

TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

Thanks From Maine.

Salisbury, Special.—Mr. P. B. Beard, president of the Old Hickory Club received a letter from Augustus B. Farnham, adjutant general of the State of Maine, thanking the club and citizens of Salisbury, through Mr. Beard, for the kindness and hospitality shown the Maine visitors here at the unveiling of the monument in the National Cemetery last month. Mr. Farnham was appointed by the Governor to represent the State of Maine at the unveiling of the monument here, as he could not himself come, and the following is a copy of the letter received:

State of Maine,
Adjutant General's Office,
Augusta, Maine,
June 1, 1908.

My Dear Sir:—I desire to thank you for myself and our entire party for the kindness showered upon us during our visit to Salisbury. It was believed by our party that every man, woman and child did everything possible for our comfort during our stay in your hospitable city. I am sure I do not know how we can repay you, but should any one from Salisbury visit us, we will try to make it apparent that we appreciated your kindness. Again thanking you, I am,
Yours very truly,
AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM,
Adjutant General State of Maine.

Miss Deal's Burns Fatal.

Lenoir, Special.—Miss Jennie Deal, the young lady who was so seriously burned while preparing supper at the home of her father one and one-half miles south of Lenoir, died last week from the fatal effects of the accident. The young lady's clothing in some way became ignited from the cooking stove as she was making coffee for the family and before she was able to extinguish the flames her body was enveloped and she fled from the kitchen into the yard. There was no other member of the family near when the accident occurred and before aid could reach her she was so seriously burned that she died about five hours later. Medical aid was at once sent for and everything done to relieve the intense suffering, but to no avail.

L. Banks Holt Shot.

A telephone message from Mr. McBryde Holt, at Graham, says: Mr. L. Banks Holt was found in his bedroom, about 11 o'clock, where he had supposedly gone for a nap, suffering from a severe scalp wound above his right eye. It is not known how the wound was inflicted. Gun wads, found in the room from the exploded cartridge, shows that the gun was loaded with No. 8 shot and it was possible that Mr. Holt was preparing to shoot some sparrows or cats. On account of serious illness in his family, and he aggravated by advancing years, has been very much depressed for several days past. The physician says that the wound, while serious, is not fatal. Mr. Holt is resting very well at this hour and his speedy recovery is hoped for and expected.

Chartered Recently.

Raleigh, Special.—Among recent charters are the following:
The Electric Laundry Company, of Concord, capital \$20,000; John F. Laughlin, W. S. Bingham, Lizzie Bingham and Fannie Laughlin incorporators.
North Carolina Rental and Collection Company, Winston; capital \$5,000; incorporators A. D. A. and Mrs. D. A. Nance.

Two Interesting Cases.

Asheville, Special.—The United States circuit court of appeals will sit in Asheville, commencing July 15. A number of interesting opinions will be handed down, among the most important being that of the South Carolina dispensary receivership case and the Westerfeldt-Adams million dollar copper mine suit.

County Attorney Fired.

Asheville, Special.—As a result, it is alleged, of his activity during the recent campaign preceding the Democratic primaries, ex-State Senator Charles A. Webb, who for the past eight years has held the position of attorney for Buncombe county, was requested by the board of county commissioners, the chairman of which Mark L. Reed, was defeated for reelection, to tender his resignation, which he promptly did. The reason given for the dismissal was that Mr. Webb was not in harmony with the board. Mr. Gallatin Roberts of Asheville has been chosen as successor.

Fire Near Statesville.

Statesville, Special.—The story of Webb Bros., general merchants, located near Oak Forest, was totally destroyed by fire, with its contents, Tuesday night between 11 and 12 o'clock. The loss is about \$1,000, partially covered by insurance. It is thought that the store was robbed before being burned and the Messrs. Webb and others are at work on the case.

Four Months' School For Caldwell

Lenoir, Special.—At the last meeting of the board of education it was found after a close calculation that there was not money enough to run the public schools of the county for four months as the law requires and this state of affairs was reported to the board of county commissioners, who promptly ordered an additional levy of 7 cents on the \$100 for educational purposes. County Superintendent Y. D. Moore says that every school district in the county will have the four months' school this year. Educational work in the county is on the upturn now, there being several new schoolhouses erected in various parts of the county.

The Merchants' Association.

Charlotte, Special.—The North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association held a largely attended and profitable session here last week. The association paid special attention to reports from all of the local associations in the State in order to demonstrate the good derived from membership in the organization. There were reports from nearly every town and city of importance in the State. One report recommended that the association recommend to the Legislature more stringent collection laws, suggesting that after a fixed number of notifications of debt without reply from the debtor, the same should be considered an acknowledgment of the debt and judgment proceedings should be provided for in such cases. It is not known what the association will do in this matter.

Nothing As To Court-Martial.

Wilmington, Special.—A long distance telephone message from Fort Caswell says nothing is known there of the reported court-martial of any members of the Charlotte Company for alleged disorder at Monroe while on the way to the post. The usual routine of artillery instruction was observed with a special lecture to the officers of the State troops by Captain Hasbrouck in regard to mines, planting, firing, etc. A sham battle is scheduled for next Tuesday just before the breaking of camp on Wednesday. On Sunday all the exercises will be suspended, except guard mount in the afternoon.

Negro Held Without Bail.

Henderson, Special.—Immediately upon the adjournment of the Superior Court on Friday last, at 6 o'clock, a. m., the preliminary trial of Nathan Brodie was held before Justices of the Peace Garey, James and Wortham charged with burglary, by entering the dwelling of Mrs. Lucy Fuller on the night of May 26th with intent of assault on her person. The identification was complete and the evidence was so damaging, the prisoner was committed to jail without bail. As yet, it is undecided whether to call a special court to try the case or wait until the regular term in October. At present all is quiet with no indication whatever of violence.

'Epidemic of Insanity.'

Asheville, Special.—What some people term an "epidemic of insanity" has prevailed around Asheville for the past several weeks. During this time several cases of insanity have been reported to the county authorities with request that the patients be placed in jail to prevent acts of violence. A case of insanity from the county has been reported every day this week. Sheriff Hunter has had as many as six persons in jail awaiting examination or admittance to the State Hospital.

Incorporations.

The Alamance Motor Car Company, of Haw River, was chartered. The purpose of the company is to operate an automobile line between Haw River, Graham and Burlington. The capital stock is \$35,000, but the company may begin business with \$300. The incorporators are: John W. McPherson, B. S. Robinson.

The Oliver Smith Company, of Wilmington, filed notice of a change of name to Coe-Mortimer Chemical Company.

The Muddy Creek Telephone Company will operate a rural telephone line in Davidson county. The capital stock is \$10,000, with \$280 subscribed. The incorporators are: J. S. Hegg, 10 shares; J. W. Hampton, J. D. Hill.

The Craven Grocery Company, of New Bern, was incorporated with a capital stock of \$15,000, but may begin business with \$2,250. The incorporators are: H. C. Armstrong, H. B. Armstrong, J. S. Miller, D. E. Henderson.

Killed By Lightning.

Elon College, Special.—At noon Thursday at their home about eight miles southwest of the college the wife and daughter of Mr. William Shepherd were struck by lightning and the daughter, Miss Pearl Shepherd, was instantly killed. Mrs. Shepherd was badly shocked but will recover. The Shepherd family lives on the Lewis Platt place near the Alamance Battle Ground.

SON SHOTS HIS FATHER

William Padgett Shoots His Parents, Near Cliffside—The Slayer Arrested and Taken to Jail at Rutherfordton.

Cliffside, Special.—Sunday evening about sundown John Padgett, 50 years of age, and his son, William Padgett 22 years of age, were drinking at their home 5 miles north of Cliffside, and while at the barn got into a fight. The son went to the house, and securing a gun started back to the barn and met his father and shot him, killing him instantly. The killing was witnessed by the family, who were standing on the porch of the residence but were unable to interfere. William Padgett was apprehended and sent to jail at Rutherfordton and John Padgett will be buried at Race Path church.

The Board Adjourns.

Raleigh, Special.—The State board of agriculture has adjourned after fixing the half-yearly budget, which approximates \$60,000, and embraces a great many lines of effort. The work of the department is State-wide and goes into many fields. It will soon have another test farm. There was a movement to have an auditor to keep the books and accounts, but this arrangement was not made and the acting secretary, or registration clerk, Mr. Elias Carr, will look after these matters as heretofore. Resolutions were adopted expressive of regret at the death of Secretary Thomas K. Bruner, these having been prepared by a committee composed of Messrs. Dunn, McCallum, Graham, Mitchell and Laughinghouse. The board adopted a resolution introduced by Mr. Laughinghouse, directing that active immigration work be done in Northwestern States. The State has appropriated \$5,000 for immigration work, the board of agriculture giving a like sum, but the latter has to spend its money before it can call on the State for the appropriation made by the latter. The board decided to make co-operative experiments at the test farm in Pender county in irrigation of truck crops, the United States Agricultural Department joining in these, the purpose being to ascertain the best methods of the application of water to such crops in that sandy soil. A committee was appointed to choose a location for another test farm, at some point in the northwestern part of the State, very probably in Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, or some county in that immediate section.

Killed By a Live Wire.

Thomasville, Special.—Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock John White, a lineman for the Thomasville Light and Power Company, was putting up an are light in front of John Myer's residence and while working, unthoughtfully he stepped from the box to the ground, still holding the live wire. Instantly 2,300 volts of electricity passed through him. Arch Taylor, colored, his assistant, saw him draw up and asked him what was the matter. Receiving no answer, he grabbed him and pulled him loose from the wire. Taylor was shocked but not seriously. Physicians were called, but White was already dead when they arrived. Artificial respiration and all means available were used to revive him but failed.

Charters Granted.

A charter is granted the Confederate Granite Company, at Wise, Warren county, capital stock \$25,000. Robert Michael and others stockholders. Another charter goes to the Electrical Laundry Company at Concord, \$20,000, John L. Laughlin and others; a third to the North Carolina Rental and Collection Company, of Winston-Salem.

The Hickory Railway and Power Company is authorized to change its name to the Hickory Railway Company, M. E. Thornton is its president.

Soldiers Get Two Years Each.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.—Joseph L. Henry and George Roberts, soldiers of the United States Coast Artillery, who pleaded guilty last week of robbing the Eggmont Key postoffice, were sentenced by Judge Lock in the United States Court to serve two years at hard labor in the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga.

Claim To Go Before Court.

Statesville, Special.—A claim filed by the late J. W. Gray, of Statesville, for \$250,000 for a cotton mill burned by the Federal army during the closing days of the civil war, has been referred to the Court of Claims, which means that it will be paid to the Gray estate if the loyalty of the claimant can be established, which it is said there will be no difficulty in doing. Mr. Gray was for many years the proprietor of Hotel Iredell, then the old Cooper House, of Statesville. His widow lives in Charlotte.

Killed By Seaboard Train.

Wilmington, Special.—The Charlotte train which arrived in the city Sunday morning at 1 o'clock ran over and almost instantly killed Iredell Hester, 30 years of age, half a mile west of Clarkton. Hester was lying on the track at its intersection with the county road and was seen by the engineer a little distance ahead, but too late to stop his train and prevent the tragedy, although under reduced speed for the station at the time.

THE REUNION OPENS

Confederate Veterans Gather At Birmingham, Alabama

WITH VERY LARGE ATTENDANCE

Eighteenth Annual Reunion of Confederate Veterans Opens in Birmingham With the Largest Crowd in the History of the Organization.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—The eighteenth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans was opened in this city Tuesday at the Hippodrome, Birmingham's largest convention hall, with a record breaking attendance. The day's sessions were devoted to organization and welcome addresses, the real business of the meeting coming up later, when a commander-in-chief to succeed the late General Stephen D. Lee, and the place for holding the next reunion will be chosen. In addition to the first session of the veterans' convention there were meetings of the Sons of Veterans, the Confederate Surgeons' Association, the Confederate Memorial Association and other organizations allied with the veterans.

When the convention was called to order by Major General George P. Harrison, the Hippodrome, which seats 5,000 persons, was crowded to overflowing and many failed to gain admission. The weather was extremely warm and many of the old veterans suffered much discomfort. A gloom was cast over the reunion by the recent death of the commander-in-chief, the late General Stephen D. Lee, who was to have presided over the meetings of the veterans, and whose annual address had already been prepared. This address was printed and distributed to the veterans, but the reading of it was postponed on account of the extreme heat.

The convention proper was opened with a prayer by the chaplain general, Rev. Dr. J. William Jones, which was followed by a children chorus of 200 voices.

Mayor Ward, of Birmingham, then welcomed the veterans in behalf of the city and Governor Comer for the State. Other welcoming addresses were made by Representatives of the local veterans association.

General E. L. Russell, who was invited by General Lee, to deliver an oration to the veterans, was the next speaker. He paid a high tribute to General Lee, describing him as he appeared in battle and discussed the conditions leading up to the war.

When the business session of the veterans had been concluded, many of the veterans went to Capital Park, where band concerts were given and many old acquaintances were renewed.

At the State fair grounds where the Hotel John B. Gordon which was opened for the free accommodation of veterans, is located, the visitors assembled to witness a grand fireworks display.

Among those whose names are mentioned for commander-in-chief are General Clement A. Evans, of the Department of Tennessee; General Cabell, of Texas, and General Gordon of Memphis.

Chattanooga, Atlanta and Houston, are the contestants for the next convention and all are making hard fights to secure the honor.

The streets of the city are crowded with the veterans and their friends, it being estimated that no less than 25,000 strangers are in the city, about 8,000 of whom are old soldiers.

Price of Steel to Be Out.

Pittsburg, Pa., Special.—The steel men have gone to a conference of steel and pig-iron men at the office of the United States Steel Corporation, New York, at which, according to Judge Gary, chairman of the executive committee, prices of all steel save rails will be out.

King and Emperor Meet.

Reval, by Cable.—The meeting between King Edward and Emperor Nicholas occurred Tuesday with due formality. It was the first time that an English monarch has ever made an official visit in Russian waters. The British squadron escorting the royal yacht Victoria and Albert with King Edward on board, entered the bay of Reval shortly after 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. The customary salutes were fired, and after an exchange of formal visits the King and the Emperor lunched on board the Russian Polar Star as the guests of the Dowager Empress.

Trouble Between Chinese and Japs in California.

San Francisco, Special.—Enmity between the Japanese and Chinese in the East has spread to the countrymen here. The Japanese are boycotting Chinese merchants in the coast cities in retaliation for the action of the Chinese in the Orient. The feeling is becoming acute and it is feared that race conflicts may develop.

HOKE SMITH BEATEN

Georgia Voters Fail to Endorse Present Governor

CLOSE OF A BITTER CAMPAIGN

The Primary Brings to an End One of the Hottest Political Campaigns in Georgia's History.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—All returns up to midnight indicate the election of Joseph M. Brown as Governor of Georgia in the general Democratic primary held Thursday by a majority of about 15,000.

The Constitution estimates that Brown has won by from 15,000 to 25,000. The Brown managers claim the majority is larger.

Governor Smith's campaign managers decline to make a statement, and the Governor himself says that he cannot comment on the primary.

The campaign was the hottest in the history of Georgia. In all the eleven congressional districts indications are that the present Democratic Congressmen will be returned, the only doubt being in the fifth where James L. Mayson may contest the election with Congressman Livingstone. There was no contest over the United States senatorship, S. C. Clay being the popular choice. The primary results mean election in Georgia; the other parties in the State making no contest.

With both Governors Hoke Smith and Joseph M. Brown claiming victory in the Georgia State primary the count is coming in slowly.

The Brown managers claim the nomination which is equivalent to election by from 25,000 to 40,000 James R. Smith political manager for Brown, gave The Associated Press the following statement:

"We fought a clean fight and won. The reasons for the victory are so pronounced that they would hardly admit of discussion. The attitude of the administration toward invested capital is perhaps the paramount issue. It was not an issue between men but what they represented. The day's election shows that the prevailing opinion among the people is that Mr. Brown's election would go far toward restoring confidence.

Governor Smith's managers, however, do not concede Brown's election and declare that a full vote will be necessary to determine the result.

A Heavy Vote Polled.

One of the heaviest votes in the history of Georgia was cast, men standing in line for hours in the larger cities like Atlanta waiting for a chance to mark their ballots.

In the interest of the Governorship all others were practically lost sight of.

The congressional districts, the hottest fight was in the fifth, where Congressman L. F. Livingstone was opposed by James L. Mayson. Returns indicate Livingstone's re-election though Mayson's friends say they will insist on an official count.

In the first district indications point to the re-election of Congressman Edwards, in the second to the re-election of E. B. Lewis, the fourth to congressman Anderson, the fifth to L. F. Livingstone, the sixth to congressman C. L. Bartlett, the seventh to congressman Gordon Lee, the eighth to Congressman W. M. Howard, the ninth to Congressman T. M. Bell, the tenth to Congressman Hardwick, and the eleventh to Congressman William G. Brantly.

United States Senator Clay, who was also a candidate in the primary, had no opposition.

MAJ. DREYFUS SHOT.

During the Canonization of Emile Zola in the Pantheon Louis Gregori, a Military Writer of Note, Draws a Pistol and Shoots Maj. Alfred Dreyfus in the Arm.

Paris, by Cable.—Just at the close of the ceremonies attending the canonization of Emile Zola in the Pantheon, when the President of France, the Premier and a host of ministers of State were taking their departure, Louis Anthene Gregori, a military writer of note, drew a revolver and fired two shots point blank at Maj. Alfred Dreyfus, for whose liberty Zola fought and won.

Men distinguished in all walks of life filled the pantheon, and when the shots rang out there was intense excitement in fear that the President had been assassinated, but even the attempt upon the life of Major Dreyfus created a profound impression. Soldiers speedily surrounded Gregori and he was taken to jail, bruised and bleeding with his clothes almost torn from his back.

Allison Re-Nominated.

Des Moines, Iowa, Special.—Returns from Tuesday's primaries that are complete in nearly all the counties of the State indicate that Iowa Republicans nominated William B. Allison for re-election to the United States Senate. His majority is now generally conceded to be at least 10,000. B. F. Carroll was nominated for Governor over Warren Garst by about 20,000 votes.

Good Roads.

Automobile Wear On Roads.

The general superintendent of the Chicago South Park system tells of his troubles with park roads in an article published in the April number of Municipal Engineering Magazine. He says:

"The greatest problem confronting park commissioners throughout the country is the preparation of some plan for inexpensive, comparatively durable and attractive pavements. Until recent years the macadam road was the most successful. Asphalt is hard, stiff in appearance, noisy, and, in wet weather, is slippery. Crushed stone, limestone being the cheapest and granite dressed with limestone the most satisfactory, provided a beautiful white street that practically was a dirt road so far as comfort and quiet was concerned. It cost only a small portion of the expense of asphalt, and so was adopted generally throughout the country.

"Then came the automobile. There are people who say they can see no difference between the effect of a carriage wheel and that of an automobile. One is beneficial and the other destructive. The former simply acts as a roller, while the motor-driven tire drags at the pavement, digs in, and tears loose the stone. Suction has little part in the damage. It all comes from the wheel where the purchase to push ahead must be secured.

"It is impossible to estimate the damage to roads done by chains used on tires. It is certain that they dig into the stone more than a smooth tire, but the wear on the pavement in summer is almost as bad as in winter, when chains are used. The greater damage in the latter season might be attributed to the fact that the stone is wet and more easily loosened.

"Some people imagine that places where ruts are worn in the regular path of the machine present the worst phase of the damage. They do not. A little dressing and a few trips of the steam roller often remedy such defects, and the worst damage we find is where cars just 'skin' the surface of the road. Then we have to resurface, and that costs from twenty to forty cents a square yard."

Good Roads Movement.

Morgan County has voted to issue bonds to the extent of \$260,000 with which to build better roads. This movement should spread from county to county until it covers the State. It will invite State aid and even national aid, and both will be needed in order to complete what local authorities may have begun.

Public sentiment should in every county support the Overton constitutional amendment, which aims to turn over to the good roads movement the earnings of all State convicts. Later on, perhaps, Congress can be induced to help the States that stand ready to help themselves. The good roads movement is moving steadily along and if every citizen who desires to see better roads in Alabama will aid the effort it will become after a while irresistible in both State and nation.

Morgan County points the way. Let the local authorities act first, and then the State and the nation can be trusted to come in later to complete the big task—a task that has a deal of development and education and comfort concealed in its entirety.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

A Permanent Organization.

The Good Roads and Drainage Convention which recently met at Jackson, Tenn., is to be made a permanent organization and will hold annual meetings at such time and place as may be decided upon by the executive committee. The convention endorsed the plan of the Memphis Business Men's League to build a highway from Memphis to Bristol, via Jackson, Nashville, Chattanooga, and Knoxville, at the State's expense and for the purposes of a preliminary survey the Legislature will be asked to make an appropriation.—Farmers' Home Journal.

Costs More.

When the people can be made to understand that it actually costs more in time and money to travel over a poor road than it does to travel over a good one, they will be less inclined to begrudge the expense of good roads, and what is more important still, will be willing and anxious to put the business of road-making into the hands of intelligent men who understand the business. It seems as if every time a man makes a trip over bad roads that he would be forcibly reminded of the need of the improvement of the roads and be willing to pay a special tax for that purpose.—Rural World.

Idea Spreading.

The good roads idea appears to be spreading on this continent, for news comes from Alaska that highway improvement is being agitated for that region. It is hoped that Congress can be induced to make an appropriation of \$400,000 for the improvement of the roads and trails of Alaska.

Big Lumber Cut in 1907.

According to a report from the United States Forest Service the largest yearly lumber cut in this country was that of 1907, the amount being 27,550,726,000 feet, valued at \$628,151,338. The average increase in the price of lumber since 1899 has been forty-nine per cent.