

STATE BANK CLOSED

The Western Carolina, of Asheville, Shut up Today.

TREASURER INFORMED.

The Second Bank Failure in Asheville Recently—Capital Stook \$50,000.—Deposits Were \$150,412.—Some Figures.

The Western Carolina Bank of Asheville, N. C., closed its doors this morning.

The state treasurer heard the rumor this morning and it being a state bank he telegraphed to T. J. Reid, tax collector for a confirmation of the rumor.

This afternoon Mr. Reid telegraphed the treasurer: "The Western Carolina Bank closed its doors this morning."

This is the second bank failure in Asheville of recent date. The failure of the First National bank there may have forced the Western Carolina to the wall.

The Western Carolina was capitalized at \$50,000. The last Treasurer's report showed that the surplus was \$15,000; undivided profits \$5,267.28; deposits subject to check \$159,412.87.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

Road Congress Called to Meet Here Oct. 20th.

There was a well attended and interesting meeting of citizens at the Mayor's office today at noon to perfect arrangements for the organization of the road congress to be held in the city fair week.

Mr. W. C. Stronach was made chairman of the body and Mr. J. D. Boushall Secretary.

Mr. W. J. Andrews, who is one of the prime movers in the establishment of a creditable road from the mountains to the seashore, stated the object of the meeting in a few words. He said that the meeting was called for the purpose of issuing the call and setting a date for the organization of the road congress. He made a motion that a committee of twelve, instead of the proposed committee of 25, be appointed to prepare a program for the congress. The motion prevailed and the following committee was appointed:

W. J. Andrews, chairman, Sheriff H. T. Jones, J. J. Rogers, R. B. Raney, Mayor Wm. Russ, J. B. Hill, W. C. McKeekin, T. K. Bruner, R. H. Lewis, George Allen, J. S. Wynne and K. P. Battle. The members of this committee were made delegates to the congress.

A motion by Mr. W. J. Andrews to make the mayors of the various towns and chairmen of the different Boards of County Commissioners delegates to the Road Congress prevailed.

It was decided that the congress should be held in this city, Wednesday, October 20th, at 8 p. m. in Commons Hall.

On motion of Mr. Andrews the president, secretary and vice-presidents of the agricultural society were made delegates to the road congress.

The following resolution introduced by Mr. W. J. Peele was adopted:

"Resolved, That this meeting request that public meetings be held in the various towns and counties of the state to select delegates to the road congress to be held during fair week."

The Commons Hall is always given to the Agricultural Society on Wednesday of fair week, but Mr. Battle, the president of the society, graciously consented to permit its use by the road congress. For this he was given a vote of thanks.

The gentlemen present at the meeting today manifested much interest and the movement is almost an assured success, with such enterprising gentlemen behind it.

Pope's Present to McKinley.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—Pope Leo has presented President McKinley with a magnificent book, illustrating and describing the Borgheese apartments in the Vatican. The book was also to be presented to Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, Queen Victoria of England, the Queen Regent of Spain. Large sums have been offered for a copy without avail.

EASTBURN, E. G., Oct. 12.—Charles Pollock a nephew of Paron Pollock started across the channel in a balloon this morning.

TO THE COMMITTEEMEN

Important Suggestions Made by Superintendent Mebane.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction, Prof. C. H. Mebane, has sent the following letter to the various committeemen: "I hope you have the census of your respective townships, and that you have assigned the children to their respective schools. If you have not the census you must take it accurately and have the report in the hands of your County Supervisors not later than the first Monday in December. This will only give the Supervisor one month to get his report in shape for the County Board of Education on the first Monday in January, 1898, when the apportionment will be made strictly by the township, and so much per capita.

Where it is necessary to continue a school near a township line the committees which control the territory from which the children will come to compose such school or schools, should get together and decide how many, and who, shall attend or be assigned to such schools. Make these reports plain so that the county board of education may easily understand.

The law does not require that each school shall have sixty-five children assigned to it, no more and no less, for, on account of geographical reasons, in certain localities, impassible streams and creeks and sparsely settlement areas, it will not be practicable to have as many as sixty-five children for each school, and for these reasons one school may have fewer than thirty children, but may have as many as seventy-five or a hundred, but the average in the whole township should not be less than sixty-five.

If possible, I would much prefer to have an average of seventy-five or eighty. This would be much better, as the greater the average the fewer the schools, and consequently the longer the school term.

You are required to meet on the second Monday and re-apportion the money that has been apportioned to your township by the county board of education.

I have taken considerable pains to prepare a record book for you. You have more power and larger discretion as to the re-apportionment of the school fund than was ever allowed to school committeemen before by the laws of our state, and I trust you will use this power and discretion wisely.

I would remind you that a good, live energetic teacher is cheaper at \$35 or \$40 per month than a teacher who knows nothing of what progress and real teaching is, even at \$15 per month. Pay your teacher more and demand more of them—then you will move forward.

Do not, I beg you, waste the school fund for school supplies. It is amazing to see how many thousands of dollars of our Public School money has been spent for supplies, and yet where are the equipped Public School houses?

RAIN TONIGHT.

This is the Weather Prediction Today by the Bureau.

Mr. von Herrman says rain tonight, with probably fair weather Wednesday. It will be slightly cooler Wednesday morning.

The storm remains central north of the Lake region, while a secondary disturbance has formed over Texas. Rain has fallen again at a large number of stations throughout the south and east. The largest amounts were: Port Eads, 2.44, and Hatteras, 1.16 inches.

The weather in the east continues cloudy and threatening, with warm southerly winds. West of the Mississippi clear weather prevails with freezing temperatures in North Dakota.

Minority Populists to Meet.

It is learned from a leading minority Populist that a meeting of that party will be held at the state library here at 7:30 p. m., October 21st.

It is asserted that these Populists and their friends are numbered by thousands in the state, and that they stand ready for action. This meeting is to be held for purposes of conference and consultation. It is no secret that the minority Populists are strongly against Senator Butler.

Monetary Commission.

Mr. J. W. Fries, of Winston, who is a member of the Monetary Commission, has gone to Washington to attend another meeting of that Commission. The committee began their real work of investigating the currency problem.

CISNEROS' RESCUE.

Cabinet Discussed Today New Journals' Act.

NO TROUBLE FEARED.

Consul Leo Returns to Havana in a Few Days—Appointment Today—Cabinet Does Not Believe Sagasta Will be Successful.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The Cabinet informally discussed the action of the New York Journal in rescuing Miss Cisneros from a Cuban prison at the regular meeting today. It is said they fear no international complications. Consul General Leo was at the state department and White House today. He leaves for Havana in a few days and the administration does not believe Sagasta and his cabinet will be more successful in Cuba than their predecessors, except pacific measures reforms may eventually succeed in paving the way for the ultimate freedom of Cuba.

The President today appointed Rafael Madrigr of Maryland United States consul to Cartagena Colombia.

It is enough to cause a smile on the face of a wooden Indian to listen to the official announcement that Mr. McKinley is going to Ohio to vote, but is in doubt as to whether he will accept either of the several invitations that have been extended to him to make a speech in the state previous to the election, when it is well known that Boss Hanna billed him weeks ago for a speech in Cincinnati.

Pagan Bob Ingersoll had influence enough with Mr. McKinley to pull down a nice plum for one of his nephews, John C. Ingersoll, in the shape of the Consularship at Copenhagen.

"Fools rush in," etc. There has been more or less comment in Washington on the fact that Senator Foraker, of Ohio, was the only Republican of national prominence who could be induced to take part in the Republican mass meeting in New York, held to ratify the nomination of ex-Secretary Tracy by Boss Platt and Mr. McKinley.

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There is a strong probability of her entire recovery. It will require some days to learn the outcome of the wound. The remains of Albert Watson were given their last resting place this morning. The funeral exercises were conducted from the Tabernacle Baptist church by Rev. Dr. Simms. The exercises were simple and brief. The pastor made a few remarks about the tragic end of the deceased.

THE BONDS ARE HERE.

Fifty Beauties—Signed by Mayor Russ and Treasurer Brown.

Yesterday Mr. Joseph G. Brown, the city treasurer received, the new street improvement bonds. There are fifty of them, each of the denomination of \$1,000.

The bonds are very beautifully lithographed. They are from the presses of Corlies, Mary & Co., of New York city. They are entitled "City of Raleigh, street improvement bonds."

The bonds have been properly signed and they are today worth their face value. Each of the fifty blue tinted documents bears the signature of Mayor Russ and the city treasurer Mr. Joseph G. Brown. They are also attested by Mr. H. F. Smith, city clerk. Sixty coupons are attached to each of the bonds. The coupons are worth \$25 each.

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The bids will be opened in a few days.

Chamber of Commerce.

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the Mayor's office. This is the first meeting under the new president, Mr. R. B. Raney, and with the present membership of 150, a large meeting is expected.

LIGHTNING'S WORK.

Severe Thunder Storm Near Winston-Salem Last Night.

The Greensboro Telegram says: "Last night about 7 o'clock, as the congregation was assembling for services at Union Ridge church, about two and one-half miles south of Salem, a bolt of lightning struck a tree near the church, and descending it left the tree and struck the assembled people, instantly killing one woman, a Mrs. Huntley, and severely shocking several others. A man by the name of Heitman, standing in his wagon, was only slightly shocked, while his wife and several others who had just alighted from the wagon, were seriously hurt, two of whom it is thought will not recover."

Mrs. Heitman's baby was thrown some distance from its mother, but strange to say it was not hurt, while the mother was badly injured. The meeting was broken up and great excitement and confusion prevailed.

TILLMAN A SICK MAN.

He Goes to Columbia Suffering With Catarrhal Jaundice.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 11.—Senator Tillman arrived in Columbia this afternoon from Trenton, his home. He is a very sick man, suffering from catarrhal jaundice and he came for treatment by physicians who attended him during his term as Governor. His condition is not serious at present, though he evidently apprehended that it might become so by coming here to receive treatment. He was too sick this evening to receive callers, though numerous personal and political friends called.

AL. WATSON LAID AWAY.

The Wounded Wife is Doing as Well as Could be Expected.

Mrs. Albert Watson was taken to the Rex Hospital last evening, it being deemed best to remove her there. The young lady has been doing as well as possibly could be expected, since the tragedy yesterday morning.

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ANSWER TO OUR NOTE

Spain Declines to Fix Date for Ending War.

DRAFT OF THE REPLY

Has Been Made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs. But has not Yet Been Accepted by the Cabinet.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

MADRID, Oct. 12.—The impartial announces that it has good authority for saying that an answer has been drafted by the government to the note addressed to the Duke of Tetuan by United States Minister Woodford, saying that Spain is unable to fix a date for ending the war in Cuba. It says the government is considering the effects of the concession of autonomy to Cuba, taking into consideration the activity of the Spanish soldiers and the fatigue of the rebels. It expects a speedy ending of the war, which would have been terminated sooner but for the help given the rebels by the United States. The cabinet has not yet approved the draft or answer which was formulated by minister of foreign affairs, Gullon.

ADDITIONAL MARSHALS

Chief Marshal Lybrook makes more Appointments.

The following additional marshals have been appointed by the chief marshal for the state fair: Geo. Snow, R. G. Galloway, Raleigh; T. F. Sanford, of Mocksville; Charles R. Elmore, of Danamora; Jno F. Wiley, of Durham; Jas N. Williamson, of Elon College; C. L. Lindsay, of Chapel Hill; Earnest Dalton, of Winston; W. M. Brower, of Tillery; Dr. R. L. Carr, of Greenville; J. K. Morrisey, of Clinton; J. Fleming, of Greenville; S. White, of Greenville; John Blair, of Winston; S. G. Davis, of Littleton; Elliott Lee, of Clinton; David Oates, of Fayetteville; W. S. Meeks, of Wilson and George Vick, of Chapel Hill.

New Cars for the Southern.

The Southern Railway Company has just placed orders for new cars as follows:

Pullman—Ten first class coaches, vestibuled; Barney & Smith—Six 60 foot six-wheeled truck express cars, vestibuled; Ohio Falls Car Manufacturing Co.—Four combination passenger and baggage cars sixty-five feet long, 300 ventilated box cars, 200 box cars; Lenoir Car Co., Lenoir, Tenn.—250 coal cars; This order will probably be made 500; Illinois Car & Equipment Co. (works, Anniston, Ala.)—100 refrigerator cars; Elliott Car company, Gadsden, Ala.—Fifty flat cars, fifty stock cars. All of the freight cars are to be 60,000 pounds capacity, and first-class in every particular.

Penitentiary not Self-Sustaining.

The State Auditor furnishes President Dockery, of the board of penitentiary directors, says Col. Olds in his correspondence to the Charlotte Observer, with the statement that during the past twenty years the penitentiary appropriations have aggregated \$2,657,000, and earnings \$1,140,000, making the outlay about \$70,000 annually, while the expenses of bringing in sentenced convicts aggregate \$180,000. The Auditor says that the penitentiary cannot be made self-sustaining and that the net amount expended upon it would have built a thousand miles of macadamized road sixteen feet wide.

The Seaboard Invites the Manufacturers.

Mr. St. John, vice-president of the Seaboard Air-Line system, announces that his system extends an invitation to the cotton mill men of the United States to make a tour over the lines of the Seaboard system, visiting all mill points on these lines. The cotton mill men are to meet in Philadelphia in convention next month. The Seaboard's invitation will be presented to them through Mr. D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, N. C. The Southern has presented a similar invitation as to the lines of its system.

Two Pen Pictures.

The Charlotte News says: Governor Russell has no doubt given us a correct pen-picture of Maj. Grant. Now if the Major will favor us with a word-painted portrait of our frog-eyed Governor, there will be a pair of pictures to hang in the State's Political Portrait Gallery.

FEW FREE TICKETS.

Fair management to Enforce the Rule—All Age Goes to Burlington.

Life members of the State Agricultural Society will receive their annual tickets by application at the office of the Secretary any time after tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

In consequence of the financial condition of the society it has been ordered by the executive committee that the free list be restricted to the lowest possible limit. It is hoped therefore by the Secretary that his friends will not worry him by application for free admission.

Mr. S. F. Tomlinson, of the R. F. Morris & Son, Manufacturing company, of Durham, was in the city today making arrangements for a very handsome exhibit of the manufactured good of that well known firm.

The Secretary received telegrams today from Georgia and Virginia making entries in the racing events. Already enough entries have been made to insure the success of all events.

Mr. F. E. Hays, director of the poultry division of the Experiment Station, who has taken a deep interest in the exhibits at the fair, left this afternoon for Burlington with the purpose of securing the finest exhibits of poultry on exhibition there.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

The Movements in New York and Liverpool Markets.

By private wire to J. A. Duncan:

Table with columns: MONTHS, OPENING, HIGH, LOW, CLOSING. Rows for January through December.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

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

Lard—Dec. 4.22; Jan. 4.37; Pork—Dec. 7.60; Jan. 8.23; Clear Rib Side—Dec. 1.60; Jan. 1.45.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

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

October 3.38; 3.40; November-December 3.32; 3.33; December-January 3.29; 3.30; January-February 3.29; 3.30; Feb. -March 3.30; 3.30; March-April 3.30; 3.31; April-May 4.31; 3.32.

New York Stock Market.

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

Sugar 142; American Tobacco 152; Chicago Gas 101; Manhattan 874; Louisville and Nashville 574; Western Union 884; Jersey central 934; Burlington and Quincy 924; Omaha 784; Rock Island 864; St. Paul 924; B. & O. 154; Chesapeake & Ohio 204; Missouri Pacific 204; New York central 107; Southern Preferred 314; Union Pacific 184; Wabash Preferred 184; Chicago & North Western 124; U. S. Leather Preferred 63.

Raleigh Market.

The following are the quotations of the Raleigh cotton market today: Middling 21.00; Strict middling 20.00; Good middling 19.00; Strict good middling 18.00.

Strike Through Sympathy.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—The Secretary of the Federation, comprising thirty important industries, announces that the executive committee has definitely decided to call out all its members in sympathy with the struggle of the engineers against their employers, on Friday next, when it is estimated that a total of 400,000 men will be out on account of the great labor dispute.

Southern Quarantine Lett in New York.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Yellow fever has demoralized the trade south to such an extent that many steamship companies lately have been conducting their business at a loss. The stagnation due to quarantine in the south is seriously felt here.

SHORT STATEMENTS

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND IN THE CITY.

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

Car No. 2 of the Robinson & Franklin Bros. circus was here today and the town was decorated with new paper.

Mr. W. T. Utley, who recently sustained painful injuries from a fall while hanging pictures, is able to be out again.

The Newbern Oaks driving club has called off the great race meet which had been advertised to take place Oct. 26th to 29th.

Mr. N. B. Broughton and Mr. J. C. Caddell went to Goldsboro this morning to attend the Atlantic Baptist Association.

The annual meeting of the Confederate veterans' association of North Carolina will be held in Raleigh Wednesday of fair week, Oct. 20th.

The railroad commission will next Saturday, at the request of the Seaboard Air Line, give it a hearing on the matter of the reduction of freight rates on cotton.

Mr. S. F. Mordecai has returned from Charlotte where he went to effect a compromise of a claim against the Western Life Insurance company.

Mr. M. Rosenthal went to Selma today where he met Mrs. D. Elias, of Thomasville, Ga., who comes here to visit her sister, Mrs. M. Rosenthal.

The Secretary of State today granted insurance license to O. W. McAlister of Greensboro, general agent for the Globe Insurance company of New York. The tax is \$200.

Sheriff S. G. Wooten of Bladen county brought one convict to the penitentiary today. Deputy Sheriff Smith of Vance county placed two convicts in the pen last evening.

Mr. W. E. Franklin and Mr. A. McPhail, of the Robinson-Franklin Bros., are in the city. These gentlemen will make Raleigh their headquarters while their show is in this territory.

The building committee for the capital club met yesterday and having five bids received for the building, the bid of Nicholas Ittner, of Atlanta, Ga., was accepted, viz. \$17,442 for building and \$1,500 for heating the same.

Mr. Claudius Dockery, chairman of the Board of Directors of the penitentiary was here today. Mr. Dockery left for Halifax after spending a while in the city, where he will inspect the farms.

Col. John W. Hinsdale has gone to Washington City to argue the case of the Patapsco Fertilizer Company vs. the Board of Agriculture of North Carolina, before the Supreme court of the United States.

Messrs. A. Dughi, Officer Woodall and J. J. Harris, who caught such a large number of fish yesterday, donated about fifty pounds of same to the Soldier's home today. The old veterans appreciated the gift very much.

Mrs. Thos R. Purnell returned yesterday from Greensboro, where she went to enter her daughter in the Normal and Industrial School, and spend a week with Judge Purnell, who is holding court there.

Mr. R. E. Biggs goes to the Burlington fair tonight to attend the races, which occur tomorrow and next day. He carries with him Messrs. Cross & Linehan's black mare "Kitty Hawk," and Mr. T. H. Murray's gray mare "Annie Medium."

President John C. Kilgo, of Trinity College, writes an open letter to the friends of christian education in this week's Biblical Recorder. He says: "Christian education is today the most prominent question in our state. It holds the attention, not only of educators, but is discussed by men of all vocations and positions.

Burned the Guard House at Dunn. John Calhoun, a negro who stole a bicycle in Dunn, set the Dunn guard house on fire last night and made his escape.

PARDON MILL AT WORK.

The Governor Reconsiders the Old Machine—A Buncombe man Freed.

Governor Russell granted a pardon today to Fred Lawrence, convicted of larceny at the July term of Buncombe criminal court and sentenced to four years on the county roads.

In granting the pardon Governor Russell makes the following order:

This pardon is urgently recommended by the trial judge, Hon. Thos A. Jones, the solicitor who prosecuted, Hon. E. D. Carter, by the foreman of the grand jury that found the bill, by several of the trial jurors, by Mr. H. H. White, superintendent of the Buncombe county convicts, by some of the county officers and several hundred citizens of Buncombe county. It appears from the Judge's letter that the prisoner has served about three years of his sentence faithfully, and that he has a wife and sick daughter dependent upon him for support. That prior to the time of his trial he had been a good character, and from the affidavits of Dr. I. A. Harris and Dr. E. C. Starnes, present and former county physicians, that the prisoner is at present unable to do any work and that further confinement will endanger his life. I think with the petitioners that the ends of justice has been met and that the prisoner has suffered enough.

A Splendid Production. The scenery which will be used in the presentation of the romantic comedy "A Puritan Romance" at the Academy of Music next Wednesday evening, was painted by Joseph Physic the noted Hungarian artist who paints all the scenery used at the Garrick theatre in London, in the city and in Charles Frohman's productions. This young artist is credited with being the leading scene painter of America today. He painted three scenes for this piece which are said to be as fine as all work. The perspectives are remarkable for their faithfulness to nature. The electrical effects are by King of the Garrick theatre, the company carrying an elaborate equipment of electric calciums and other appliances. The costumes were made by Hermann, who is said to be the greatest historical costumer in America. The play was written by William Furst, a member of the Empire theatre and one of Charles Frohman's production. It will therefore be seen that the mounting of the piece was in the hands of the ablest talents retained in America.

Joshua Simpkins, a Springfield farmer, will be seen at Mehan Opera House Friday Oct. 15. It is said to abound in novel feigning and dancing and pleasing refined, wholesome fun and to light in the third act a real mill in full operation, which claimed to be the greatest real stage effect ever produced. Between the acts a high class orchestra renders some excellent music, also aids in the introduction of many pleasing singing and dancin specialties during the progress of the play. The company travel their own car. See the big parade at noon.

Defeated: Mad With Pritchard. The appointment of J. H. Raney to be postmaster at Salisbury, N. C., is developing bad blood. J. defeated candidate, J. A. Ramsay was a member of the Legislature and voted for Pritchard, with the understanding, it is alleged, that he would be appointed postmaster at Salisbury. The matter of appointment was referred by Senator Pritchard to a committee of prominent Republicans. The committee unanimously recommended the appointment of H. Ramsay. Senator Pritchard proved the action of the committee. Captain J. A. Ramsay has returned home in a state of violent mood against the Pritchard faction, threatens disclosures that will be a sensation in the state.

One of the Best.

"The Raleigh Press-Visitor" has