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NORTH STATE MATTERS

Newspaper Items Gleaned From Murphy to Planters.

BANK CLERK SHORT.

Will Be Prosecuted by the United States.

HELD UNDER ARREST IN ATLANTA

MARKETS.

Cotton	9.85
Corn	32
Wheat	83
Bacon	12 1/2
Lard	12 1/2
Gate	33
Sugar	3 1/2
Peasants	4 1/2
Castile, live	2 1/2
CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.	2 1/2

The grain and provisions market experienced another week's respite, and closing prices were lower all around. May wheat being off 1 1/4; corn 1 1/4 lower and oats down 1 1/2; sugar provisions were from 12 1/2 to 22 1/2 lower.

State News.

E. P. Virgin and W. F. Adams, two well dressed young men of promising appearance, were arrested at the Leland Hotel in Charlotte Tuesday morning on a warrant sworn out by Postoffice Inspector F. N. Davis. Mr. W. F. Adams served the warrant. These two men are suspected of being guilty of breaking into the postoffice at Mt. Oliver in Wayne county, breaking open the postoffice safe and taking therefrom \$225 in money and about \$30 in stamps. Both Virgin and Adams protested vigorously, saying that a mistake had been made and that they did not think it right or the duty of justice to require them to be thus humiliatd; that they were honest working men, and though circumstances seemed to be against them, they were innocent of any wrongdoing. Commissioner Maxwell bound both over in a bond of \$500 each. Failure to give this, they were taken to jail.

A young white man named R. B. Tracy, who says his home is in Rock Hill, was before the recorder in Charlotte Wednesday morning charged with being drunk in the Southern waiting room on West Trade street in that city. Tracy did not deny the charge. He admitted being drunk and said that he had come down from Huntersville Tuesday afternoon with \$10 in his pocket and when he came home this evening he only had \$2.50. There were two young men with Tracy when he went to Charlotte and he thinks one of these took his money.

It is reported that the Southern railroad has just received fifty-seven new locomotives and they are being delivered up at the company's shops at Spencer. The statement is that two thousand six hundred new locomotives have not been able to get them before now for the reason that the locomotive builders were far behind with their work. The Southern system has been badly in need of additional motive power, and it is hoped that the engines just received will very materially relieve the situation.

Mr. Alpheus Harden, of Greensboro, is to bring suit against S. A. Schloss and the city of Greensboro for injuries sustained by his little daughter in falling through the elevator at the Grand on the occasion of the entertainment given by pupils of the graded schools several weeks ago. The summons was served Monday, but the complainant has not yet been filed. It must be in by the next term of court.

Will Harris, the negro desperado, who has on more than one occasion terrorized the Black Creek section of Mecklenburg county by using the midnight torch, was arrested Wednesday in Norfolk and is now in jail in that city. Will Harris is wanted in Mecklenburg for so many crimes that it would be exceedingly difficult to enumerate all of them. He will be brought back to Charlotte.

While he was preaching at a revival in progress at a colored Baptist church in east Wilmington Tuesday night, Rev. M. W. Devane, colored, of Wilmington, lost his horse and buggy, which was tied to the church yard. Sneak thieves slipped up in the grove and drove the animal away. The property had not been recovered next morning.

John Coppe, colored, was arrested in Wilmington before day Wednesday morning on a warrant from Florence, S. C., charging him with burglary. An officer was expected Wednesday night to identify the negro and take him back to Florence if he consented to go without compilation papers.

It was reported in Wall street, it is denied, that J. P. Morgan has gone to the aid of James R. Keene in the struggle for control of the Southern Pacific.

Littleton Female College, Littleton, is preparing for a great commencement the last week in May. Bishop A. Coke Smith will preach the annual sermon. Dr. C. E. Reid, of Nashville, Tenn., will deliver the missionary address and Gov. Aycock will deliver the literary address.

News in Brief.

One thousand men are reported to have been killed or wounded in a battle between Bulgarian bands and Turkish troops in the Okrida district of Macedonia.

Premier Combes stated in the French Chamber of Deputies that the religious orders were taking a threatening and violent attitude.

THE PRESIDENT IN CHICAGO

He Discusses the Monroe Doctrine Before a Great Audience.

WANTS A BIG NAVY BEHIND IT

The University of Chicago Confers on Him the Degree of LL.D.—During His Tour Through Wisconsin, He Speaks on Trusts, and Commends the Recent Anti-Trust Acts of Congress.

Atlanta, Special.—G. Hallman Sims, collection clerk for the Capital City National Bank, has been placed under arrest by United States Deputy Marshal Scott upon a warrant sworn out by President Speer, of the bank, charging Sims with embezzling a sum estimated at nearly \$94,000. Sims is now held at the Piedmont Hotel by the deputy marshal. He refuses to talk about the affair.

The first suspicion of a shortage in Sims' accounts arose Saturday. Expert accountants immediately began work on the books and it was soon disclosed that large sums had been absented at various times, extending back several years. The warrant was then sworn out by the president of the bank. Sims had been in the service of the bank for 8 years and was considered one of their most trusted employees. He moved in exclusive circles of Atlanta society and was a young man of fashion.

Prominent outside bankers have made a thorough examination of the bank's condition and have given out a signed statement that it is absolutely safe. A portion of the defalcation is covered by Sims' bond and he also owns some property, which will be turned over to the bank. The directors state that the amount of the defalcation has not been charged to individual drafts. National Bank Examiner Desmoureaux also states that the bank is in no danger. Sims, who has admitted his guilt, will be prosecuted by the United States' government. He is unmarried and is the son of Thos. L. Sims, a prominent merchant of Kirkwood, one of Atlanta's suburbs.

Wabash Strike Over.

St. Louis, Special.—After four months of controversy between the employees of the Wabash road and the officials of that system, during which at one time a strike was imminent and was prevented only by an injunction restraining the employees from vacating their posts, and which injunction was dissolved last Wednesday, the differences were finally adjusted and the controversy satisfactorily settled. Officials of the brotherhoods representing the employees declare the settlement is satisfactory and is a sweeping victory for organized labor. The Wabash officials declare that all differences with the employees have been finally terminated in a satisfactory manner and that their future relations in all probability will be most harmonious. The following are the main points embraced in the settlement: Twenty per cent increase for conductors, brakemen and baggage men in the passenger service and 15 per cent for conductors and brakemen in the freight service over the rates which existed January 1, 1902, west of the Mississippi river. For the firemen, increases were granted on the Canadian lines in accordance with the Canadian Central. On the lines in the United States material increases and improvements in working conditions were granted the firemen. East of the Mississippi river the rates will be brought up to this standard when competing lines in the same territory shall grant similar increases. The gormen received a substantial increase, varying in different localities. There is an entire revision of rules applying to all classes of train service. This was the main bone of contention and was granted in the Monroe Doctrine.

In Hands of Receiver.

Akron, O., Special.—The plant of the Aultman, Miller & Co., manufacturers of agricultural implements, was, late Saturday, placed in the hands of a receiver, on application of Gen. George B. Crouse, president of the company. He and H. P. McIntosh, of Cleveland, were appointed receivers. The liabilities are placed at \$1,800,000 with assets exceeding that amount.

To Discuss Heavy Subjects.

Philadelphia, Special.—The seventh annual meeting of the Academy of Political and Social Science will be held in this city on Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18. The general topic for discussion will be "The United States and Latin America," and men prominent in diplomatic circles, both in this country and in Latin America, will speak on the relations of the United States to South and Central America. "The policy of the United States in Conflicts Between Europe and Latin America," is one topic to be discussed and will result in consideration of the Venezuelan question.

MR. ROOT ON THE TARIFF

Secretary of War Denies the Present Need of Revision.

Trusts Cannot Be Killed by Changes in Duties, He Holds. Without widespread Disaster.

Boston, Mass.—Secretary of War Elihu Root was the principal speaker at the banquet of the Home Market Club. In his address he voiced the opposition to revision of the present tariff. A great deal of importance was attached to his argument in the minds of members of the Home Market Club, inasmuch as it was assumed he spoke for the Administration. Mr. Root spoke, in part, as follows:

"Money is scarce in the money markets because all millions of people all over the United States are using it. They've got it in their pockets. They've got it in the little country banks. Nearly 3,000 years ago Solomon felt its genial influence when he wrote, 'The winter has passed—the rain is over and gone—the flowers appear upon the earth—the time for the singing of birds has come and the voice of the turtle is heard in the land.' Now boys, you must not imagine that the turtle that Solomon heard was this ugly, crawling hardshell thing that lives in muddy water and lays its eggs in the sand. That is properly a tortoise. The turtle of Egypt and England is the same as our dove. It has a plaintive, affectionate note and is devoted to its mate. In the scripture it is a sacred bird and an emblem of the holy ghost. I would not shoot them for sport and yet I read recently where some hunters in south Georgia killed 400 in one day.

"The English poets always say turtle when they mean dove. Goldsmith, speaking of love, says it is 'an earthen vessel, or only round to warm the turtle's nest.'

But Solomon couldn't write such poetry on spring as I used to know. I think that mine would suit the boys better.

Hark! I hear a bluebird sing. And that's a sign of coming spring. The half-frog beers in the ditches—He's thrown away his winter britches. The lizard is sunning himself on a rail. The lamb is shaking his now-born tail. The daddy is plowing his stubborn mule. And every hollers, "Gee, you fool!" And all the dirty little sinners are chasing bats and catching minnows."

And so fourth and so fifth and so on. Solomon didn't write, but it's a fact nevertheless.

But what about April? Two thousand years ago it was the second month in the year, but Julius Caesar got proud and vain and stuck another month in and called it July, and his adopted son, Augustus, thought he was as good as Julius, and so he stuck one in and called it August, and that gave us 365 days, which lacked five days of making a full year. So they had to give one more day to each of several months. April didn't have but twenty-nine days and they made it thirty. Later on old Nero, the tyrant and killer, came along and said he was just as great a man as any of the Caesars, and so he changed the name of April to Nero and it remained that way for thirty years, until he died, and then it was put back to April again.

April was named from the Latin word "asperire," which means to open, for then the earth begins to open and the grass and the flowers to spring up and the little leaves to come forth from the buds on the trees. The old Anglo-Saxons called it Oster or Easter month. The Dutch called it grass month. The foolish custom of April fooling people still prevails in many countries among the young people. Its origin is unknown. Some say it is a relic of an old heathen festival. Some say that in the middle ages they acted a play taken from the life of Christ, where he was sent from Antias to Caraphas and from Pilate to Herod, and so an April fool is one who is sent all about on an errand, as, for instance, for some pigeon milk, or for a book giving the history of Adam's grandfather, or to stop a horseman and tell him his saddle girth is un-buckled, meaning unbuckled, so he gets down to buckle it and they cut off and shoot April fool. The Hindoos practice the same thing, but their All Fools' day is the 31st of March.

My folks killed a snake in the flower pit today and before I knew it our mischievous school girl had rolled it on the front steps and everybody who came out, "Here's a snake," while the children watched from the window. The snake was dead, but the fools were alive. My wife was spending the day in the country and knowing her horror of snakes they telephoned, "Snake in the flower pit and grandpa is afraid to get out and kill him. He says you told him to stay in the house. What must we do?" She answered promptly, "Kill him! Let your grandpa go out and kill him and look for his mate." She always insists that every snake has a mate. Maybe it has, but they don't go about together. Even the mother leaves her young as soon as they are hatched or born and they have to shift for themselves. Some snakes are oviparous and lay eggs and some are viviparous and are born in their mother and come forth from her mouth. But all snakes are horrid creatures and the curse that is upon them is a strong proof of the scriptures, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman (that is my wife) and between thy seed and her seed. It shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel."

When my wife came home they showed her the snake (it was a striped garter snake), and told her we couldn't find its mate, but I am going to put this one back in a day or two and kill him again for a mate—but I'll be she won't go in that pit any more this summer.

Canada Act for Ireland.

By a vote of 102 to 41 the Canadian House of Commons has adopted Mr. Costigan's resolution declaring in favor of home rule for Ireland.

BILL ARP.

But there are worse things than snakes. I want to know who started this late move to idolize and ovate the memory of Henry Ward Beecher in New York. It has been forty-four years since he sent old John Brown to take the arsenal at Harper's Ferry and raise an insurrection among the negroes. What did they wait so long for? How come old Grover Cleveland into it? What did old Beecher do to command his admiration? He got old Brown to take all the risk, and he and thirteen of his comrades were hung for it, and the negroes wouldn't rise at all. Beecher and his sister did more to precipitate the terrible war than all other causes combined, old Grover leading him for that? The lecherous old scoundrel debauched the wife of an elder in his church and ruined his home and his happiness. That was twenty-two years ago. I wonder if Grever is ovating him for that? We are done with old Grover now and forever. Let him hunt ducks if he wants to. We have no use for presidents who hunt ducks or bear—or who love Beecher or love the negroes better than the southern white folks. Great heavens! Are they fixing for another war, and have we got to whip 'em again. Thank goodness I'm not a duck nor a bear. So I reckon I'm safe.—Bill Arp in Atlanta Constitution.

Will Get Increase.

Denver Special.—Subject to the approval of General Manager Harding, an agreement has been reached between Manager Edson, of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, and representatives of the Order of Railway Conductors and Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. The new schedule gives the passenger conductors and trainmen an approximate increase in wages of 12 per cent, and freight men an increase of 15 per cent.

Four Burned to Death.

Raleigh, N. C., Special.—A special from Franklinton, N. C., says: "A tenant house on the land of J. H. Kearney, about two miles west of here, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. The house was occupied by Rufus Daniel, colored, his wife and seven children. Four of the children who were sleeping upstairs were burned to death. The roof was falling in before the occupants of the lower room were awakened. There were no windows in the upper room and the children being cut off from the hallway were suffocated."

Chincoteague's Wild Goose Farm.

What is said to be the only wild goose farm in the world is located at Chincoteague, says the Richmond Times. The farm is a never-ceasing object of interest to the visitor and of joy and profit to the owner. There are now between three and four hundred geese in the flock. The progenitors of this remarkable flock were two which were "winged" in shooting, then tamed and used as decoys. The annual shipments from the farm now are about 400 to 600 fowl. Most of these are wild geese, but there are some Japanese ducks, brant and other game. The geese bring about \$5 a pair. In summer they feed on the marshes of Chincoteague and Assateague, but as the cold weather comes on they gradually gather together near the owner's residence, where food is provided for them. Mingled with the geese are many kinds of birds and fowl and fancy breeds of chickens and ducks and even some swans. Particular care is being taken with the swans and the experiment of their culture bids fair to be a success in every way.

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