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TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

LIST OF AWARDS.

For Horticultural Exhibits at the Jamestown Exposition.

The list of awards given the North Carolina Board of Agriculture Exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition in the Department of Horticulture was announced. They are as follows:

Gold Medals—J. E. Phillips, Cameron, N. C., Lucetta Dewberries; John Huttenhauser, Southern Pines, N. C.; Peaches; J. M. Sloan, Belmont, N. C.; Watermelon weighing 100 pounds; Southern Vineyard Co., Sandy Cross, N. C.; Spupperong Grapes; Sparger Orchard Co., Mt. Airy, N. C.; Apples; W. A. Simpkins, Raleigh, N. C.; Continuous Exhibit of Vegetables; T. C. Morris, Raleigh, N. C.; Watermelons.

Silver Medals—Niagara Fruit and Vineyard Co., Southern Pines, N. C.; Peaches; J. Van Lindley Orchard Co., Southern Pines, N. C.; Peas and Peaches; H. T. Campbell & Son, Taylorsville, N. C.; Apples; Judge Walter Clark, Raleigh, N. C.; Elberta Peaches; D. J. Campbell, Aberdeen, N. C.; Watermelons; W. H. Robbins, Raleigh, N. C.; Watermelons; Whiting Bros., Raleigh, N. C.; Grapes and Figs; North Carolina State Museum, Raleigh, N. C.; Fruits and Vegetables in Glass.

Bronze Medals—D. C. Whitted, Chadbourne, N. C.; Pecans; W. Owen Frayer, Turkey, N. C.; Pecans; W. T. Rodland, Taylorsville, N. C.; Apples; Haywood County, Waynesville, N. C.; Collection of Apples; Haywood County, Waynesville, N. C.; Collection of Apples; Carolina Trucking Development Co., Wilmington, N. C.; Vegetables; Theodore S. Meekins, Mantoe, N. C.; Wild Cranberries; W. R. Crawford, Raleigh, N. C.; Abundance Plums; J. H. Robbins, Raleigh, N. C.; Watermelons; N. B. Dawson, Soneto, N. C.; Display of Potatoes; Jesse Brake, Medora, N. C.; Potatoes.

Incorporators.

The Halcomb Brothers Company, of Elkin, Surry county, with \$25,000 total authorized and \$6,000 subscribed capital stock, was chartered to do a general mercantile business, the incorporators being C. E. Holcomb, Hamptonville; J. M. Holcomb and M. V. Holcomb, Booneville. The Allen-Ross Hardware Company, of Henderson, was chartered to do a hardware business, and deal in real estate, the authorized capital being \$25,000 with \$4,000 paid in stock. The incorporators are S. H. Allen, G. B. Allen and William E. Moss, of Henderson. The Pomona Cotton Manufacturing Company, of Greensboro, filed a certificate of amendment to its charter, authorizing the issuance of \$200,000 cumulative 8 per cent preferred stock.

Charged With Patricide.

Charlotte, Special.—A terrible blow in the head from an axe in the hands of his son, Dan Gregory, a young man about 22 years of age, inflicted a mortal wound on Zeke Gregory early Wednesday morning, from the effects of which he died in the afternoon about 2 o'clock. The affair took place at the Gregory home on the old Barringer farm, two miles and a half from Davidson almost due east. The killing followed a brief quarrel, in consequence of which the younger, according to one story, had dared his father to cross a line, and the elder, daring, received the wound. Gregory and his wife, who was a witness, were brought to Charlotte and lodged in the jail.

Banking Company Organized.

High Point, Special.—The formal organization of the North Carolina Savings Bank and Trust Company was effected here last week in the election of the following officers: President, A. R. Cox, Ashboro; vice presidents, E. M. Armfield, Robert Brockett, Sr., and O. E. Kearns; secretary and treasurer, Lee A. Briles—all to this city.

Child Enveloped in Flames.

Spencer, Special.—Raymond, an eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stafford, of Spencer, was dangerously burned at the home of his parents here. He had just arisen and before dressing walked near an open fire when his gown ignited and instantly he was enveloped in flames. He screamed and ran to another room where his mother did all in her power to extinguish the angry flames and she herself was painfully burned about the hands and arms in tearing the clothing from the child.

Justices of the Peace.

Justices of the Peace have been appointed by Governor Glenn as follows: J. J. Rendren and Edwin P. Ruberson, of Brushy Mountain township, Wilkes county; and Elias Barnes, of Wilson township, Wilson township, Wilson county. They were appointed to fill vacancies caused by the failure of legislative appointments to qualify.

FUTURE OF NEGRO

Colonel Henry Watterson On Race Relations

COLORED MAN IS HERE TO STAY

The Famous Kentuckian Addresses Great Audience in Carnegie Hall on the Needs, Aims and Hopes of the Colored Race.

New York, Special.—A Northern Governor, a Southern editor and an intellectual leader whose activities are confined to no section gave sympathetic expression to the needs, aims and hopes of the colored race before a noteworthy audience at Carnegie Hall. To these personally delivered addresses were added similar sentiments in the form of messages from Cardinal Gibbons and British Ambassador James Bryce. With unanimity these men advocated further opportunity for this less fortunate people, through popular support of Tuskegee Institute, in the interest of which the meeting was held.

"This country," said Governor Hughes, of New York, "is not a mere wealth-producing machine. None of its problems can be solved if its people are treated merely as parts of an industrial mechanism. It is a country of men, with the aspirations and the dignity of manhood. The fundamental requirement is self-respect, upon which character and the highest efficiency necessarily depend. And with respect to white and black, conditions which promote the wholesome feeling of personal honor and individual worth are alone the conditions which will secure lasting benefits for our society and the solution of the grave problems which confront it."

The other formal addresses were by Editor Henry Watterson, who spoke of the "Negro's Future" and Booker T. Washington, who told of the work of the educational institution of which he is the head.

Seth Lowe, who presided, said that Tuskegee was seriously in need of funds in order to continue its work and that it was imperative that \$70,000 be given to the institution before May 31st next. Mr. Lowe, who is a trustee of the institute, said that owing to the financial stringency the receipts of Tuskegee had fallen off \$35,000 during the past seven months.

Editor Henry Watterson said that though the white man seemed to have gotten along faster than his colored neighbor, all were creatures of evolution and education. He spoke in part as follows:

The most serious problem for the former slave-holding States to solve—by reflection one of the most serious problems for the States of the North to consider and help to solve—is known as the negro question. As it stands, it is the embodiment of a century of misleading and error. Each side in the controversy has had its share in both the misleading and the error. Not until heaven raised up in the prescribed race of man—a leader of men though a negro—who is with us here—did a single ray of truth penetrate the surrounding darkness. Almost despairing I had ceased to theorize, throwing myself back on a simple, childlike faith in God, when Booker T. Washington appeared on the scene to lighten the gloom and point the way. It rejoices me to stand by his side, to hold up his hands. Nobody can go to Tuskegee and see what I saw there and come away without being impressed. Ever since I went there, now many years ago, I have been filled with hope; for though the institution of African slavery be dead, and thank the Lord of hosts for that, the negro is here; he is here in ever increasing numbers, and he is here to stay. All schemes for getting rid of him are fantastic, and, if attempted, would prove abortive. He must be developed on new lines, educated to an analogous situation, and resolve into the body of society, not as an irritant, but as a natural, indispensable component part. That's the problem.

"I want nothing for myself, or for my children, which I am not ready to give to my colored neighbor and his children. I live in a region peopled by many blacks, good, orderly, hard-working folk. They know me and they know that when I declare this I mean it."

Granted Reprieve.

Governor Glenn has granted a reprieve from February 20th to March 6th to Robert McDowell, of McDowell county, convicted of murder and sentenced to hang. The reprieve was requested by the lawyers of McDowell county, as at the present McDowell court will be tried several capital offenses.

\$20,000 Fire at Guilford College.

Winston-Salem, Special.—A fire at Guilford College destroyed King Hall, a large brick building in which were located the old Quaker college assembly room, class rooms, society hall and library. The loss is \$20,000. There was \$500 insurance on the building, \$1,000 on the furniture and none on the library. The college which has over two hundred students will proceed with only slight interruption. King Hall was named in honor of the late Rev. Rufus King, a noted Quaker preacher.

Sawmill Blows Up By An Enemy.

Morganton, Special.—One night this week the sawmill of Adolphus Shuford, situated ten miles from Morganton, in Upper Creek township, was blown up by dynamite or some other explosive. The engine and boiler were wrecked, and the mill was completely demolished. The loss is near \$1,000. There is no clue to the guilty parties who planned the destruction, but it is generally thought that the dynamite was planted by an enemy.

Employe of Oil Mill Whirled to Death

Greenville, S. C., Special.—Charles Pollard, aged 20 years, was accidentally killed at Fountain Inn while attempting to adjust a pulley at the oil mill at that place. His clothing became entangled in the machinery and he was dashed to death by the shafting, his body having been badly mangled.

A PLOT DISCOVERED

Anarchists Plan to Blow Up American Fleet

RIO POLICE WATCH MOVEMENTS

Anarchistic Conspiracy, Having For Its Object the Destruction of at Least a Part of the United States Warships Comprising the Pacific Fleet, Unearthed at Rio de Janeiro, Rio Janeiro, By Cable.—The Brazilian

police have discovered an anarchistic plot here, having as its object the destruction of part of the American fleet now lying in the harbor. The conspiracy, while centering in Rio Janeiro and Petropolis, has ramifications in San Paulo and Minas Geraes. An individual named Jean Fedher, who resided in Petropolis, was the chief conspirator here, although it is understood that foreign anarchists are deeply involved in the plot. Fedher is believed to have fled to Sao Paulo, and the police who know him, have been sent to that place for the purpose of apprehending him. One of the detectives, who was well acquainted with Fedher, having served on the police force at Petropolis for some time, returned from that place, after having made investigations there and had a long conference with the chief of police at Rio Janeiro. The latter gave it to be understood later that the Sao Paulo police are on the track of the arch-conspirator and expect to arrest him soon.

In an official note which the chief of police sent to the correspondent of the Associated Press, he says: "Some time before the arrival of the American fleet at Rio Janeiro, the Brazilian government received from Washington and Paris advices that anarchists of different nationalities intended to damage one or several of the ships of the American fleet. The names and addresses of the conspirators were indicated by information which the police here had received previously from France and Germany. The police of this district are working with the police of Sao Paulo and Minas Geraes and I am sure every precaution will be exercised and the most vigorous vigilance observed both on land and at sea to prevent any injury being done."

The chief of police, after having made this official statement, said that he did not feel he should go into any further details with regard to the conspiracy, but he authorized the statement that the plot was organized by Fedher and he added that the people of the United States could rest easy as all of the conspirators had taken refuge in the interior.

As yet the people of Brazil are ignorant of the details of the plot to do injury to the visitors, although there has been some slight inkling of the matter. The impression which the exposure of this plot will create here will be a profound one, because it is the first anarchistic conspiracy that has ever been known in Brazil. The police at Sao Paulo have sent word that they are on the track of the malefactor, who they declare will not be able to come to Rio Janeiro.

Want White Postmaster.

Washington, Special.—Senator Tillman, conferred with Postmaster General Meyer regarding the case of Joshua E. Wilson, a negro who was postmaster of Florence, S. C., for twenty years. Florence has now 20,000 inhabitants and citizens of that city, through Tillman, are seeking to have a white postmaster appointed. No action has yet been taken.

Entombed Forty-Six Days.

Ely, Nevada, Special.—After having been entombed forty-six days, one thousand feet below the surface in the Alpha shaft of the Giroux mine, A. D. Bailey, P. J. Strow and Fred McDonald were rescued Sunday night. Whistles all over the camp blew loudly while crowds cheered in the streets of Ely to the ringing of bells.

Four Children Drowned.

Indian, Pa., Special.—Four children were drowned at noon Sunday while skating on the reservoir at the Wharton Coal and Coke Company'sovens at Coral, near here.

Four Make Fatal Jumps.

Seranton, Pa., Special.—Four girls were killed; nine seriously injured, and a score or more slightly hurt, at a fire in the Imperial Knitting Company's mill in Dix Court, in the central part of the city. The girls were surrounded by the flames and jumped to their death from the third floor.

News of the Day.

Senator Culberson attacked Secretary Cortelyou for favoritism in awarding the recent bond issue.

Republicans in the House voted down all amendments to the Penal Code bill, which excited continuous debate.

Chief Engineer Goethals estimates the total cost of the Panama canal at \$400,000,000.

SAYSTHAW'S CRAZY

Important Witness Declares Prisoner Acted Irrationally

TELLS OF MANY QUEER ACTIONS

The Defense Adheres Closely to Its Determination Not to Introduce Any Evidence Save That Going to Show the Insanity of Harry Thaw.

New York, Special.—Adhering strictly to their promise to interpose no other defense than that of insanity in behalf of their client, the attorneys representing Harry K. Thaw at his trial continued the examination of witnesses who swore that young Thaw at times in his life appeared to them as irrational and mentally unbalanced. Practically all of the testimony was entirely new to the case and had to do with acts down to the day of the tragedy itself. Then came the declaration of the ten men who sat on the coroner's jury during the inquiry into Stanford White's death, all of whom declared that the defendant the day following the shooting acted irrationally. His manner and appearance were such as to cause the inquest jury to discuss his state of mind after their formal verdict had been rendered.

In the day's testimony there was more delving into the history of the Thaw family. Alfred Lee Thaw, of Richmond, Va., a third cousin of the defendant, taking the stand and telling of the taint of insanity which had caused his father and brothers to die in State asylums.

Some of Thaw's alleged eccentricities were related by Christopher Baggan, steward of the New York Whist Club; by Miss Matilda Stein, a telephone operator, and by August Weber, a former butler in the Thaw household. Thaw spent a portion of the afternoon of June 25th, 1906, at the Whist Club and at that time—a few hours before the tragedy—was pictured by the steward as being highly nervous and as frequently exclaiming "This is awful." Five days before the tragedy he asked the steward to have a valuable package put into the safe. After the shooting the package was opened and found to contain three cigarettes wrapped in tin foil. District Attorney Jerome in cross-examining the club's steward, brought out the fact that Thaw played bridge there with many prominent men. The witness declared he was not supposed to know what Mr. Thaw, Mr. Gates, Mr. Schwab and the others played for, but he was sure nothing but mineral water was ever served at the tables.

The telephone operator told of Thaw putting in seventy-five cents one morning at the Grand Hotel and then forgetting all about them. The butler told many details of Thaw's life at home in 1903 and was still under examination when adjournment was taken.

The separate incidents of alleged irrational conduct on the part of the defendant were being put in evidence by Mr. Littleton as the foundation of the expert testimony that is to come. He also hopes to accumulate such a mass of testimony as to Thaw's erratic conduct as to make it impossible for the district attorney to fulfill the task the law places upon him of proving Thaw sane "beyond every reasonable doubt."

Dr. Horatio C. Wood, of Philadelphia, was called to the stand as the first witness Wednesday. Dr. Wood some years ago made an examination of Harriet Alice Thaw, a relative of the defendant.

Dr. Wood said that Miss Thaw was of unsound mind. Christopher Baggan, a steward at the New York Whist Club, testified that Thaw was in the club on June 20th, 1906, five days before the roof garden tragedy. Although the day was hot, Thaw insisted on taking a screen with him whenever he went about the rooms. He was highly nervous, excitable and irritable.

Thaw's eyes, the witness said, had a peculiar stare. A telephone message came for him and when the witness touched him to attract his attention Thaw trembled all over.

"Did Thaw impress you as rational or irrational?" "Irrational."

On cross-examination Baggan said he had known Thaw for 14 years.

Deep Drainage Tunnel.

Cripple Creek, Col., Special.—Bids were opened for the completion of the mammoth deep drainage tunnel at Cripple Creek. The successful bidder will be compelled to complete the contract by January 1, 1911. The tunnel will be either 7 or 10 feet or an 8-inch circular bore, and 15,500 feet in length, of which 1,200 have been completed.

Injure in Storm.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—Captain Semple and the mate of the British steamer Dunlop, bound from Mobile to Rotterdam, which arrived in port Tuesday afternoon after a most stormy and perilous voyage of seven days from Wancher to this city. Coming up Pamlico Sound during the severe storm of last Thursday the captain and mate were knocked overboard.

DEATH LIST REACHES 167

Death List of Awful Holocause Grows to Largo Proportions.

Boyetown, Pa., Special.—When nightfall put a stop to the work of recovering the dead from the ruins of the Rhodes opera house, where Monday night's holocaust occurred, the official roll of victims numbered 167. Whether any more bodies are buried beneath the ruins cannot be positively stated, but it is believed that the total list of victims will not go above 170. The ratio of women and girls to men and boys is about 9 to 1. The work of identification will not be begun until Wednesday, as most of the bodies are still lying in a confused state at the four improvised morgues.

The inhabitants of the little borough in the Berks county hills are steeped in grief. The calamity has paralyzed the little town of 2,500 people. The inhabitants scarcely realize what has happened. Everybody in the place lost one or more of their relatives, or was intimately acquainted with those who died in the fire. In several cases, whole families have been wiped out.

It was almost daylight Tuesday morning before the flames were extinguished and rescuers were able to enter the ruins to remove the dead. The morning was bitter cold and by the time the benumbed and exhausted firemen began the task of disentangling the mass of burned beams and twisted iron, the entire ruins were coated with ice and there was danger of the walls falling. It was 7 o'clock before the first body was removed. Coroner Strauser, of Reading, who reached the scene Tuesday night, had a detail of men ready to tag the bodies and keep a record of the description of every corpse removed. The bodies were so badly burned, however, that there was little to describe them by, and it is safe to say that not half the victims will ever be identified. The second victim was taken from the ruins about an hour after the first, and then the work of recovery moved more rapidly. By noon the rescuers became thoroughly exhausted from the cold and hard work and for a time the work came almost to a standstill. Fortunately the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company sent H. W. Keffer, superintendent of the Reading division, to the scene and Mr. Keffer offered the company's assistance to Coroner Strauser. Chief Burgess Kohler was unable to furnish men to help and Coroner Strauser immediately availed himself of the railroad's offer.

Within an hour the company had two carloads of laborers and carpenters on the ground and the work of recovering bodies moved so rapidly that victims were being taken from the ruins at the rate of two every five minutes.

There were many different stories as to the exact cause of the panic and fire, and there were several rumors of arrests, but the borough officials and Coroner Strauser denied that any action whatever had been taken. The coroner said that his one thought was to get out all the bodies before a sleet or snow storm should set in and hamper the work.

Secrets Need Not Be Divulged.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Aeroplane inventors who don't wish to divulge secrets embodied in their machine may enter the competitive tests of the army without disclosing them. The board of ordinance and fortification has authorized this modification of the specifications as prepared by the signal corps. It is held that it is necessary in taking up problems of aerial navigation and others pertaining to the signal service to make it essential that more funds and a great personnel be provided.

Wisconsin Life Election.

Milwaukee, Wis., Special.—A. R. Bushnell and R. A. Watkins, both of Lancaster, nominees of the Wisconsin Life Insurance Company for members of the board of directors to succeed themselves were successful in Monday's election. The election was the first held under the new insurance law which abolishes proxies in the election of directors of mutual life insurance companies, and requires nominations for directors to be filed with the insurance commissioner's department a certain length of time before the election.

Ship Has Stormy Voyage.

Raleigh, N. C., Special.—A special to The News and Observer from Elizabeth City says the schooner E. R. Daniels, Captain Saunders, arrived in port Tuesday afternoon after a most stormy and perilous voyage of seven days from Wancher to this city. Coming up Pamlico Sound during the severe storm of last Thursday the captain and mate were knocked overboard.

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Late News In Brief

MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

The death list in the Boyetown, Pa., disaster has grown to 170.

The legislature of South Carolina met in regular session on Tuesday.

Southern cotton mills have at last been able to resume trade relations with China.

An important and largely attended meeting was held in Atlanta, Ga., to further the interests of the Appalachian national forest reserve project.

Following the burning of the court house and all records at Bryson City, N. C., a curfew ordinance for negroes was passed.

The second day of the Thaw trial closed with three sworn and four provisional jurors in the box.

Five Pullmans of a special train on the Southern railway went through a trestle near Hiram, Ga., and many were hurt.

Six sworn jurors were in the box at the conclusion of the day's session of the Thaw trial.

Receivers were appointed for the Chicago Great Western Railroad.

Claus A. Spreckles demanded publicity in American Sugar Refining affairs.

The Gould interests regained control of the Merchants National Bank from F. Augustus Heinze.

Governor Willson, of Kentucky, sent the General Assembly a message on the "night riders" and two counties asked for Gatling guns.

Green and Gaynor, convicted of frauds on harbor contracts, begins four years' terms in the Atlanta Federal prison.

John Myholland, a money lender, who claimed to have \$3,000,000 assets, failed in Danville, Ill.

Oklahoma came out for Taft, and New Hampshire labor federation leaders decided to fight him.

Immigration is at the lowest ebb for years.

Secretary Metcalf issued the order assigning Surgeon Stokes to command of the Relief.

Richard A. Ballinger resigned as commissioner of the General Land office, to be succeeded by Frederick Dennett.

Senator Aldrich introduced the Emergency Currency bill that is favored by the Republican leaders.

Representative Gill, of Maryland, introduced a resolution in the House calling for all the documents in the Brown-Rixey controversy.

A bill was introduced in the House to reorganize the Navy Department.

Mr. Willett, of New York, severely attacked President Roosevelt in the House.

The battleship fleet was sighted off Pernambuco, Brazil.

Canada decided all immigrants must come to the Dominion from their former homes, thus shutting off Japs from Hawaii.

The Bank of Yucatan was robbed of \$740,000, and 12 prominent persons are accused.

Augustus B. Stevens, baggage-master on the Norfolk and Southern railway, was assassinated on his train near Suffolk, Va.

The report that the Wise County Bank at Wise, Va., had closed its doors is unfounded.

Governor Swanson pardoned John Jackson, a life prisoner who was convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged in 1897.

A revolt has broken out in Somaliland and Abyssinians have killed a number of Italians.

Republican senators are said to be forcing a combination to defeat Taft for the nomination for President.

President Roosevelt held the "diplomatic reception" at the White House Saturday night.

Philadelphia's street car men would demands which threatened a strike.

Fred J. Thompson, of Roanoke, has sued Drs. Caneday and Stone for \$10,000 damages, because they adjudged him insane.

Senator Hale introduced a bill providing for a reorganization of the Navy Department and limiting the number of Naval Academy graduates appointed officers.

In the House the members held a lottery drawing for rooms in the new office building.

Senator Raynor declared that Democrats will aid in securing conservative currency.

Alexander B. Butt, cashier of the defunct People's Bank of Portsmouth, was arrested on three additional charges, and is now out on bail, aggregating \$25,000.

The schooner wrecked on Diamond Shoals, off Hatteras, with the loss of five men, was the Leonora, bound from Round Point, Maine, to Charleston, S. C.

J. H. Sheppard, of Millville, N. C., was arrested on charges of selling opium.