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## POSTOFFICE'S STEADY GROWTH

### Evidenced by Increase of Postoffice Receipts.

## EMAIL MORE PAPERS

In Any Other Postoffice of the Second-Class in the United States—An Average Increase in Receipts of \$2,000 Per Year for 4 Years.

It is a recognized fact and principle among the business people of the entire country that the condition of the business of a town is based on the receipts of its postoffice. It is the surest index of the growth and prosperity of any town. The papers of the country dwell on this fact at the end of each fiscal year when the postoffice department makes public the figures giving the receipts of the various post-offices.

It will be gratifying to the citizens of Raleigh to know that the receipts of the postoffice of this city during the past year record a substantial increase over the receipts of the preceding year. Through the courtesy of Mr. C. M. Sbee, the efficient and business-like head of Raleigh's post office, we are able to present some very interesting figures, which show that this city has experienced a steady and constant growth for the past years.

The receipts, which include all revenue from the sale of postage stamps from box seats for the fiscal year beginning April 6th, 1896 and ending April 6th, 1897, were \$32,119. For the years '95-'96 the receipts at the Raleigh office were \$30,141 and for the two preceding years \$28,414 and \$25,516 respectively. These are years in which Mr. Busbee has been postmaster.

It will be observed that there has been a steady growth in the receipts of the office, averaging \$2,000 per year for the past four years. Such a condition of facts must be appreciated by every citizen of Raleigh. In cities where there has been substantial growth than Raleigh and where progress has been devoid of all semblance of a boom.

It is a fact that the Raleigh office handles more second-class matter in any office in the United States its rank, and for that matter more in a majority of the first-class offices. The amount of second-class matter handled during the past year is over 308,000 pounds.

Newspapers and periodicals are classed as second-class matter and inference is that Raleigh is classed with more newspapers than any other town of its size in the United States.

The Raleigh postoffice is rated as second-class, but it is a very large second-class office. No postoffice in the state enjoys the distinction of being in the first-class. An office which reaches \$40,000 and over. A second-class office must derive \$8,000 revenue and not over \$40,000. It will be seen that the receipts of the Raleigh postoffice will have to be increased only about \$7,000 before it enters the first-class.

Few postoffices have a service equal to that of the Raleigh office. It is a fact greatly appreciated by the people here. The credit for the excellent postal service which prevails is due to the gentlemanly and efficient set of clerks who handle the mail. It is a most capable force and one that the government should be proud of. We do not know of any other office in the city which work so hard as those in the postoffice department. The majority of them are busily engaged fourteen hours a day.

The government should increase the force and the pay of the employees of the Raleigh office.

## BANK GOES UNDER.

The Globe of Chicago Failed to Open Its Doors This Morning.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

CHICAGO, April 5.—The Globe Savings Bank failed to open its doors this morning. The Chicago title and trust company is appointed receiver. The capital of the bank was two hundred thousand dollars. The Globe announced a fifty per cent assessment several days ago and the tardy response of stockholders caused the collapse.

There never has been so much building going on in Raleigh as here is now.

## NO FLOATING DEBT.

On the Southern System—President Spencer's Abatement.

President Samuel Spencer of the Southern Railway Co., says the Manufacturers' Record, has applied to the New York stock exchange to list \$1,523,000 first consol 5 per cent bonds of the system. The bonds are divided as follows: The sum of \$20,000 takes the place of divisional bonds redeemed, and \$1,000,000 is the remainder of the amount issuable in 1896, under the following provision of article 1, section 7, viz: "Upon Jan. 1, 1896, or upon any day thereafter, but prior to Dec. 31, 1896, upon such resolutions of the board of directors of the railway company, \$2,000,000 bonds at par shall be so certified and delivered."

Certificates have been filed with the trustee of the mortgage as to the purposes for which the proceeds of \$1,000,000 previously drawn under said section were expended. The two principal items among these expenditures were: Additions to shops at Knoxville and Atlanta, and shops at Salisbury (\$257,829.86), new equipment (\$347,349.84), all of which property is subject to the mortgage.

In connection with the proposed listing, President Spencer makes the assertion that the Southern has no floating debt. This statement is very encouraging to all interested in the welfare of the south. The Southern has been operated under the policy of the present administration since June, 18, 1894, or nearly three years. When President Spencer assumed charge of the property it was in such a condition as to necessitate the expenditure of several million dollars for betterments of different kinds. In fact, the principal lines have been practically rebuilt since its organization. While provision was made in the reorganization plan for \$5,000,000 for this purpose, many improvements were required which were not estimated in the calculation, as is the case in the rehabilitation of all railroads. In spite of these extra items of expense, President Spencer, as already stated, reports that the company owes no floating debt whatever.

## MISS DORA DUTY JONES

To Lecture Here Tuesday Evening—One of the Speakers at Nashville.

Miss Dora Duty Jones, a most cultured young North Carolina woman, who has attained distinction abroad, will lecture on "The Madonna in Art," at Metropolitan Opera House Tuesday evening.

Miss Jones, now a resident of Washington, has been invited to deliver her now noted lecture on "The Sibyls in Art and Literature" at the Art Congress to be held in the Woman's building at the Nashville Centennial. This is a high compliment to one of North Carolina's most brilliant women.

Miss Jones studied abroad for years and is one of the best informed and most entertaining women in the country. Thomas Nelson Page, P. Hopkinson Smith, Bishop McCabe and Dean Griffin, of John Hopkins University, all speak in the highest terms of her lecture on art, delivered recently in Baltimore.

## DR. MATTHEW'S STAY

In Raleigh to be Brought to a Close Next Saturday.

How many persons wear glasses unsuited to their necessity, needs but the trial of determine. Those who are particular in every other feature of suitability to their wants, are heedless in the matter of exact adjustment of glasses. If you use spectacles or eye glasses try them and determine for yourself whether you see equally well with either eye. If your eyes ache or pain by using them there is trouble. During Dr. MattheW's stay in Raleigh he has successfully fitted glasses to the eyes of many persons. Do not lose the opportunity of consulting him concerning your eyes and glasses before it is too late, as his stay at the Yarboro will be brought to a close Saturday next, April 10th, and can be consulted only until 5 p. m. of that day.

Boats Used in Shaw.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

SAW, Miss., April 5.—Ploughs were running through the fields adjacent to Shaw Saturday. Twenty-four hours later boats were running through the main business streets. The fields are now from 4 to 6 feet under water. The water is still rising slowly.

The board of county commissioners are in session today.

## CUBAN REFORMS AT LAST

### Weyler is Instructed From Madrid to Introduce Them

## PEACE FOR CUBA

It is Semi-Officially From Madrid—Senator Allen Speaking Today on His Resolution Against the Summary Execution of Rivera

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Senator Allen called up the resolutions protesting against the summary execution of Rivera the captured Cuban leader and he is speaking upon it.

MADRID, April 5.—The government has sent a dispatch to General Weyler instructing him to introduce into the administration of affairs in Cuba the reforms which the cabinet recently agreed to institute on that island. Epoca, the semi official organ says that negotiations for restoration of peace in Cuba are in progress with every prospect of successful conclusion.

## NEW CLUB BUILDING

Mr. Fisher, the Designer Here—Work to Commence by May 15th.

The building committee of the Capital Club met this morning and completed all arrangements for the early construction of the new club house, which is to be erected on the property of the club on the corner of Salisbury and Martin streets.

Mr. C. W. Fisher, of the firm of Earle & Fisher, architects of Worcester, Mass., arrived here yesterday to consult especially with the committee about the plans submitted by the above firm. Mr. Fisher was present at the meeting this morning. A few alterations were made in the plans as previously submitted and it was the verdict of Mr. Fisher and the members of the committee that the alterations would enhance the value of and improve the building.

Among other things a gallery to the ball room was provided for, so that none but dancers can occupy the ball room floor.

The design of Messrs. Fisher and Earle was finally accepted after all the alterations had been made.

Mr. Fisher guaranteed to have all the plans and specifications ready within three weeks, when bids will be advertised for.

It is confidently expected that work will commence on the building by May 15th and the members anticipate celebrating Christmas in their new home.

The building committee decided this morning to construct the club building with brick and brown-stone finishings.

## PRIMARIES TONIGHT

Democrats Will Select Their Candidates for the Different Offices.

The primaries occur this evening at 8 o'clock.

The weather promises to be clear and every Democrat should turn out.

The following are the places appointed for holding the primaries: First Ward—Metropolitan Hall. Second Ward—Court House. Third Ward—Academy of Music. Fourth Ward—Mayor's Office. Great interest centers in the result of the nominations. Candidates for mayor, tax collector, city clerk and three aldermen will be voted for in each of the wards.

In the primary each elector will vote directly for his choice for mayor, city clerk and tax collector, and for every 16 votes or fraction over ten votes that a candidate receives, he has the right to name one delegate to the city nominating convention.

Each primary will also name three men to represent the ward in the city Democratic executive committee.

Lieut. Shipp Will Go to Montana.

Lieutenant Shipp's term as instructor of tactics in the Davis Military school at Winston, will expire with this session and soon thereafter, he will return to his regiment, which is located in Montana.

Our Chauncy III.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Chauncy Depew is still confined to his room by the physicians orders. He is allowed to see no one but members of his family.

## CLEARING TONIGHT.

Fair Weather is Predicted for Tuesday by the Weather Bureau.

The weather prediction for Raleigh and vicinity is clearing tonight. Fair weather is predicted for Tuesday.

The thermometer registered 60 this morning. The barometer recorded 29.92.

The barometer has fallen considerably throughout the eastern with the center of the low area over the Lake region. The storm has been accompanied by copious rains as far south as Florida; some large amounts were recorded in the east, viz: 2.18 inches at Charlotte, 1.08 at Raleigh, 1.34 at Washington. The barometer is high in the weather has cleared over the middle and southern Rocky Mountain slopes and eastward to the lower Mississippi valley. The temperature has fallen in the west, with freezing weather in western Nebraska.

The rivers of eastern North Carolina will rise considerably within the next 36 hours, but probably not reach the danger line.

## TODAY'S MARKETS.

The Movements in New York and Liverpool Markets

NEW YORK, April 5.

Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., 30 Broad street, New York, and 205 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:

MONTHS.	OPENING.	HIGH-EST.	LOW-EST.	CLOSING.
January.	6.95	6.91	6.90	6.88.
February.	.....	.....	.....	6.91.
March.	.....	.....	.....	.....
April.	.....	.....	.....	7.01.
May.	.....	.....	.....	7.07.
June.	7.11	7.15	7.11	7.11.
July.	7.16	7.21	7.16	7.15.
August.	7.20	7.34	7.17	7.17.
September.	7.21	7.29	6.94	6.96.
October.	6.90	6.72	6.81	6.85.
November.	6.80	6.72	6.72	6.86.
December.	6.86	6.74	6.73	6.80.

Cotton Movement.

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:

RECEIPTS.	SHIPMENTS.	STOCKS.	
This week.	14,351	9,953	15,516
Last week.	20,135	29,539	24,779
Last year.	231,362	245,487	248,030

New York Stock Market.

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

Sugar	.....	1107
American Tobacco	.....	734
Burlington and Quincy	.....	704
Chicago Gas	.....	784
American Spirits	.....	124
General Electric	.....	314
Louisville and Nashville	.....	454
Manhattan	.....	834
Rock Island	.....	614
Southern Preferred	.....	254
St. Paul	.....	724
Tennessee Coal and Iron	.....	254
Western Union	.....	80

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

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

Wheat—May, 70; July, 69  
Corn—May, 24; July, 23  
Oats—May 17; July 18.  
Pork—May, 8.32; July 8.47  
Lard—May, 4.17; July 4.27  
Clear Rib Sides—May 4.55; July 4.57.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

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

April	.....	3.61
May-June	.....	3.61
June-July	.....	3.61
July-August	.....	3.61
August-September	.....	3.61
September-October	.....	3.61
October-November	.....	3.55-56
November-December	.....	3.55-56
December-January	.....	3.48-49
January-February	.....	3.49

Closed steady; sales 12,000 bales.

Judge Shepherd Retained in the Southern Railway Lease Case.

Ex-Chief Justice Shepherd has today been retained by the Attorney General to appear for him as special counsel in the suit of the Southern railroad company in relation to the lease of the N. C. R. R. Co. The answer of the Attorney General has already been prepared by counsel employed by the governor. It is the object of the Attorney General, while vindicating his right to bring certain suits in his discretion, as representing the sovereignty of the State, to also allow the governor to present through him all questions relating to the validity of the lease, except the charge of actual fraud on the part of the directors.

## PARK TRANSFORMATIONS

### Aldermen Ferrall Has Ingratuated Improvements.

## A BIG FLAG POLE UP

The Stars and Stripes to Float Every Day—Pullen Park Greatly Beautified With Out Cost to the City—Alderman Ferrall's Splendid Work.

Pullen Park has lost none of its old time popularity as was demonstrated by the large number of visitors who were out yesterday afternoon despite the threatening condition of the weather.

For months Superintendent Howell, and occasionally a force of hands, have been at work improving and beautifying the park, which has proved to be the most popular resort of the people of Raleigh during the summer months.

A PRESS-VISITOR reporter made a visit to the Park yesterday and at every turn there were evidences of some changes made since last season which add to the beauty of the picturesque and delightful resort. New driveways, winding through all parts of the retreat were noticeable. The old drives have been widened. Trees have been planted out and grass sown. The pavilion, the bath house, fences and in fact all the wood work has been touched up with a fresh coat of paint.

The appearance of the park is pleasing to the eye and shows that it has been well attended and kept. Everything had the touch of spring.

One of the most noticeable improvements and one that will attract most attention is the erection of a massive flag pole seventy feet high. The flag pole is situated on the highest elevation in the park and has a commanding position. A large United States flag will float from the masthead in a few days.

A dozen iron rusties, which it will be impossible to break down, have been ordered and will be placed in the park at an early date.

Every one of these improvements have been made without any cost to the city. The money derived from the bath house last season, and it was a snug little sum, has been utilized in making these additions and improvements to the park. For the past two years, since Alderman Ferrall has been chairman of the park committee, the bathing pool has been made to yield a handsome little revenue.

Alderman Ferrall has taken great interest in the park and the many improvements and additions have been made at his direction and through his untiring energy. The very remarkable fact that it has been done without cost to the city speaks itself for Mr. Ferrall's able management.

## BOSTONS MAY PLAY HERE

Philadelphia Cancels the Game With Wake Forest—News for the Cranks.

The Philadelphia League team cancels its game with Wake Forest, which was scheduled here Wednesday. The Boston League team want to play Wake Forest here next Thursday. The college team will accept the offer if the faculty will permit them.

The Brooklyns play Trinity college in Durham Tuesday.

If Raleigh had had a ball team this season games could have been had with the Brooklyn Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia and perhaps other National League teams. The PRESS-VISITOR will be able to give some interesting base ball news to the cranks soon.

## NO HEARING TOMORROW

Judge Simonton Allows the Governor 20 More Days in the A. & N. C. Injunction Case.

Messrs. Jones and Boykin, solicitors for the complainant in the injunction case brought by Mr. W. R. Tucker of this city against Gov. Russell and others, in which Judge Simonton issued a restraining order returnable before him at Greensboro tomorrow, have received a letter from the Judge informing them that he has allowed the defendants 20 days time to file their answer.

The case, therefore, will not be heard at Greensboro tomorrow. Judge Simonton will hereafter name a time and place for the hearing of the case.

A revival service will be inaugurated at the Tabernacle church next week.

## CRIMINAL INSANE

To be Moved to the Penitentiary—Annex to be Built—40 Convicts Sent to Castle Hayne.

Thirty-nine convicts were taken to Castle Hayne this morning, where Supr. Smith has let them out under a six month's contract to work in the phosphate mines. The men taken are largely from eastern counties.

The PRESS-VISITOR learns from Superintendent Smith that an annex will soon be constructed for the accommodation of the criminal insane. It will be remembered that the legislature passed an act providing for the transfer of the criminal insane from the state hospitals to the penitentiary and annual appropriation of \$3,000 for their care was made. Work on the annex will commence at an early date.

The number of criminal insane in the State is twenty six.

The oldest convict in the penitentiary died a few days since at the advanced age of 80 years. He was a life prisoner and had served more than thirty years.

In a few days a white woman will have finished a twenty years sentence, but by virtue of good behavior she has gained nearly three years time. She will have coming to her about \$95, which is the largest amount any convict has ever received for good behavior.

## EXPERIMENT STATION.

Ramie, a New Plant, and Sugar Corn to be Cultivated.

The Experiment Station has on hand and will distribute during April one barrel of ramie roots among farmers and truckers of the eastern district of the State who desire to make a practical test of this crop. Those who accept this offer must agree to plant and cultivate the roots according to the directions furnished by the Station and report results in the fall. It is especially promising for the river lands and rice fields of the coast counties.

It furnishes a very strong and beautiful fiber and makes a fabric resembling silk.

The Experiment Station of this city for a number of years past has been developing a sugar corn that would have the properties of field corn adapted to this latitude, combined with the table qualities of ordinary sugar corn. It is believed that characteristics of such a cross are now permanently fixed. The Station desires to place a small package of corn in the hands of careful parties who will give it a trial, and who will promise to report results next fall.

New Era Institute.

A New Era Institute will be held in this city tomorrow, Wednesday and Friday. This is the third of a series of institutes which have been held annually. These institutes are held for the elevation and enlightenment of colored ministers.

The programme of exercises, which will be observed tomorrow is as follows:

- 9:30 a. m.—Praise and song service, Revs. B. P. Peterson and D. J. Aver.
- 10:00 to 10:40—Redemption, coming of a Redeemer, Rev. J. H. Scott, discussion by the brethren.
- 11:40—Redemption, Christ as the light of the world, Rev. B. W. Spilman. Discussion by the brethren.
- 2:30 to 3:00—Praise and song service, Rev. W. A. Jones and Bro. John Christmas.
- 3:00—Church history, great reformation, Editor J. W. Bailey and Prof. N. C. Bruce.
- 7:30 to 8:00—Praise and song service, Rev. T. B. Edwards and Bro. Love of Shaw University.
- 8:00—Gospel ministry; Dr. A. W. Pegues.

Wednesday this will be the programme:

- 9:30—Praise and songs, Rev. H. Pair and Rev. William Ellerbee.
- 10 to 11—Reception of members by the church, Rev. G. W. Perry and Rev. J. J. Worlds.
- 10—Church history, Judge W. A. Montgomery, Discussion, Dr. J. W. Carter.
- 2:30 to 3—Praise and song, Rev. E. B. Blake.
- 3—Redemption, Death of Christ, Dr. A. M. Simms.
- 7:30 to 8—Praise and song, Dr. Bowen, of Shaw University.
- 8 to 8:30—Foreign missions of colored baptists, Rev. Joseph Perry.
- 8:40—Foreign missions northern and southern baptists, white, Rev. John E. White.

The appointment of Mrs. Darby as Executive Clerk of the Governor has been made permanent.

## SHORT STATEMENTS.

### Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

## AROUND THE CITY.

Port-Parier of the News Pictured on Paper—Points and People Pertinacious Picked and Pithily Put in Print.

Easter is two weeks off.

The projectoscope, one of Edison's greatest inventions will soon be seen in this city.

Rev. E. F. Tatum, Baptist missionary to Changhi, China, with his wife and child are in the state.

Prof. J. A. Atkinson of Elon College preached a most excellent sermon at the Christian church last evening.

Wake Forest and the University may meet again in base ball contest, in Raleigh, under more favorable weather conditions.

There will be a meeting of the Isabella circle of Kings' Daughters tomorrow evening at 4:30 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Cleve Lee.

Hon. J. C. Harris has gone to Washington on business. He will return by Morganton, where he will officiate at an important meeting.

The railroad appeals from the decision of the jury in the Norton case, which was tried in Durham court last week. The case now goes to the supreme court.

It is stated that the Southern will make a change in the present schedule on the main and branch lines about the 15th inst.

Young men's prayer meeting every Monday night at 7:30 p. m. at the Baptist Tabernacle Sunday-school rooms. All men are respectfully invited.

Mr. J. L. Kelly, who was recently elected fertilizer inspector by the agricultural board will move to Raleigh in a few days. He has rented the Devereux place.

C. C. Fagan of Martin county, who was recently elected clerk to the equalization board by the railway commission will take hold of the office May first. The clerkship pays \$1,000.

Miss Preston, international secretary of the Young Woman's Christian association, who is visiting the schools and colleges in the state, preparatory to the annual summer school to be held at Asheville in June, is in the city.

There is a great revival meeting in progress at St. Paul's M. E. Church. Rev. R. H. W. Leak, the pastor, reports forty-two conversions and thirty-five accessions to the church. The meeting will continue until Easter.

The white guards at the state farm, on Roanoke river near Tilley, have this week been replaced by colored men. Several of the white men who could have remained, left of their own accord when the negroes were put on as guards.

The Seaboard Air Line is planting flower gardens at each station along the main line and the agents are at work on these improvements at every place along the line. Immigration Agent John T. Patrick, has general charge of this work. When the scheme is carried out the Seaboard will have the most attractive stations in the South.

The Epworth League of Central Methodist church will give a literary and social entertainment Thursday evening at the church. All members of the league, both active and honorary, and all persons interested in Epworth League work are cordially invited to be present. A very interesting program has been prepared, consisting of musical selections, both vocal and instrumental laughable recitations and readings. There will be short speeches by prominent league workers, after which an hour will be informally spent. A pleasant evening is promised to all. The hour is 8 o'clock. No admission will be charged.

Fire at Newark.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. NEW YORK, April 5.—A fire this morning destroyed buildings in Galedonia Park and Springfield Avenue at Newark. The damage is fifty thousand.