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INDUSTRIAL AGENTS.

Second Convention Met Yesterday at Charlotte.

The Charlotte News of yesterday says: The second convention of the industrial agents of the Seaboard Air Line met at the city hall this morning at 10:30 o'clock. The attendance is very large, nearly all the agents of the different towns along the system being present.

Col. John J. Dyer, of Handsom, Va., was made chairman, and called the meeting to order.

Mr. John T. Patrick, of Pine Bluff, chief industrial agent of the Seaboard, made the opening address. He referred to the first meeting of the agents at Southern Pines sixty days ago, and he reviewed the work accomplished since the former meeting.

He wants a strip of clover and grass some ten or fifteen feet wide to be planted along the right of way. Farmers will be assisted by the company in improving the land, and may retain the produce.

He suggests that nut-bearing trees be planted on the streets; and pecan trees will be sent out to agents.

He advocated the formation of children's leagues in the various places, enlisting the children in the work of town improvement.

He said our money should be kept at home by patronizing home industries. Patronize your home papers; the more patronage they get, the better service they are able to give you, and the more they advertise your town.

Don't expect the editor to do everything free; keep a standing write up in your home paper; let each subscriber when he finishes with his local paper mark some special item in it, and send it every week to some one person he may select in the Northern States who is thinking of coming South; and let him write a personal letter calling attention to the paper and the town. This will have more effect than all the scattering literature you may send out.

The Seaboard has already established 28 of the 100 projected experiment farms, on which have been planted over 200,000 fruit trees and fruit bearing shrubs, 50,000 packages of seed have been distributed, and when the fruit season comes in there will be a traveling school of instruction to show the methods of canning, evaporating, picking preserving, and making jams and fruit butter by actual process. Ladies skilled in this work will go along as teachers. The object of this is to show the country people what they can do on their own farms.

The Cotton Crop.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 3.—Secretary Hester has just issued a statement analyzing the movement of the cotton crop for the first seven months of the present season, compared with the previous three years. The delivery of cotton from Texas has been 2,996,029 bales, against 1,771,907 last year and 3,098,165 year before last.—The amount compared with September, 1st, in each of the three groups of States has been 2,098,299 in Texas; 2,595,537 in other Gulf States and 3,228,428 in Atlantic States, making the total to the close of March 7,904,260 and showing an increase in Texas compared with last year of 287,845, a decrease under the year before last of 1,040,189, and an increase over 1894 of 187,437; an increase in other Gulf states of 551,916 over last year, a decrease of 91,730 under the year before last and an increase of 563,603 over 1894; an increase in the Atlantic states of 607,180 over last year; a decrease of 158,748 under the year before last and an increase of 236,269 over 1894.

CONVENTION TONIGHT

Mr. C. B. Edwards Declines to Run as Alderman in the Fourth.

The Democratic convention meets tonight at Metropolitan Hall at 8:30 p. m. All the delegates who were named at the primaries Monday night will be present and vote for their candidates. The convention will formally nominate Wm. Russ for Mayor, H. F. Smith for city clerk, and C. F. Lunsden for city tax collector.

Mr. C. B. Edwards, who was nominated for alderman in the fourth ward, declines the honor and he has sent his resignation to the city executive committee.

Mr. J. A. Sibleg, of Chattanooga, is registered at the Park.

KNOXVILLE'S MAMMOTH FIRE

Four Blocks in the Heart of the City Wiped Out.

THE LOSSES UP IN MILLIONS.

Ten Persons Lost Their Lives—Chattanooga Sent her Fire Department to the Rescue—Finest Block in the City Burned—Began at Four this Morning—Citizens Aided the Firemen.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. KNOXVILLE, Tenn., April 3.—A fire at four this morning destroyed a large section of the business portion of the city in spite of the heroic efforts of the firemen. The citizens joined the firemen to prevent the spread. However, in a short time four blocks were consumed, including the Hotel Knoxville. It is thought ten persons lost their lives. The loss will be several millions. Other cities were asked for assistance.

Among the heaviest losers are Daniel Briscoe and Co., dry goods; Sterchi Bros., wholesale and retail furniture; Marble City hat Co.; A. P. Laher, dry goods. An explosion of dynamite at the Woodruff Hardware store shattered every window in Gay street. Part of the Chattanooga fire department arrived at eight. An entire block, bounded by Unions and Reservoir streets with the exception of McGee Building on one end was consumed. It was the longest and handsomest block in the city. The loss is estimated at a million dollars. Several persons were seriously hurt, Joseph McMillin having his leg broken.

Of fifty guests at the hotel Knoxville which was destroyed, twenty are missing. It is impossible to work in the debris on account of the intense heat.

P. C. Dyer was overcome by excitement and dropped dead from a paralytic stroke.

ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH

Two of the Colored Guards Took a Nap and Their Snoring Gave Them Away.

If there is one thing a darkey cannot do, it is to sit up at night. This has been demonstrated on many occasions.

The latest exemplification of this truth occurred at the penitentiary. Last week Supt. Smith put on a force of colored men as guards. They were assigned to night duty and were required to be always on the alert while walking the stockade.

One night this week the night corporal heard peculiar noises at different parts of the stockade. He went to investigate and found two of these presumably diligent watchers snoring at a great rate. Their eyes were closed tightly—they were lost to the world.

When the guards reported next day Supt. Smith "fired" both the sleepers. They pleaded in vain and offered all kinds of excuses. One of them said that he had just shut his eyes and was as wide awake as he ever was.

TO BE HEARD SATURDAY

Counsel in the Asylum Cases Agree as to the Main Facts.

The attorneys retained to represent the various boards of trustees and directors of the three insane asylums, who are fighting for possession met this morning.

The counsel for the various boards agreed on nearly all the facts and it was decided, that the case should come up before Judge Adams in this city Friday.

There were present today, Messrs W C Munroe and C B Aycock, representing the Greensboro asylum directors, Shepherd & Busbee, representing the Raleigh asylum directors, J C L Harris, representing the trustees of all the asylums and E J Best of Greensboro representing the Greensboro asylum trustees.

Bank of England Reduces Discount.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. LONDON, April 3.—The Bank of England today reduced discount to two and a half per cent.

Mr. Frank A. Pierce, of Greensboro, is at the Park.

U. N. C. SUMMER SCHOOL.

The Prospects of the Forthcoming Session in June.

Prof. E. A. Alderman, president of the University, gives out the following prospectus of the University Summer School, Edwin Anderson Alderman, D. C. L., President, the Fourth Session will begin Tuesday, June 22 and close Friday, July 23rd, 1897.

English Language and Literature.—Dr. Thomas Hume, Professor of English, University of North Carolina; Miss Mollie A. Bryant, Ogontz School; Mr. William R. Webb, Jr., Instructor in English, University of North Carolina.

Science.—Professors Wilbur J. Jackman, Author of "Nature Study," Chicago Normal School; Mr. R. E. Coker, University of North Carolina, Natural History. (Special.) Professor Collier Cobb, University of North Carolina, Geology; State Geologist Holmes, Geology of North Carolina; Dr. Charles Baskerville, University of North Carolina, Chemistry. (Special.) Charles S. Mangum, M. D., University of North Carolina, Physiology.

Geography.—Superintendent H. S. Tarbell, Providence, R. I., Author Werner Geographies and Grammar. Superintendent Logan D. Howell, Raleigh.

History.—Principal W. F. Gordy, Hartford, Conn., author "Pathfinder in American History;" Superintendent Alex. Graham, Charlotte, N. C.; James L. Shepherd, L. I. D., civics.

Psychology.—Professor P. P. Claxton, State Normal College. Last year at Jena.

Pedagogy.—Dr. Charles A. McMurry, Sec'y Nat. Herbart Society, Chicago University. Professor C. W. Tombs, University of North Carolina.

Modern Languages.—Professor Walter D. Toy, University of North Carolina.

Mathematics.—Dr. William J. Milne, Author of Milne's Algebra and Arithmetic. Albany, New York. Superintendent M. C. S. Noble, Wilmington, N. C.

Drawing and Manual Training.—Miss Nettie Bemis, graduate Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, Durham Graded Schools.

MUST HOLD AN ELECTION

Justice Furches Orders the Town of Louisville to Proceed.

An interesting case was argued before Justice Furches yesterday at Chambers.

The act of the last Legislature regarding the election at Louisville requires the appointment of registrars 40 days before the election. That time has now passed, but the board, composed of the clerk of the court, register of deeds and chairman of the county commissioners, failed to appoint. The "ins" contend that no appointment now would be legal, while the other faction insist that by mandamus the judge should force the board to make the appointments.

Judge Furches grants an order requiring registrars and judges of election to be appointed and the election to be held. The decision affects all towns which have no charters and at which elections are to be held.

SHOWERS TONIGHT

And Early Tomorrow, Followed by Clearing Weather Friday.

The weather prediction for Raleigh and vicinity is threatening weather with showers tonight and early Friday followed by clearing.

The thermometer was 56 this morning and the barometer 30.05.

The storm central Wednesday over western Texas has moved eastward to Louisiana, increasing in intensity with rain (not, however, large amounts) at scattered points in the central valley.

The weather has become cloudy over the entire country except Florida.

In the west a moderate high area and cold wave has appeared, with temperatures below freezing in western Nebraska. The crowding of isobars over Texas is causing high winds in that vicinity.

The Car Will Soon be Named.

Capt. W. H. Ransauer has gone to Asheville to investigate the bids of that city for the North Carolina Rolling Exposition. There are at this time only two cities in the state that are making any special effort to have this car named for them and Charlotte or Asheville will be the winner.

Mr. J. P. Arrington of Nashville is at the Yarboro.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Of the Penitentiary Meets—Work to Begin on the Annex.

The finance committee of the board of directors of the penitentiary were in session last evening and this morning. The principal work of the committee has been the examinations of accounts and other routine business.

The report of the committee, setting forth the financial condition of the penitentiary will not be made until Wednesday week, when the board meets in this city. The members of the committee were Messrs W H Chadborn, of Wilmington; Senator Clark, of Halifax and R R Cotton.

Superintendent Smith announced this morning that work on the annex for the accommodation of the criminal insane would begin next week. The annex will be built adjoining the hospital and brick will be used.

There are a number of consumptives and aged, decrepid convicts serving terms in the penitentiary, who are unable to be of any assistance in maintaining the institution, and they prove a constant drain on the income. Supt. Smith is writing to the relatives of these people to know if they will support them, and if they will take care of them he will ask the governor to pardon them.

An old woman, who is serving a life sentence, is perfectly helpless. She can hardly move a member of her body. It is the superintendent's idea to have the incurables pardoned.

WAS IT AN AIR SHIP?

A Brilliantly Lighted Object Seen Over Wilmington.

The Wilmington papers of yesterday morning contain vivid accounts of a remarkable object flying over that city Monday night. This is, no doubt, the same strange object that has been seen recently flying over other cities. The Messenger says:

"Hundreds of people were out on the streets and wharves last night, looking at a brilliant floating mass in the heavens to the west of the city. It was moving very rapidly, and many persons saw a net work about the aerial wonder. Some of our very best and most reliable citizens saw so much of the heavenly stranger that they had not the slightest doubt but that it was the air ship which has been reported from other cities. The ship moved to the west at a rapid rate. It seemed to have something like a search light, facing earthwards, and created a sensation among all classes of people."

ENGINE'S FATAL WORK

A Locomotive Jumps the Track and Kills Fireman and Conductor.

The engine of a freight train on the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad jumped the track near Pilot mountain yesterday afternoon, turning over and killing the conductor, Fred W. Foushee, of Mt. Airy, and the fireman, Walter Chatin, of Germantown, also scalding badly Engineer Powers, of Mt. Airy.

Captain Foushee had just gone over to the engine, when it jumped the track, and it turned completely over, crushing him and the fireman under it. The engineer escaped unhurt. Conductor Foushee was well known throughout the state. His young wife and a child, about five weeks old, survive him.

The engineer, Mr. Jesse Powers of Fayetteville was not dangerously hurt. Mr. C. C. McDonald, who is a relation of Mr. Powers received a telegram to that effect this evening.

A Lucky Democrat.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has appointed Charles W. Dabney, Jr., formerly of Raleigh, but now of Tennessee, an assistant secretary of agriculture under Cleveland's administration, to be "special agent in charge of scientific and statistical investigation." The salary is fixed at \$4,500 per year.

This is the largest compensation paid any official in the government service, designated either by the president or a cabinet officer, who is not confirmed by the senate, with the single exception of the director of the bureau of American republics.

Secretary Wilson's bestowal of this office upon a democrat is bitterly denounced by those republicans who are looking in vain for positions not blanketed by civil service regulations.

Mr. J. C. L. Harris has returned from Washington, D. C., and Morganton.

SPRING TIME HERE

So is Gentle Annie—Mr. R. H. First With a Rose Blossom

There was a general sowing of heavy garments this beautiful spring day. The clear balmy days during the past week have aroused nature. Trees and flowers are budding out rapidly and if the weather continues a few days the trees will be fully foliaged.

Roses and other flowers are already beginning to bloom. Perhaps the rose bush in front of the supreme court building, which receives Marshall R. H. Bradley's careful attention at all times, was the first in the city to bear a fully developed rose. Mr. Bradley kindly sent the Press-Visitor a beautiful red rose from the bush yesterday.

Some of our merchants were pulling down their last year's straw hats today, but those head gear fitters who advertise in the P-V have already received and are about to receive large consignments of light head wear of this year's design.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

The Movements in New York and Liverpool Markets.

NEW YORK, April 3.

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:

| MONTHS. | OPEN-ING. | HIGH-EST. | LOW-EST. | CLOS-ING. |
|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| January, | 6 87 | 6 91 | 6 85 | 6 89 |
| February, | 6 87 | 6 91 | 6 85 | 6 89 |
| March, | 6 87 | 6 91 | 6 85 | 6 89 |
| April, | 6 87 | 6 91 | 6 85 | 6 89 |
| May, | 7 03 | 7 07 | 7 03 | 7 05 |
| June, | 7 09 | 7 10 | 7 07 | 7 10 |
| July, | 7 14 | 7 16 | 7 12 | 7 15 |
| August, | 7 14 | 7 18 | 7 13 | 7 16 |
| September, | 6 92 | 6 98 | 6 91 | 6 93 |
| October, | 6 80 | 6 84 | 6 79 | 6 85 |
| November, | 6 81 | 6 85 | 6 79 | 6 82 |
| December, | 6 81 | 6 86 | 6 81 | 6 86 |

New York Stock Market.

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

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| Sugar | 114 1/2 |
| American Tobacco | 74 |
| Burlington and Quincy | 72 1/2 |
| Chicago Gas | 80 1/2 |
| American Spirits | 12 1/2 |
| General Electric | 31 1/2 |
| Louisville and Nashville | 46 1/2 |
| Manhattan | 85 |
| Rock Island | 83 1/2 |
| Southern Preferred | 26 1/2 |
| St. Paul | 73 1/2 |
| Tennessee Coal and Iron | 25 1/2 |
| Western Union | 82 |

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

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

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| Wheat—May, 60; July, 60 1/2. |
| Corn—May, 23 1/2; July, 24 1/2. |
| Oats—May 16 1/2; July 17 1/2. |
| Pork—May, 8 1/2; July, 8 2/2. |
| Lard—May, 4 07; July, 4 17. |
| Clear Rib Sides—May 4 47; July 4 50. |

Liverpool Cotton Market.

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

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| April | 3.82-63 s |
| April-May | 3.82-63 v |
| May-June | 3.82 s |
| June-July | 3.81-62 b |
| July-August | 3.61-62 b |
| August-September | 3.59-60 |
| September-October | 3.54 b |
| October-November | 3.48 b |
| November-December | 3.46-47 s |
| December-January | 3.46 v |
| January-February | 3.46 v |

Closed steady, sales 12,000 bales.

PERSONAL.

Mr. J. J. Wood of Halifax is in the city.

Mr. W. C. Monroe of Goldsboro is here.

Mr. C. B. Aycock of Goldsboro is at the Yarboro.

Mr. J. A. Crews, of the Wilmington Messenger, is in the city.

Miss Nellie B. Lassiter, of Portsmouth, Va., is in the city the guest of Mrs. T. F. Kirkland on Dawson street.

Mr. Charles R. Blackley, who has been quite sick for some two weeks, is thought to be better today. He lives at 125 East Hargett street, and desires his friends to call and see him.

A washout on the Seaboard Air Line beyond Munroe has prevented the morning mail from Atlanta reaching here. An accommodation train was made up at Charlotte and reached here on the regular schedule.

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

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

Revenue officers today captured near Cary, this county, an illicit distillery.

The Brooklyn League team defeated Trinity College nine at Durham yesterday by a score of 13 to 1.

The Secretary of State announces that the 119th Supreme Court reports will be ready for issue in two weeks.

The game of baseball between Trinity College and Wake Forest which was scheduled here tomorrow has been postponed.

Messrs. W. H. & R. S. Tucker & Co. announce today a full line of new styles in shoes, and the prices are very moderate.

Hillsboro street is now the finest cycling thoroughfare in the city; crowds of cyclists congregate there every afternoon.

The W. B. of St. Agnes Guild will meet with Mrs. Annie Root at her home on Hillsboro street tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Sheriff Hargett of Onslow, brother-in-law of Secretary of State Thompson, brought two convicts to the pen last evening.

Don't forget ye old folks concert at ye blind institute tonight. Admission will be 25c. An occasion of real pleasure is offered the public.

Attention is called to the new ad. of Messrs. Berwanger in this issue. They are selling men's and boys' clothing at prices within reach of all.

Mr. J. J. Rogers left today for New River, in Onslow county on a week's fishing expedition. He will be joined by a party of Raleigh and Lenoir county fishers.

Master Angler Duke, son of Mr. B. N. Duke, who recently presented Trinity college with an X-ray outfit, has given a fine telescope for the use of the scientific department.

The members of the Raleigh bar are requested to meet at the office of the clerk of the court on Friday evening at 4 o'clock for the purpose of setting the calendar for April term of the court.

News is received here of the sudden death of Mr. Phon Tilden at a hotel in High Point at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. He was connected with the Baltimore News a year or two ago and married a Miss Lindsay of High Point.

Those interested in Epworth League work should not fail to attend the literary and social entertainment given tonight in the Sunday School room of Central M. E. Church. A very pleasant time is anticipated.

"Bullet" and "Jackson," the faithful supernumeraries of the Capital Club, will give their annual barbecue tonight at the Club rooms and all members are expected to be present. Tempting pigs with apples in their mouths will decorate the table.

Reliable information is received here that the indications point very strongly towards the appointment of Col. T. M. Argo to the eastern judgeship, and the chances now point more strongly toward his appointment than to that of any one else in the field.

Mr. Silas McBee, of Lincolnton has been appointed editor of the New York Churchman. Mr. McBee succeeds the Rev. G. S. Mallory, D. D., who recently died. This is a high distinction conferred upon a loyal son of North Carolina. The Churchman is the leading weekly of the Protestant Episcopal church in America.

Every eye on the streets was attracted today by the beautiful new delivery wagon of Mr. A. Dughi. It is a handsome affair mounted with mirrors and attractive lettering. The harness of the horse which draws the wagon is surmounted by a chimbe. It was the work of Wyatt & Son and is a credit to them and characteristic of Mr. Dughi's enterprise.

THE FIRE LAST NIGHT

Joe Penny's Inexcusable Carelessness—The Horses Removed.

Two of the most valuable horses owned by the city government were pitably burned to death early last evening by the carelessness of Joe Penny, night watchman at the Victor fire company's headquarters on the corner of Davie and Salisbury streets. In addition to the destruction of those noble animals, the Victor hose truck was charred so that it will be of no further service, 200 feet of hose destroyed and the engine house almost demolished.

Joe Penny and Henry Sorrell are on duty at night and are expected to be at the engine house at all hours of the night after dark. They are well paid for this work. Last night Sorrell was allowed to go away to attend some meeting. Penny was on duty. He says that he was in the yard and engaged in other matters and that he did not know there was anything unusual going on until he heard the cry of fire on the streets. When he arrived at the engine house Penny says the building was in a blaze and his efforts to save the horses were futile.

Penny's statement is generally discredited. Printers in the Press-Visitor office, which is further from the engine house than Penny claims to have been, heard the poor horses kicking at least five minutes before the bell rang. That the building was enveloped in flames in one or two minutes, as Penny claims, is not believed. This might happen in an oil house.

It is also claimed that the fire was caused by a lamp explosion.

The horses were valued at \$350. The total loss was about \$800.

The poor dumb animals, which finally succumbed to the enemy which they bravely made a business of fighting, were removed from the scene of the fire this morning.

Beauty and Color at Sherwood Higgs & Company's.