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VEILED IN MYSTERY.

Lenoir, N. C., May 3.—Nothing definite has developed as yet in the Childers case. A lady who formerly lived at Lenoir recognized some one much like the lost girl at the Morganton depot. This girl said her name was Hattie Linn and nervously evaded all questions. The lady, however, is positive that the person seen was Miss Childers.

The ticket agent at Morganton says a party answering the description of Miss Childers bought a ticket and boarded a west bound train Thursday night but does not know what point the ticket was sold to. Miss Childers' friends are all trying to follow this clue, but many still believe there has been foul play.

The affair is far from being solved and there seems no prospect for an early solution. There seems no doubt that Miss Childers was mentally deranged and many believe in the suicide theory, as she had spoken of this mode of ending her trouble. Many rumors are being circulated but nothing definite has transpired as yet.

Russell Says He is Willing.

Wilmington, N. C., May 3.—It is stated here upon unquestioned authority that Governor Russell wrote a letter to Judge Walter Clark today, saying that he had seen Batchelor's letter and understood from it that Judge Clark demanded publication of his letters, and stating that if Judge Clark is willing he will allow all his letters to be exhibited to responsible persons for identification and will give them out for publication.

T. W. CLAWSON.

It is a Gem of Logic.

Washington, D. C., May 3.—The weekly Globe, a Democratic paper of Washington, has a column and a half article today on Senator Simmon's Philippine speech, characterizing it as a masterful speech. It says the speech was a gem of logic and unanswerable and that millions of copies of it should be distributed among the American people. It also says it is the most convincing exposition of the issue yet made.

Death of Congressman Otey.

Washington, May 4.—Congressman Peter J. Otey, of the sixth Virginia district, died in Lynchburg, his home, this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Word to this effect was received at the sergeant at arms' office at the house of representatives, at an early hour tonight.

Mr. Otey had been named as a member of the committee to accompany the remains of the late Congressman Cummings to New York tonight, he notified the speaker that he was too ill to attend. Mr. Otey was a democrat.

Amos J. Cummings Dead.

Baltimore, Md., May 2.—Congressman Amos J. Cummings, of New York, died at 10:15 o'clock tonight at Christ's Church Home in this city. The cause of death was pneumonia, incident to an operation.

Andrew Carnegie has written Mayor Osborn offering to donate \$30,000 to a public free library building for Greensboro, provided the city will obligate \$3,000 per year towards its support.

STATE ITEMS.

Senator Mooney will deliver the address at Davidson College Commencement this year.

The State Base Ball League opened Monday with Durham in Charlotte, Greensboro in Newbern, and Raleigh in Wilmington. Raleigh, Charlotte and Greensboro were the winners.

Three men, John Westfield, Junius Bishop and James Stephenson, were convicted with being accessories in the murder of young Stephenson, of Roxobel, in last April. They were sentenced to be hanged on the first of August.

A young man named Burrus committed suicide near Rockford yesterday. After taking a dose of morphine he went out into the woods and stuck his head between two large saplings that had grown near together, and was dead when found.

One million young shad for stocking the Cape Fear River have been liberated near Six Runs, on Black River, in Sampson county. The Cape Fear has not been stocked with shad before by the government since 1878, when Col. A. M. Waddell was in Congress.

Dr. J. B. Williams, of Oxford, lost a valuable horse last Saturday from something like hydrophobia. For several days he was kept in the stable lot, kicking and snapping at everything, foaming at the mouth and refusing to drink. Finally he broke out of the lot and run until he dropped dead.

The poll tax list just closed shows that in Richmond county every white man save 18 have paid their poll tax, and all but 275 colored.

The sheriff of Orange county reports 405 white delinquents and 503 colored. How many of these colored were debarred from voting by the Constitutional Amendment is not stated.

The largest delinquent list on account of the failure to pay their poll tax which we have seen is reported from Mecklenburg county, there being more than 300 whites and 1000 colored in Charlotte township alone. A rough estimate places the list of whites for Mecklenburg at 1000.

Three cadets, Harry Stevens, E. M. Nichols and J. Frank Lindsay, of the King's Mountain Military Academy, were drowned Saturday afternoon while bathing in Black's pond, about two miles from Yorkville, S. C. There were 16 cadets in the bathing party very few of whom could swim.

Unconcord Tribune: Several months ago Mr. H. S. Puryear received several pairs of English pheasants. The hens have been laying and now Mr. Puryear has two settings of the eggs under a chicken. The pheasant, like some other birds, will not set in captivity. There are very few of these birds in the state and Mr. Puryear is very anxiously watching for the result of the hatching.

The three vice-presidents elected at the Southern Educational Conference are Walter H. Page, of New York, a native of Wake county North Carolina; Eugene C. Branson, of Georgia, a native of Raleigh, North Carolina; and James Y. Joyner, a native of Lenoir county, North Carolina, and at present State Superintendent of Public Instructions of North Carolina.

Just his Way.

When General Julian S. Carr was returning on the Southern's special from the Confederate reunion at Dallas Tex., he got off at Herne, Tex, a small town, to get a lunch, and the train pulled out and left him.

North Carolinians probably guess the end of this story.

In less than five minutes after the special had departed General Carr was pulling the wires with the head office of the Houston & Texas Central Railway, with the result that in a short time he was provided with an engine and two coaches.

Then he got on his private special, overtook the Southern's special, and gave to Houston & Texas Central Railway a check for \$250.

The Closing Exercises of Readland Academy

Will be held Friday May 30th.

The address will be delivered by Prof. Walter R. Thompson, Principal of the West End graded school, Greensboro, N. C. Mr. Thompson is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and a teacher of experience though quite a young man. This is his first visit to our County and I will be glad if the friends of education will come out to hear him as I assure you we are very fortunate to secure his services for this occasion.

The morning exercises will begin at 10:30. The Address at 11.

The Annual Concert will begin at 8 o'clock and will be held out of doors so we will have room for everybody and everybody will receive a cordial welcome.

This closes the most successful year of our school.

Yours cordially,

A. S. WEBB, Prin.

Mt. Tirzah, May 3.

Obituary.

On the 22nd of March God called little Ezrie, infant daughter of Bro. and Sister W. T. Barnette, away from her earthly home up to the home not made with hands. Her stay among us was brief, she being only 16 months; but she fulfilled her mission and we bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well. Though our hearts are heavy over our loss, we realize that it is best for baby; and we know that the tender bud that might have been blighted by the sins of this world will blossom into a perfect flower in the fields of light.

Not in cruelty, not in wrath, Death the reaper come that day; 'Twas an angel visited the green earth

And bore the flower away."

Bro. and Sister Barnette have two blossoms transplanted in the field of light.

Thank God for the hope they have of meeting them again.

Done by order of Ephesus Baptist Church.

MRS. L. P. DUNCAN,
MISS PATTIE BASS,
MISS MOLLYE GREEN,

Com.

General Schofield recently said: "The Confederates, during the Civil War, were a great deal wiser than we were in that respect. They were soldiers and better educated, and knew more about it. They carried off the greater proportion of the best blood that we had, to tell the truth, and they organized their army scientifically."

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Good Roads and Bad Roads.

To THE COURIER:

I am so glad you have opened the columns of your most excellent paper for a free discussion of the Road Law problem, and I do wish there were more men with more and better common sense than I claim to possess would write freely on the subject and let the masses see what effect the present road law has already had in the County of Person. Why, my Dear Sir, it seems to me I have never seen or known such roads during the fifty eight years I have lived in the county, for when we worked the roads under the old system I think they were gone over at least twice a year, and some of the worst mud holes and gullies filled to keep wagons from turning wrong side up. But to tell you the truth, there is some roads in our part of the county that does not have the appearance of ever being worked at all, and I find by observation that it will be impossible for the few hands that have not paid the two dollars to keep the roads in good condition by working four days in the year, and the most of them declare they will not work for less than one dollar per day, while I see that our County Supt. is wanting to hire hands at seventy five cents. So here comes the burden, if the roads are kept in good condition wages will have to be raised to get hands to work, consequently more tax will have to be levied. Then where, oh where will the poor man be when his taxes get so high he can not pay them?

Now kind Sir, let me say to all that are concerned in the matter that I am not the only one to declare that the next man that comes out seeking a seat in the next Legislature, even intimating that he is in favor of the present road law, will have to hunt another job.

Now Mess. Editors, if you think it presumptions to let the people see what this poor ignorant clod nocker has to say on this important subject you can only assign it to the waste basket and I will only have to be content to hold my tongue in the future, but I hope others will be allowed to tell what they think on the subject. Such men as J. P. Long, oh yes Mr. Long, come again and let us hear from you once more.

Now Mess. Editors, I am not partisan in this matter (oh not at all,)

but only plead for right and justice, desiring that the people have a voice in the making of our laws at least. I do love to see good roads, but I am not in favor of the present system, because the roads in some parts of the county will have to be neglected while other parts will almost have a turnpike. With due respect to our Lawmakers and best wishes to you and your valuable paper I am meekly yours,

I. T. DENNY.

The latest cablegrams from Manila tell of 1,599 cases asiatic cholera and 1,169 deaths therefrom. Evidently to the dangers of bullet and bolo, to which the administration is submitting American boys in uniform, in its unholy war of conquest, is to be added the scourge of the plague.

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Helena, N. C.

Cost Sale of Clothing.

I still have a considerable lot of clothing. The sizes and assortment right much broken, but still some as desirable goods as can be found. If we can suit you in style and give you a fit, there is no trouble about the rest, for this clothing must go and we don't miss a chance to sell it. When I say cost, I mean first cost with all discounts off, no freight added, cost of selling or anything else, but just what the goods cost spot cash. See if we can suit you and if we can you will sure save some money—No trouble to show you even if you don't buy.

A. M. BURNS.