Sun. Weaverville, July 20.—The newest thing in the way of news out this way is that an automobile is to run from this place to Newbridge station, making six trips a day to connect with the Rapid Transit Company's line for Asheville until the Weaverville Electric company completes their line from Newbridge to Weaverville. It is reported that the said Weaverville Electric Company will begin the building of this line next Monday and it is thought it will be completed in sixty or ninety days.

When a good schedule is established between Asheville and this place some of those "32 houses" spoken of in the Citizen some days ago will probably be built. Real estate here now is comparatively low in price, but will likely advance some when the cars are running.

After being delayed on account of the rain the threshers have started on their rounds. The quality of the wheat and the yield per acre is what may be called an average year.

LAD HELD FOR HORSE THIEF

Father Dead, Family Poor, and Hunger May Have Been Motive

Annapolis, Md., July 20.—George Schaeffer, 9 years old, will have a hearing here next Wednesday, under habeas corpus proceedings, on the charge of stealing a horse from Julius M. Marriott, of the First district. The horse was brought to Annapolis and sold for \$40. Most of the purchase money was recovered.

The boy is the son of David D. Schaeffer, who died at the Emergency Hospital here this week. The family has been in very poor circumstances for some time, and it is thought that the boy was driven to his deed by hunger.

HUNG JURY IN DAMAGE SUIT

Plaintiff, Who Asks \$12,000 From Railroad, Gets Nothing

By Wire to The Sun. Suffolk, Va., July 20.—After a two-days' trial, Willie Beaton's \$12,000 damage suit against the Norfolk and Western Railroad resulted this afternoon in a drawn jury.

There were only seven jurors. Five, who voted for damages, agreed to allow \$2,000, but two jurymen held out for the railroad.

Beaton claims he was thrown from a moving passenger train and had one leg cut off.

EDITOR'S WIFE FOILS ROBBER

Discovers Burglar Ransacking Their Bedrooms in the Dark

By Wire to The Sun. Salisbury, N. C., July 20.—The residence of John M. Julian, editor of the Salisbury Evening Post, was entered last night by a burglar, who extinguished a light at the head of the editor's bed, but while ransacking the house was discovered by Mrs. Julian. The thief fled.

Sam Holder, a colored drayman, was arrested for the crime today and is being held for trial.