

ALL RECORDS BROKEN.

The Columbia State says the Atlantic Coast Line's New York and Florida special train has just made the greatest record-breaking run ever known in the south, overhauling the record for speed made by the famous Pythian flyer over the same track on August 26th, 1894. It will be remembered that that train made the world's record long distance run. The run made on the Coast Line so far as speed was concerned, beat that of the Pythian train for the same distance and is better than the record of the New York Journal's special, which recently went 228 miles in 237 minutes.

The run was made by mogul engine No. 153, a big machine of the "trailer" pattern, in charge of Engineer L. Wacksmith, and a train of six Pullman cars in charge of Conductor G. D. Pugh. The train was heavier than the Pythian train, being composed of six 70-foot cars, while the Pythian train had only four Pullman coaches.

The record was made between Florence, S. C., and South Rocky Mount, N. C., a distance of 172.3 miles. The record books show these figures:

Actual time between the two points 196 minutes. Time lost by stops 22 minutes. Actual running time 174 minutes. The average speed was, therefore, 59.3 miles per hour.

The average speed of the Pythian flyer between these points was 56.3 miles per hour. The record of this trip was as follows:

Actual time between the two points 190 minutes. Time lost by stops 17 minutes. Actual running time 173 minutes. This record was made by Engineer J. R. Bissett and Conductor W. J. Hill, the engine being of the same make and style as that used Saturday.

A Business Man for Public Printer.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. WASHINGTON, March 12.—The next public printer will be a man of established business capacity—one who has had experience in handling men, whose executive ability has been tested, in short, a man of affairs. President McKinley looks upon the government printing office as one of the most important branches of departmental work. His long service in congress gave him a thorough insight into the operations of this bureau. He understands its magnitude and regards it as equal in importance to the big departments presided over by cabinet officers. Mr. Benedict's successor will be chosen, therefore, with the same care that the cabinet officers themselves were selected. An aspirant who cannot measure up to the requirements here stated, who has not demonstrated his ability in the business world, will not be considered in connection with the office, however strong his political influences may be. The present incumbent may not be permitted to serve out a full four-year term, but he will, at any rate, not be disturbed until the President has had time and opportunity to go over the field carefully and has found a man who possesses the qualifications necessary to fill the place beyond possibility of doubt. This statement is based upon expressions made by the President on the subject, and some of the candidates have already begun to trim their sails.

Cost of the Inauguration.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. WASHINGTON, March 12.—The finance committee of the inaugural committee met to night and prepared a final report. The total receipts were \$116,066.06, obtained as follows: Guarantee fund, \$47,730; sale of ball tickets, \$47,875; sale of supper tickets, \$22,592.55; sale of concert tickets, \$12,175.50; sale of privileges, \$5,692.55.

The guarantee fund will be returned to those who contributed and the remainder, amounting to \$68,336.05, will be used to defray the expenses of the inauguration. Just how much these expenses will aggregate is not exactly known, but it is thought they will not exceed \$50,000. In that event there will be a surplus of \$18,000, which will be expended in charities.

Members of the inaugural committee are very well satisfied with the financial success of the inauguration and feel they have reason to congratulate themselves. The secretary of the committee will tomorrow begin to return contributions.

NOT TO COERCE GREECE.

Russia and England Oppose the Plan.

SOLUTION IN SIGHT.

Whereby Greek Troops are to be Placed in Charge of Crete, According to King George's Original Plan—A Blockade Likely.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. ATHENS, March 12.—The Cretan question is passing through a lull. Everybody seems to be wondering where and when the storm will break out afresh. It is not generally agreed that the powers are acting in concert towards Greece.

PARIS, March 12.—England and Russia oppose extreme coercion of Greece. A solution now seems in sight by the powers placing Greek troops in charge as gendarmes of Crete as proposed by King George. All the powers, except Germany, will send soldiers to Crete. There may be a blockade.

Case of Charles Scott, in Cuba.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. HAVANA, March 12.—The judge of the court at Guanabacoa has ratified the action of the Spanish authorities in imprisoning Charles Scott, the American citizen who was arrested February 9th last, on the charge of having Cuban stamps in his possession. This means that the case will continue under the ordinary procedure until it is finally disposed of.

Georgia's Oldest Mad Dead.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. ATLANTA, March 12.—William Kilpatrick, the oldest man in Georgia, died today at Cartersville, aged 103 years. He enlisted in the Confederate army when he was 72 years old and fought through it. He was a brave soldier and was an estimable citizen all his life. He lived in this county for twenty years. Mr. Kilpatrick was a farmer.

Rev. Sam Jones in Atlanta.

Rev. Sam Jones arrived in Atlanta, Ga., Sunday, and entered upon a month's religious campaign, opening his second annual protracted meeting at the Moody Tabernacle before an audience of 5,000 people. Mr. Jones always draws immense crowds in Atlanta, and his coming has been waited for with great interest by his followers and admirers. For three weeks past the city has been in the midst of a religious stew, presided over by Rev. Dr. Broughton, of Virginia, who has just returned to his home and Mr. Jones arrived upon the scene in time to take the tide at its flood. He announces that he has come to "have tussle with Atlanta's devils," and will fight them with fire. Since he was in Atlanta, a year ago, there have been a number of incidents in the social life of the city that will furnish him with a live text for his battle cry, and the hottest fight he noted evangelist ever put up is anticipated.

Handing Out the Pie.

The Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says: "President McKinley says he does not propose to recognize any particular faction in North Carolina, or any other state. He says all factions must unite and then he will consider what disposition shall be made of the offices to be filled. Such a suggestion is easier made than fulfilled, and there is a row in the North Carolina camp that cannot be settled, unless it is handled in the most delicate manner by those in authority. It is believed that Senator Pritchard is committed to the appointment of Thos. R. Furrell to the vacant judgeship, notwithstanding the strong pressure made in behalf of Mr. Settle.

The other North Carolina places are said to be slated as follows, providing Senator Pritchard has his way: J. S. Leary, postmaster at Charlotte; J. B. Hill, marshal for the eastern district; W. A. Bailey, member of the present Legislature, marshal for the western district; Representative Duncan, of the Legislature, collector of internal revenue for the eastern district; and W. W. Bollins, collector for the western district.

AN ELEGANT AFFAIR.

The "Up-to-Date Club" Enjoy a Splendid Evening at "Summerest Villa."

The Durham Sun of yesterday says: "Possibly the most elegant and recherche function of the season was held at the palatial residence of Col. J. S. Carr yesterday afternoon. The occasion was a luncheon given as an entertainment to the 'Up-to-Date Club,' which is an association of about twelve ladies who meet every two weeks for social enjoyment and a literary effort. The ladies present were Madames A. G. Carr, E. J. Parrish, J. A. White, L. D. Heart, L. L. Morehead, Rufus Patterson, T. D. Jones, S. F. Tomlinson, L. A. Carr and B. L. Duke. Such an array of magnificently gowned ladies it would be hard to find in any city, and large amounts of money were represented in this feature alone.

"Summerest Villa," the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Carr, never looked more lovely than on this occasion. It was elaborately decorated with Easter lilies, palms, hyacinths, lilies of the valley and cut roses, especially the bride, nephews, and American beauties. The table was handsomely ornamented with the most exquisite cut flowers. Orchids of many varieties were in great profusion and embedded in maiden hair ferns. Gorgeous American beauties were laid at each plate for the guests with souvenir pins. Covers were laid for twelve. There were eighteen courses served, consisting of the choicest up to date viands, including fresh vegetables, such as potatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, strawberries, served as only the best knows how to do. The seats at the table were designated by cards of Chas. Dana Gibson, of most artistic selections of hand painted miniatures. All came away greatly pleased at the delightful hour spent.

Family Poisoned.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. HUNTSVILLE, Ala., March 12.—Joshua Kelly, one of the most prominent citizens of Madison county, died in terrible agony at Jeff, Ala., today from poisoning. Other members of the family are very ill and may die. Saturday morning Mrs. Kelly placed a dose of rat poison on a shelf in her kitchen. The poison happened to be just above a can of coffee by mice. On Saturday the coffee from the can was served and every one who drank was taken violently ill, showing unmistakable symptoms of poisoning.

Threw Himself in Front of a Train.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. READING, Pa., March 12.—Miss Isabella Fuller, a Chicago teacher, who came to this city a few days ago to visit her sister, committed suicide today by throwing herself in front of a train on the Pennsylvania railroad. She was 38 years old and had been a great sufferer from nervous prostration.

Wife Murderer's Sentence Commuted.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. ALBANY, March 12.—Governor Black has commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of death imposed upon William Youngs, the Fort Hunter wife murderer. This was done on the ground that Youngs who is weak-minded, was under great provocation at the time of committing the crime.

Income Tax Law.

The South Carolina legislature has passed an income tax law. The act becomes operative January 1st, next. The tax begins with one per cent, on incomes of \$1,200 per year derived from any kind of property, rents and dividends, profits or salaries. For incomes between three and five thousand dollars the tax is 1 1/2 per cent, constantly increasing until fifteen thousand is reached, when for that figure and all above it the tax is 3 per cent.

Band Blown Off by Dynamite.

Capt. J. A. Galbraith, conductor on the O. & C. passenger train, tells the Durham Sun of an accident from dynamite that happened a day or so ago near Clarksville. A man by the name of Dick Sneed, was down at the river near there. He lit the fuse of a stick of dynamite, which he intended to throw into the river to kill some fish. He waited just a little too long, however, before he got ready to throw it, and it exploded in his hand. Mr. Sneed's right hand was blown from his arm, or rather it was so badly shattered that amputation was necessary. Another man whose name Capt. Galbraith did not remember, was somewhat stunned by the explosion.

TO CONTROL IN SENATE.

Republicans Planning to Perfect their Organization.

The Washington Post of yesterday says: All eyes are now upon the United States senate. It is playing a deep game and the stakes are high. The republican side is being carefully considered and still more carefully played. So far the republicans are leading. If their skillful players shall succeed in winning, they will have at the end absolute control of the senate. Not only will they be able to muster sufficient votes for the passage of a protective tariff law, but they will also regain possession of the reins of power, taking not only the majority representation on the senate committees, but eventually, if the radical element in the party prevails, the senate offices as well.

Many Senators on the Republican side will be satisfied with nothing else. Some of them believe that in no other way can the success of the tariff bill be secured. The subject has been discussed in the party caucus and more extensively by the members of the steering committee. Realizing their numerical weakness, the members of the steering committee have determined to try to make combinations with those Senators classed as independents, silverites, or Populists, and overtures are already being made to some half-dozen or more of the new members outside of the Republican lines to come into camp and be well cared for during the next six years by making an offensive and defensive alliance. It will be pointed out to these men that there is nothing to be gained by them holding apart from any organization of the Senate and that they have much to gain from an alliance with the party whose star is in the ascendancy.

University Base Ball Schedule.

The Charlotte Observer gives the following base-ball schedule for the University team, for the coming season: Oak Ridge Institute, Chapel Hill, March 20. Presbyterian High School, Chapel Hill, March 24. University of Virginia, Chapel Hill, March 27. Wake Forest, Raleigh, April 3. Lafayette College, Chapel Hill, April 7. Lafayette College, Chapel Hill, April 8. University of Pennsylvania, Greensboro, April 14. Lehigh University, Chapel Hill, April 17. Lehigh University, Winston, April 19. Yale, Danville, April 20. Princeton, Greensboro, April 21. University of Virginia, Charlottesville, April 26. University of Virginia, Danville, May 1. University of Georgia, Atlanta, May 7. University of Georgia, Athens, May 8.

Marriage of Maj. Alf Williams and Miss Grimes.

A pretty marriage took place Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the ancestral home of the bride at Grimesland, Pitt county. The occasion was the celebration of the nuptials of Maj. Alfred Williams of this city, and Miss Charlotte Bryan Grimes of Grimesland. Only the immediate family and a few friends in the family were present, owing to a recent affliction, and the marriage was a quiet though beautiful affair. Maj. Williams entered the library, where the ceremony was performed, on the arm of his brother, Mr. F. O. Williams, of Titusville, Fla., who was also his best man, and the bride entered with her brother Mr. Bryan Grimes, who gave her away. She was becomingly attired in a handsomely fitting gown of blue gray, and carried in her hand a cluster of bride roses. Miss Susan Grimes, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Hughes of Washington, N. C. Mr. T. Palmer Jermon of this city accompanied Maj. Williams to Grimesland and was present at the ceremony. The bride and groom left for a bridal tour to Florida, followed by the happy congratulations of a box of friends throughout the state.

Will Call at the White House.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. WASHINGTON, March 12.—Mrs. Ruiz had an interview with Secretary Sherman which was satisfactory. She will call at the White House this afternoon.

THE REVENUE ACT

Is Said to be Unconstitutional—An Error in the Senate.

The revenue act is said to be unconstitutional, because the constitutional equation as to taxes between property and poll is not observed. The proportion was made all right in the house, but the error occurred in the senate. As enrolled, the act names 46 cents as the tax on property and only \$1.29 on the poll. The poll should be \$1.38. The supreme court will be called upon to pass upon the matter. If the new act is unconstitutional the act of two years ago would be effective.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

The Movements in New York and Liverpool Markets.

NEW YORK, March 12. Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., 30 Broad street, New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C., over their special wire:

The following are the opening, highest, lowest and closing quotations of the New York cotton market today:

Table with columns: MONTHS, OPENING, HIGH, LOW, CLOSING. Rows for January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, Sept'mb'r, October, November, December.

Cotton Movements.

The following shows the semi-weekly movement of cotton at 13 leading interior towns this week compared with that of last week, last year and 1895:

Table with columns: MONTHS, OPENING, HIGH, LOW, CLOSING. Rows for January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, Sept'mb'r, October, November, December.

New York Stock Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange today:

Table with columns: SUGAR, AMERICAN TOBACCO, BURLINGTON AND QUINCY, CHICAGO GAS, AMERICAN SPIRITS, GENERAL ELECTRIC, LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE, MANHATTAN, ROCK ISLAND, SOUTHERN PREFERRED, ST. PAUL, TENNESSEE COAL AND IRON, WESTERN UNION.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:

Table with columns: WHEAT, CORN, OATS, PORK, LARD, CLEAR RIB SIDES.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

The following were the closing quotations of the Liverpool cotton market today:

Table with columns: MARCH, MARCH-APRIL, APRIL-MAY, MAY-JUNE, JUNE-JULY, JULY-AUGUST, AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, OCTOBER-NOVEMBER, NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, JANUARY-DECEMBER.

Russell's Extravagance.

Greenboro Record. Tod Caldwell was the last Republican governor North Carolina had until the present occupant. Governor Caldwell made no very bad record, nothing to compare with what Governor Russell has already done especially in the way of extravagance.

Take the Lease Question for Instance.

Governor Russell, by his method of trying to bulldoze everybody, has cost the state about \$30,000 in trying to get his anti-house bill through the legislature, and during the next few years the state will have to pay lawyers about \$20,000 more to defend the courts.

This is a Poor Start for a Republican Governor.

but he is just the man to do things which he ought not to do.

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Pot-Pourri of the News Pleased on Paper—Politics and People Pertinently Picked and Pithily Put in Print.

Dr. D. H. Abbott will not be sworn in as railway commissioner until April 1st. The remains of Miss Minnie A. Raspberry, who died at the asylum were sent to Kinston today. Register of Deeds Rogers issued a marriage license to two Assyrians today. It takes a queer combination of letters to spell their names.

Ex-Judge Avery gets \$350 as a retainer fee as counsel for the state in the lease matter. Governor Russell yesterday issued the warrant for this amount.

A Raleigh firm sold four bicycles yesterday. Many new wheels are visible on the streets. Hillsboro street is a popular ride for the "bikers" during the bad weather.

Governor Russell has accepted an invitation to press the button and start the machinery at the Tennessee Centennial Exposition. A special committee came here to request him to do this.

Bishop W. W. Duncan, of Spartanburg, S. C., will lecture at Trinity College March 30th, 31st and April 1st. These lectures will be delivered under the auspices of the Averas school of Biblical literature.

Mr. Mebane, state superintendent of public instruction, has returned from a visit to Washington to see the United States commissioner of education, Dr. Harris. The latter is invited to attend the meeting of the North Carolina teacher's association next summer.

Attention is called to the new advertisement elsewhere of Yancey & Bowen, manufacturers of buggies and waggon. They are also prepared to do all kinds of repairing and to shoe horses and mules. Give them a call.

The new board of directors of St. Mary's school held their first meeting yesterday. The legislature granted St. Mary's a charter, naming a board of eight new directors. It was decided to call on the three Episcopal Dioceses in the state to aid the school.

Mr. Henry T. Hicks has acquired entire control of the Fayetteville street pharmacy formerly managed by Hicks & Rogers. Mr. Hicks, who is a skilled pharmacist, will devote his personal attention to the filling of prescriptions. The firm name will be Henry T. Hicks. Everything that is to be found in an up-to-date drugstore will be carried in stock.

Mr. Dave Berwanger has received from Col. J. S. Carr a very much appreciated remembrance from his famous manufactory at Durham, and Mr. Berwanger has in turn written Col. Carr a letter of acknowledgment in which he expresses his thanks for the souvenir and assures him of the good wishes, not only of Raleigh but of the entire state for Col. Carr's future prosperity and happiness.

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ANOTHER DELUGE.

Rain Tonight and Tomorrow—Colder by Saturday Night.

More rain. The weather prediction is rain to night and Saturday for Raleigh and vicinity. Clear weather is predicted by Saturday night.

The barometer this morning was 29.84. The thermometer registered 42.

The storm over Kansas seems to have moved rapidly to the east-lake region, increasing in severity, while another barometric depression exists along the west-gulf coast. Threatening, rainy weather continues throughout the south and east. The heaviest rainfall was 1.06 inches at Raleigh. The storm is followed by a considerable cold wave, the temperature having fallen 18 degrees below zero and to below freezing as far south as northern Texas, St. Louis and Chicago. It is snowing in the west lake region with high winds.

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SKINNER AN OUTCAST.

Butler Says he Can't Get in the Populist Caucus at Washington.

Senator George Butler of Sampson county stated to the Press-Visitor reporter before leaving the city that the populists intend to keep the lease matter constantly before the people. He said that the annulment of the North Carolina lease to the Southern would be the issue in the next campaign.

Mr. Butler also stated that the bolters would be given no recognition whatever. He further said: "If one of those bolters or any of their sympathizers attempt to enter a populist meeting or convention, they will be put out or expelled."

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NEW POLES AND WIRES.

Being Strung up in all Parts of the City—Business Moving Forward.

The city is being tangled up with new poles and wires.

The telephone exchange, the Raleigh Electric company and the Raleigh Gas company are putting up new poles and wires, all of which goes to show that these various business concerns are moving forward and enjoying an era of prosperity.

The telephone exchange is erecting some of the tallest poles ever seen in the city. The entire system is being replaced with new poles which measure 50, 55 and 60 feet in length. The old ones are about 40 feet. The tallest poles will be placed on Fayetteville, Hillsboro and Blount streets. Cables will be used on the two former streets.

There are now 304 telephones located in Raleigh, the largest number ever in use before. The telephone company will spend \$4,500 in improving and re-equipping its plant.

A Thousand Loser.

The Charlotte Observer of today says: A certain Western paper offered \$3,000 to the three persons who came nearest guessing the electoral vote. An operative in one of the mills at Mt. Holly saw the offer and sent on his figures. Several days ago he received a letter from a man who signed himself S. Midlyham. He said to the Mt. Holly man: "You are one of the lucky numbers, so I herewith enclose you a check for a thousand dollars, which you can get cashed at any of the Charlotte (N. C.) banks."

The check was made out on one of the Charlotte Commercial national bank's printed checks,