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NORTH STATE MATTERS

Newsy Items Gleaned From Murphy to Planteo.

The town of Reidsville was thrown into considerable excitement Monday when it was announced that a number of the operatives of the Pacolet mills, in South Carolina, had been brought there and that they had smallpox. A rigid and thorough examination was promptly made by the authorities and as a result 42 of the parties were put in the pest house. The operatives from the South Carolina cotton mills which were destroyed by the heavy rains of a week ago went to Reidsville Sunday. There were about sixty-five of them, sent there by Mr. J. W. Manley, superintendent of the Edna Cotton Mills, of Reidsville, who was at the scene of the wrecked mills, and who furnished transportation for them. There were a hundred and twenty-five more of them ready to start when the secretary and treasurer of the Edna Mills, Mr. J. B. Pippin, notified them not to come.

The most horrible tragedy that has ever been enacted in the memory of the oldest inhabitants of Ashe county took place Sunday, at the foot of the Alleghany mountain range just inside of that county. Crick Davis, with an axe, cut to pieces two men and his own wife, Alfred Barker and son, Levi, from Virginia, had stopped over night with Davis, who had insisted upon their staying, and while they were asleep Davis attacked them, cutting them to pieces with an axe. Mrs. Davis attempted to prevent the deed and was herself struck several times with the axe, and the attending physician said she would die. Davis was probably insane. He is in jail.

Clarence Smith, son of Capt. T. T. Smith, of Charlotte, was held up in that city by three footpads Tuesday night and was given an exciting experience for a short time. He had just escorted a young lady home and on his return up South Tryon, at the mouth of a dark alley, he encountered this narrow episode. A sack was thrown over the young man's head and his captors began dragging him into the alley. His cries for help were loud enough, despite the cloth, to frighten them off before they could steal anything from him. The men could not be found by the police.

A charter is granted to the Hiss Manufacturing Company, with headquarters at Charlotte. Its capital is \$500,000, authorized and of this George B. Hiss, John M. Rhodes and O. D'Onoghue each owns 50 shares. There is to be common and preferred stock and the preferred is to yield 7 per cent dividends, anything after these are paid going to holders of common stock. The company's privileges are extensive—to deal in and manufacture machinery, to make and deal in textile materials; to own and develop and operate water powers and manufacturing plants.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of Greensboro Female College, held Friday afternoon, it was decided to close this institution. For some time this action has been under advisement, but not until yesterday was the matter definitely determined upon. At this meeting all but five shares of the stock were represented, the following trustees being present: Dr. Dred Peacock, C. H. Ireland, J. A. Odell, Prof. O. W. Carr, of Greensboro; J. M. and W. R. Odell, of Concord, and R. T. Gray, of Raleigh.

The Seaboard Knitting Mill, of Henderson, will resume work in a short time. The property has been purchased by New York parties and the plant will be enlarged and improved and operated on a larger scale than before. This is the same concern that went into the hands of a receiver some time ago. It employed about 150 hands before and it is said that when the plant is enlarged they will work nearly twice that number.

A charter is granted the Wampum Cotton Mill Company, at Lincolnton, capital \$100,000. The mill will spin and weave cotton goods. Of its stock J. A. Abernathy holds \$120,000, R. S. Abernathy \$25,000, and T. F. Costner, \$5,000.

The Adjutant General has been notified that the War Department had allotted \$23,350 to this State, available for encampment expenses. Some days ago the Department made a similar apportionment for purposes of equipment.

The safe in the postoffice at Pinnacle, Stokes county, was blown open Monday night and robbed of from two to three hundred dollars in cash and stamps. The burglars made their escape.

While putting in a new boiler at the seminary at Red Springs Tuesday, J. M. Hargett, a machinist for the D. A. Tompkins Company of Charlotte, fell from a ladder and was seriously injured. It is feared he is hurt internally. He was taken to Charlotte and is now at his home, at the corner of Eleventh and Caldwell streets.

The thirty-third annual convention of the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, of North Carolina, convened in Wilmington Tuesday night in the splendid new hall of the three Wilmington lodges, in the Merchants Bank building, and Chancellor J. L. Scott, of Greensboro, presided, and all representatives were present.

SUICIDE AT GASTONIA

Young Man Under Indictment Takes His Own Life.

Gastonia, Special.—E. E. Caldwell, a young merchant who had been arrested for retailing whiskey, late Wednesday night, committed suicide in rear of his store near the Loray Mills.

Usually very little attention is given by the public to the indictments and trials before magistrates of those accused by violating the whiskey laws. This was the case, when it was casually mentioned on the streets of the city that young Caldwell, who has been running for about a year a grocery store near the Loray Mills, had been indicted for this offense, tried before a magistrate and bound over to court under a \$200 bond. Every one was thus unprepared for the startling sequel, when it became known that some time during the night Caldwell had committed suicide in the rear part of his store. It is supposed that the deed was committed about midnight, as different parties living near the place remember having heard the report of a gun about that time.

It seems that Tuesday afternoon, Caldwell requested a friend to buy for him a certain amount of strychnine, but the request was refused, with the suggestion that he mount his horse and leave the country, if he wished to get away from his troubles. At night he told his wife that he was going to his father's, to talk the matter over with him, and this accounts for the fact that his body was not found until morning. It seems that he secured a shot-gun and placing it to that part of his body just over the heart, pushed the trigger with a broom handle, instant death resulting. Before doing this, however, he wrote a short letter to his wife declaring his love for her and the children, and stating that it was all right with him and his God.

Caldwell has been here for about two years, for a time at the Dixie Farm, then at the Moray Roller Mill. By his conduct he had won the confidence of all who knew him. Some months ago he went into the mercantile business, in which he has not been successful, and then came the other troubles already referred to. In his letter to his wife he stated that he could not stand the life that had been, and would be told about him. He was only about 28 years of age, and leaves a wife, and four young children. The remains were carried to Gutherieville, S. C., where he formerly lived.

Trial to Proceed

Wilson, Special.—According to the expectation of the majority of those who heard the affidavits in the Jones murder case, Judge Shaw rendered a decision that sufficient evidence for a continuance had not been brought out. In giving out this decision he said in part while there had not been sufficient evidence brought out in the evidence of affidavits to show the existence of a state of public sentiment as claimed by the defendants, yet there had been some sentiment stirred up by the city papers and by the discussion of the case on the streets, and if at any time during the trial of this case it came to the knowledge of the court that there was any outside influence bearing on the trial it would be continued until the September term.

Daughter's Death Killed Her

Wilmington, Special.—A peculiarly sad death occurred at Point Caswell, near Wilmington Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Ludwig Vollers, wife of a leading German citizen in that section, upon learning of the death of her daughter, Mrs. George Haar, of Wilmington, the morning previous, suffered a collapse and died within two hours. She leaves a large family of sons and daughters, as well as her aged husband, for whom the community feel the deepest sympathy. The funeral of the daughter who died in Wilmington was held here and members of the family and friends left immediately for Point Caswell to attend the funeral of the mother there Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

State Brevities

The list of books recommended for use in the rural public schools free libraries is almost prepared. There are 500 books in the list. The list which was first issued, three years ago, contained only one hundred books. Revised rules and regulations regarding the libraries are also being sent out. Under the new law the books for use in the schools must be selected from the list officially approved by the State board of education.

Applications for new lodges of Odd Fellows at East Durham, Old Fort, and South Greensboro are in the hands of Grand Secretary Foodell, and he has also an application for a Rebekah Lodge at Hot Springs.

Dr. Venable Honored

Philadelphia, Special.—At the commencement of the University of Pennsylvania the honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred upon President Venable, of the University of North Carolina.

False Rumors

False rumors of the death of Pope Leo were circulated in Vienna and elsewhere.

A BLOODY CRIME IN ASHE

Two Men and a Woman Chopped to Pieces With an Axe.

Jefferson, Special.—The most horrible tragedy that has ever been enacted in the memory of the oldest inhabitants of the county took place Sunday, at the foot of the Alleghany mountain range, just inside of this county. Crick Davis, with an axe, cut to pieces two men and his own wife.

The story of the crime runs thus: Davis, who lived at the foot of the mountain, was visited by two former friends and acquaintances, Alfred Barker and son, Levi, who lived near Chillovie, Va. They had stopped at his house on their way to see their relatives in this section. Davis seemed very clever and insisted on their spending the night with him. They consented and when bedtime came every one in the house retired. The two visitors occupied the same bed. Davis and his wife occupied another bed close by, possibly in the same room. Hardly had they retired when Mrs. Davis heard a noise, and on looking toward where the Barkers were sleeping, saw her husband with the axe, cutting the Barkers to pieces. She sprang out of the bed and tried to keep her husband from killing the old man, Alfred, and immediately Davis gave her two blows that sent her to the floor. Levi had been killed by the first blow, that had split his head half open as clean as one splits a hog's head in slaughtering. Alfred had been saved apparently by Mrs. Davis, as he had time to crawl out of the bed and into a field of rye, close by. Nevertheless, he was bleeding like a hog and will die, having received the axe up to the hilt in his stomach and having his right arm cut off. Alfred says that as he lay in the field he heard the awful blows that followed on the body of Mrs. Davis, and heard her groans grow fainter and fainter. But the woman was not yet killed, and after the excitement had subsided Davis took his wife in the house, washed her wounds and washed himself. Davis' little girl, with the baby in her arms, was the one who gave the alarm, she escaping for her life at the outset.

When people came in they found Davis sitting by his wife administering to her wants, but the woman seemed to be in such agony she paid little attention to what was going on. Davis said: "I guess I have killed him, but I didn't know it." A surgeon summoned from Mountain City, Tenn., gave it out that all would certainly die and the rumor is current on the streets that the woman is dead.

Parties just from the scene of the tragedy say that there is blood everywhere, that ten beavers would have left as much blood scattered around a slaughter pen. No motive can be found for the heinous deed, though many theories have been advanced. One is that Davis was insane, that he had been out of his head only six months before. Another is that Levi Barker was once a sweet heart of his wife and that this visit stirred up jealousy. It is said that it is true the man has been wrong with his mind several times, but that he was really a very mean man and had once before tried to kill a man with an axe. The theory of jealousy is not believed owing to the fact that Mrs. Davis was a woman of fine Christian character and had never given the slightest attention to Barker since her marriage.

Davis is in jail here, having been bound over to court.

Accident at Hamlet

Hamlet, Special.—J. C. Haverly, day operator at the north yard, was run over by a switch engine, here Tuesday morning at 7:20 o'clock and injured so badly that he died four hours later. There was no eye witness to the accident, but from a statement made immediately after the occurrence, it seems that he was walking the main line, going from the depot to the yard to work, and seeing passenger train No. 31 coming, he stepped off on to the side-track, and the switch engine running parallel with No. 31, and which he had not observed, struck him. His right leg and shoulder were badly mutilated.

Shipping Cotton to New Orleans

Boston, Special.—The Morgan line steamer El Monte, is due at Mystic wharf next Monday from New York to take a shipment of 8,000 square bales of cotton to New Orleans. This cotton is now being received at the terminal from the Tremont and Suffolk Mills, Lowell, and the entire consignment will be in the shed by the first of the week. This cotton, it is said, is being sent back to the South to cover the shorts in their July delivery. A Philadelphia concern is said to be the purchaser of the cotton from the mills.

Call For Temperance Convention

The executive committee of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League has called a convention in Raleigh to meet July 7th. The objects are set forth as being to unite and solidify the temperance sentiment and prepare for a vigorous campaign against the saloon. Plans will be devised and committees appointed at this meeting.

FEDERAL LAW IS SUPREME

The Property of the Government is Exempt From Seizure.

OPINION OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL

The Warship Controversy—But the Creditors Will Be Insured Against Loss Should It Be Held That the Vessels Are the Assets of the Builders—The Decision of the Cabinet.

Washington, D. C.—Attorney-General Knox read to the President and the Cabinet an opinion prepared by him on the question of the right of the Chancery Court at Richmond, Va., to issue an injunction against launching the cruiser Galveston, which had been under construction by the defunct William R. Trigg Company. Mr. Knox pointed out that interference with Federal property was forbidden, and all that was necessary for the Government to do to retain complete legal possession of the Galveston was to arrange a stipulation, or indemnifying bond to insure creditors against loss should it be held that the naval vessel was an asset of the Trigg company.

It is understood that Mr. Knox had originally passed upon the question of the right of the Government to use armed force to prevent interference with the Galveston under orders from a State or municipal court, taking the affirmative view, but subsequently re-wrote this portion of his opinion so as to say that such a course was not necessary.

In view of Mr. Knox's opinion, which was indorsed by the President and the Cabinet after a long and earnest discussion, the United States District Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia will be directed to enter into a stipulation in the Chancery Court of Richmond to insure creditors of the Trigg Company against loss and to cause a revocation of the injunction against the Galveston. The case will then be carried to a Federal Court to determine whether the claims of the creditors can lie against the Galveston and the revenue cutter and river dredge which were also being built at the yard.

A similar course of action will be pursued to prevent State interference with the cruiser Chattanooga, which was seized by the Sheriff at Elizabethport N. J., to satisfy a claim against Lewis Nixon, who is building the vessel for the Government. The United States District Attorney will give the necessary surety to take the case to a Federal Court.

Cabinet officers and officers of the Navy Department said that there would be no occasion to use force, or even to make a nominal show of force, to retain Federal possession of the Galveston, the Attorney-General having demonstrated that the law of Congress was clearly against any interference with Government property to satisfy liens. The President and Secretary Moody confidently expected that the Galveston would be launched under the most auspicious and auspicious circumstances.

GIRLS IN FACTORY CRASH

Three Floors of an Old Building in New York City Suddenly Collapsed.

New York City.—With a crash that was heard for blocks three floors in an old brick building at No. 49 Bowery collapsed, and forty girls and men employed in the structure were carried down with the crash. That the victims escaped death is deemed little short of a miracle. But nine were injured, none seriously.

The top floor gave way first, carrying down with it a number of persons. The mass crashed through the second floor, which also gave way, precipitating the entire inside of the structure in a tangled heap in the basement.

The second and third floors were occupied by the Lion Paper Box Company, owned by D. Albert & Sons. The first floor was used as a lunch room. According to one of Albert's sons, who was arrested after the accident, the crash was probably caused by overloading the top floor with bundles of paper which had just arrived.

Morris and Joseph Albert, of the paper company, were arrested. The charge made against them was "criminal neglect" in allowing the floors of the building to be overloaded with paper stock.

LORENZ LOOSENED DEATH'S GRIP

Famous Surgeon Saved Little Subject Who Succumbed to Anæsthetic.

Rochester, N. Y.—During the clinic held by Dr. Adolph Lorenz one of the most dramatic incidents in the history of the City Hospital occurred. Allan Nichols, eight years old, was on the operating table for club foot. The anæsthetic proved too powerful for the boy's weak heart and respiration ceased. In a twinkling and almost before the large crowd of professional men in attendance realized that the subject was dying, Dr. Lorenz began the manipulation of the boy's arms to produce artificial breathing.

There was a short period of the most intense and nervous suspense, during which not a physician present seemed to have the presence of mind to stir to the assistance of the operator. Dr. Lorenz was calm and collected. At the end of six minutes from time respiration ceased the surgeon suspended vigorous operations, looked about reassuringly, and quietly observed: "The little man is all right now."

LYNCHED FOR REVENGE

An Escaped Murderer Had Killed Member of Montana Fossa.

Angry Mob Then Took His Partner From the Jail and Hanged Him From the County Court House.

Helena, Mont.—Two years ago William F. Hardee, a Montana criminal, lent twenty-five cents to Henry Sweeney, one of his pals. In a quarrel over this money later Hardee shot and killed Sweeney. He was convicted of murder, but escaped from the Glasgow jail, and was at large for several months.

Some time ago Hardee was recaptured and sentenced to be hanged on June 6. John Brown, who had aided in his escape, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. On the day set for the hanging Hardee again escaped, taking with him Brown and two other prisoners, McKinney and Hill. Jack Pierce, the death watch over Hardee, was killed.

A posse started in pursuit of these men. By Sunday they had trailed Hardee and McKinney up the Missouri river for a distance of sixty miles and there found that the fugitives had crossed the river in a boat. The posse followed, caught the trail and went on for twelve miles. Just at sundown on Monday evening they were in a brush trying to locate the men when a shot rang out and Charles E. Hall, a member of the posse, fell dead. The bullet struck him in the right eye. Hardee and McKinney were concealed in the brush nearby, and a fusillade from the officers forced one man to dash out for better cover. The posse again opened fire, but nothing could be seen of the men.

A few days ago the brush was searched and Hardee's body was found. He had been shot through the lungs and must have died instantly. There were several bullet holes in his hat and clothing.

At night a mob who had learned of the death of Hardee and the slaying of Hall went to the county jail, where they overpowered the guards and dragged from the building Jack Brown, Hardee's accomplice in jail breaking, who had been recaptured. The men pruned a rope, and Brown was hanged from a window in the court house. The movement on the jail was so quietly planned that nothing was known of it by the people of Glasgow until the lynching was over.

Hall, the victim of Hardee's bullet, was unmarried and owned a ranch on Snow Creek, near the place where he died. He was a schoolmate of Hardee at Buffalo, Wyo., and once, in that State, was a member of a posse that was after Hardee.

ELIZABETH C. ADAMS DEAD.

A Relative of Two Presidents, She Figured in Historic Scenes.

Quincy, Mass.—Elizabeth Coumb Adams, granddaughter of John Adams, second President, and niece of John Quincy Adams, sixth President of the United States, is dead. She had been ill for about five months.

Miss Adams, who was born in Quincy February 9, 1818, was the daughter of Thomas Boylston Adams. Her father was Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Court for a number of years. In her youth she was a constant visitor to the homes of both John Adams and John Quincy Adams, and as a guest at the White House during the term of her uncle became known as the belle of the National capital.

In 1825 Miss Adams was one of the few persons permitted to be present at the meeting between President John Quincy Adams and the Marquis de Lafayette when the latter came to this country to lay the cornerstone of Bunker Hill Monument. On July 4 of the following year she was present at the bedside of President John Adams when death came.

ROOSEVELT LAUDS VIRGINIA.

Attends University Commencement and Visits Jefferson's Home.

Charlotte, Va.—President Roosevelt attended the seventy-ninth commencement of the University of Virginia, afterwards riding on horseback with Mrs. Roosevelt to Monticello, the home of Jefferson. The President's party was greeted with cheers by a large crowd as it alighted at the depot. An escort formed of the Monticello Guards led the way to the University, where the student body gave a ringing welcome after its own fashion.

When the President was introduced to speak before the Alumni Association for several minutes. After praising the University and Virginia as a State, Mr. Roosevelt remarked the fact that Edgar Allan Poe was a graduate of the institute, as was also Thomas Nelson Page. He closed by addressing the graduates on good citizenship.

At Monticello the President's party was entertained by Thomas Jefferson Levy, of New York City, who now owns the estate.

TEN KILLED IN A WRECK.

Passenger and Freight Trains in a Head-On Collision in Iowa.

Waterloo, Iowa.—Ten persons were killed in a head-on collision between an Illinois Central passenger train and a freight. The trains met just west of Raymond on a curve, and the passenger train, which had the right of way, was going at the rate of fifty miles an hour.

The dead include E. P. Stickney, of Waterloo, the engineers and firemen of both trains, three unidentified tramps, who were stealing a ride, and an unidentified immigrant.

RAM'S HORN BLASTS.



THE rabble rule only when the righteous retire. Reverence is the sign of reality in religion. Great aspirations do not atone for little actions. What we call sorrow God may call strength. God gives opportunity in answer to impurity.

Individual righteousness will secure universal reform. Our duty to the present is paying our debts to the past.

Word-energy is seldom work-energy. The corrupt church breeds public disease.

Life's little frets call for its largest faith. Morning prayer sets a picket for the day.

Happiness can only come in where it goes out. The heavy laden are likely to rise the highest.

Love is the best lens with which to view another. Truth knows how to be tolerant without trucking.

A sad world cannot be sweetened by a sour religion. The robe of righteousness is not a cloak for the sores of sin.

The absence of sanity does not prove the presence of sanctity. Don't buy your frills before you have paid for your foundation.

Time spent in courtesy is never wasted. A hand-me-down faith is always a misfit.

Living with Christ makes the Christian. There is no dotage to the Christian life.

A creedless religion may easily be deedless. The waste of time sows the weeds of eternity.

Patience and earnestness are passwords to success. He'd Been to Market.

Arthur was one of the little unfortunate army of five year olds that lives on Fifth avenue, where he has everything to his heart's content except mud pies and things a boy's heart really craves. Not long ago one of Arthur's uncles bought a country seat on Long Island—barns, horses, cows, chickens and other royal conveniences included. Recently Arthur was allowed to visit the "farm" and to inspect the same at his leisure. One of the first things he saw was a strange creature on two legs, with wings and a mania for scratching gravel.

"What's that thing?" he asked. "That's a chicken," was explained. "Oh, no," he said incredulously. "You can't fool me; that thing's got feathers on it."—New York Times.

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