

# TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

## To Continue Curtailment.

Wilmington, Special.—Practically all the business before the Cotton Manufacturers' Association of North Carolina in its second annual meeting in the auditorium of the Seashore Hotel was completed at the one session and adjournment was to a date and place next year to be decided later by the executive committee. The most important action taken with reference to the textile industry in the State revolved upon recommendations contained in the annual report of President P. M. Miller, Jr., of Charlotte. The matter of most vital public concern was in regard to the curtailment of the product of the mills which was strongly urged by Mr. Miller, who advocated letting the demand get hungry before feeding it and at the same time let some of the commission houses and buyers remain hungry for some time. It was decided to continue the programme of curtailment until September 1st, the following resolution by A. A. Thompson, of Raleigh, being unanimously adopted. "Resolved That we recommend that the curtailment suggested by the executive committee in Charlotte be continued until September 1st and that no orders be accepted that will not return to a mill a new dollar for an old one." Thirty-five of the leading mills in the State were represented in person at the meeting, while a great many other spinners sent letters approving of the program and signifying their willingness to abide the action of the convention in all matters affecting the trade. The morning session of the convention was dispensed with on account of the failure of a number of the members to arrive on the early trains.

## Meeting of Young Women.

Asheville, Special.—Much interest is being manifested at the Young Women's Christian association conference, in session at the Kenilworth Inn, near Asheville, and a large number of delegates and visitors attended the sessions Tuesday. In the morning Dr. W. W. White led the Bible study class. Another class was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Veach on "Development of the Spiritual Life," while "The Book of Mark" was the subject of discourse by Miss Miller. On the adjournment of the Bible study classes the mission work classes convened. Dr. Murray addressed his class on "The Evangelization of the World," Miss Taylor spoke on "Mission Work in Japan" and Miss Head spoke on "The City Problem." During the afternoon the delegates enjoyed a drive over the Blinnore estate. Thursday's programme was featured by an address by Miss Helen Barnes, national secretary of the association, following the Bible study classes. The association celebration was held, witnessed by a large throng of visitors. Each State was represented in the parade by its various delegations, dressed in appropriate costumes; decked in their college colors and singing college songs.

## Mr. Ebbs Debarred From Practicing Law.

Asheville, Special.—The I. N. Ebbs debarment hearing was resumed before Judge Peebles in Superior Court Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock when Judge Thomas A. Jones, representing the prosecution, was heard in reply to the argument of Joseph S. Adams, of counsel for the defense. After hearing Judge Jones, who cited numerous authorities, Judge Peebles made an order debaring Mr. Ebbs under the statute from the practice of law in the courts of North Carolina.

## Chautauqua Threat to be Carried Out

Hendersonville, Special.—It is rumored that Hendersonville is to have a chautauqua this summer. The old auditorium which fell in under a burden of snow last winter is being rebuilt and it is thought that Dr. Clarence Strouse will make good his threat to hold another session in Hendersonville.

## Invokes Pardon.

Raleigh, Special.—Mr. W. L. Reece, of Dobson, has applied to Governor Glenn for the pardon of Asbury Bale, a white man convicted of stealing a mule and sent to the penitentiary to serve a seven-year term. The prisoner has served three and a half years of his sentence. Mr. Reece invokes executive clemency on the ground that the prisoner's health is bad and his previous good record, and made a strong presentation of his case to the Governor. He is hopeful of securing the pardon, the Governor having taken the matter under advisement.

## To Double Its Capacity.

Raleigh, Special.—The committee from the First Presbyterian church, of this city, who have the reorganization of Peace Institute in hand at present, have issued an announcement concerning the success of their undertaking, and they propose to double the capacity of the institution, as well as build a residence for the president. Prof. Henry Jerome Stockard will continue at the head of the school, concerning whose management the committee says: "In the work accomplished by President Stockard, with his willing and efficient co-workers, our expectations have been more than realized. With the capacity of the buildings taxed to its full extent, a corps of teachers faithful and painstaking in their work, and a student body from the very best class of patrons of this and other States, we have had one of the best years in the history of the institution. Everything has worked smoothly, and the work accomplished has been gratifying."

## Odell Committees Meet.

Greensboro, Special.—A joint meeting of committees of the creditors and stockholders of the Odell Manufacturing Company, of Concord, of which Mr. Caesar Cone, of this city, is receiver, was held here last week to consider plans looking to a reorganization of the company and the future disposition of the plant. It was agreed that the stockholders be allowed to submit a plan to a meeting of creditors to be held in Concord about July 1st. It is believed that the stockholders will agree on a plan that will be acceptable to all concerned and that a reorganization of the company will follow. It was made clear in the meeting here that the creditors desire to protect the interests of all stockholders.

## Young Man Drowned.

Durham, Special.—Waylon McCloud, a young man about 20 years of age, was drowned in Eno river, some six miles north of the city. He was in seining with several others when he was dragged under the water by the eyelet of his shoe getting caught in the seine. He called for help and several went to his rescue, among these being W. H. Matthews and his son, Callie Matthews, about 15 years of age. Both were carried under the water and but for the presence of the father of the Matthews boy there is no doubt that he would have been drowned. The boy was torn loose from the grasp of the drowning man and placed in a point of safety and before McCloud could be rescued he had gone down the last time.

## Elects Teachers by Month.

Salisbury, Special.—The school board of the City of Salisbury met last week and elected a superintendent and teachers for the following year. Before the board elected the teachers a resolution of significant effect was adopted. It reads as follows: "Resolved, That each teacher employed for the ensuing year shall be employed by the month and not by the year, and no teacher shall be paid except for actual time taught at the monthly rate." This resolution was passed in view of the fact that there is no certainty as to the amount of funds available for school purposes for the ensuing year. The present superintendent, Mr. I. C. Griffin, was re-elected.

## Loom Fixer's Arm Torn Off.

High Point, Special.—A horrible accident occurred at Randleman, a cotton manufacturing town. Green Ivey, a loom fixer at the plant of the Randleman Manufacturing Company, while engaged in his duties, became entangled in the machinery and his right arm was torn off at the shoulder. There is no hope for his recovery.

## Temperance Workers Entertained.

Spencer, Special.—An entertainment of unusual interest was given here by the gentlemen of Spencer complimentary to the ladies of Spencer who took part in the recent temperance campaign. W. H. Burton, a veteran temperance worker, presided and introduced a number of speakers who made short addresses expressing appreciation for the work of the ladies. Excellent music was furnished by the Spencer String Band, after which refreshments were served, forty young men acting as waiters. The occasion closed with a theatre party.

## SON SHOTS HIS FATHER

William Padgett Shoots His Parent, Near Cliffside—The Slayer Arrested and Taken to Jail at Rutherfordton.

Cliffside, Special.—Sunday evening about sundown John Padgett, 50 years of age, and his son, William Padgett 22 years of age, were drinking at their home 5 miles north of Cliffside, and while at the barn got into a fight. The son went to the house, and securing a gun started back to the barn and met his father and shot him, killing him instantly. The killing was witnessed by the family, who were standing on the porch of the residence, but were unable to interfere. William Padgett was apprehended and sent to jail at Rutherfordton and John Padgett will be buried at Race Path church.

## The Board Adjourns.

Raleigh, Special.—The State board of agriculture has adjourned after fixing the half-yearly budget, which approximates \$60,000, and embraces a great many lines of effort. The work of the department is State-wide and goes into many fields. It will soon have another test farm. There was a movement to have an auditor to keep the books and accounts, but this arrangement was not made and the acting secretary, or registration clerk, Mr. Elias Carr, will look after these matters as heretofore. Resolutions were adopted expressive of regret at the death of Secretary Thomas K. Bruner, these having been prepared by a committee composed of Messrs. Dunn, McCallum, Graham, Mitchell and Laughinghouse. The board adopted a resolution introduced by Mr. Laughinghouse, directing that active immigration work be done in Northwestern States. The State has appropriated \$5,000 for immigration work, the board of agriculture giving a like sum, but the latter has to spend its money before it can call on the State for the appropriation made by the latter. The Board decided to make co-operative experiments at the test farm in Pender county in irrigation of truck crops, the United States Agricultural Department joining in these, the purpose being to ascertain the best methods of the application of water to such crops in that sandy soil. A committee was appointed to choose a location for another test farm, at some point in the northwestern part of the State, very probably in Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, or some county in that immediate section.

## Killed By a Live Wire.

Thomasville, Special.—Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock John White, a lineman for the Thomasville Light and Power Company, was putting up an arc light in front of John Myer's residence and while working unthoughtedly he stepped from the box to the ground, still holding the live wire. Instantly 2,300 volts of electricity passed through him. Arch Taylor, colored, his assistant, saw him draw up and asked him what was the matter. Receiving no answer, he grabbed him and pulled him loose from the wire. Taylor was shocked but not seriously. Physicians were called, but White was already dead when they arrived. Artificial respiration and all means available were used to revive him but failed.

## Charters Granted.

A charter is granted the Confederate Granite Company, at Wise, Warren county, capital stock \$25,000. Robert Michael and others stockholders. Another charter goes to the Electrical Laundry Company at Concord, \$20,000, John L. Laughlin and others; a third to the North Carolina Rental and Collection Company, of Winston-Salem.

The Hickory Railway and Power Company is authorized to change its name to the Hickory Railway Company, M. E. Thornton is its president.

## Soldiers Get Two Years Each.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.—Joseph L. Henry and George Roberts, soldiers of the United States Coast Artillery, who pleaded guilty last week of robbing the Eggmont Key postoffice, were sentenced by Judge Lock in the United States Court to serve two years at hard labor in the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga.

## Claim To Go Before Court.

Statesville, Special.—A claim filed by the late J. W. Gray, of Statesville, for \$250,000 for a cotton mill burned by the Federal army during the closing days of the civil war, has been referred to the Court of Claims, which means that it will be paid to the Gray estate if the loyalty of the claimant can be established, which it is said there will be no difficulty in doing. Mr. Gray was for many years the proprietor of Hotel Iredell, then the old Cooper House, of Statesville. His widow lives in Charlotte.

## VETERANS' REUNION

Confederate Veterans Gather At Birmingham, Alabama

## WITH VERY LARGE ATTENDANCE

Eighteenth Annual Reunion of Confederate Veterans Opens in Birmingham With the Largest Crowd in the History of the Organization.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—The eighteenth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans was opened in this city Tuesday at the Hippodrome, Birmingham's largest convention hall, with a record breaking attendance. The day's sessions were devoted to organization and welcome addresses, the real business of the meeting coming up later, when a commander-in-chief to succeed the late General Stephen D. Lee, and the place for holding the next reunion will be chosen. In addition to the first session of the veterans' convention there were meetings of the Sons of Veterans, the Confederate Surgeons' Association, the Confederate Memorial Association and other organizations allied with the veterans.

When the convention was called to order by Major General George P. Harrison, the Hippodrome, which seats 5,000 persons, was crowded to overflowing and many failed to gain admission. The weather was extremely warm and many of the old veterans suffered much discomfort.

A gloom was cast over the reunion by the recent death of the commander-in-chief, the late General Stephen D. Lee, who was to have presided over the meetings of the veterans, and whose annual address had already been prepared. This address was printed and distributed to the veterans, but the reading of it was postponed on account of the extreme heat.

The convention proper was opened with a prayer by the chaplain general, Rev. Dr. J. William Jones, which was followed by a children chorus of 200 voices.

Mayor Ward, of Birmingham, then welcomed the veterans in behalf of the city and Governor Comer for the State. Other welcoming addresses were made by Representatives of the local veterans association.

General E. L. Russell, who was invited by General Lee, to deliver an oration to the veterans, was the next speaker. He paid a high tribute to General Lee, describing him as he appeared in battle and discussed the conditions leading up to the war.

When the business session of the veterans had been concluded, many of the veterans went to Capitol Park, where band concerts were given and many old acquaintances were renewed.

At the State fair grounds where the Hotel John B. Gordon which was opened for the free accommodation of veterans, is located, the visitors assembled to witness a grand fireworks display.

Among those whose names are mentioned for commander-in-chief are General Clement A. Evans, of the Department of Tennessee; General Cabell, of Texas, and General Gordon of Memphis.

## Gen. Evans Commander—Second Day

With the selection of Memphis as the place for the next reunion and the election of General Clement A. Evans, of Georgia, the United Confederate Veterans adjourned their annual convention late Wednesday afternoon. The selection of the place of meeting aroused great rivalry between Memphis and Atlanta, these two cities being the only ones put in nomination. Strong speeches were made for each place but when Virginia came over to the side of Memphis the Atlanta supporters realized that the fight was lost.

## Hearst Makes Good Gain.

New York, Special.—William R. Hearst made good gains in the recount of the ballots in the disputed mayoralty election of 1905. The examination of the contents of 99 boxes during the day gave him a net gain of 53 votes. The ballots in 390 boxes have been examined in the proceedings before Justice Lambert, and Hearst has gained 188 votes.

## Stole His Wife.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—W. F. Burns, of Jackson county, North Carolina, while on a bridal trip across Panther Mountain in Greenville county, says he was robbed of his pretty young wife by a gang of six men, after he had been bound, beaten and robbed. He and his wife stopped at a cottage in the mountains and during the night the men entered the room of the couple, attacked Burns and took his wife down the mountain. He says he has not seen her since. The authorities are investigating his story.

## PARADE OF VETERANS

With Sprightly Step, Measured to Stirring Airs, Ten Thousand Old Warriors Parade the Streets of Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—The parade of the heroes of the Confederacy was a fitting climax to what is generally pronounced to be one of the most successful reunions of the United Confederate Veterans. With sprightly step, measured to the airs of the South loves, the old warriors, no less than 10,000 strong, traversed the two miles of the parade route between thousands of sympathetic and interested spectators and there was not an accident, no sign of a tottering step.

Loving hands served ice water to the old men as they passed along the route, fans were distributed and everything possible was done to relieve the long tramp of its tedium. That the heroes were in excellent spirits was shown by the fact that many of them sang old camp songs as they marched, such as "Buttermilk Cavalry," "Old Time Confederate," "Bonnie Blue Flag."

There were many in the parade who had left a leg or perhaps both legs on some bloody battlefield, but they enjoyed the occasion as much as the others, being carried in vehicles. Their appearance drew forth, if anything, greater applause than the sight of the foot soldiers.

The parade formed shortly after 11 o'clock and required one hour and 45 minutes to pass a given point. The route was from Sixth avenue on Nineteenth street to First avenue, to Twenty-first street to Fifth avenue, to Twentieth street to First avenue, counter-marching on Twentieth street to Capitol Park, where the reviewing stand was located. In the vanguard were eight companies of the local National Guard, including one battery of artillery and one troop of cavalry. Chattanooga had one troop of cavalry in line. Governor B. B. Comer, of Alabama, with his entire staff, was next in line. General Harrison, commander of the Alabama division, was chief marshal, and Col. E. J. McRossin, of Birmingham, was chief aide.

The veterans of the Department of Tennessee headed the line of visitors of honor, these being followed by the trans-Mississippi and the Army of Northern Virginia. Among the more conspicuous were the Forrest Corps, mounted, and the mounted troop from Nashville, which has attracted a great deal of attention during the reunion. These companies are regular members of the National Guard, being the only Confederate body to have that distinction. Memphis representatives also came in for applause. They were accompanied by the crack fife and drum corps, which helped to give the martial atmosphere. Probably no one person in the parade attracted more attention than the handsome Miss Tommy Gentry, a full blooded Indian maiden, who accompanied the Indian Territory Department as sponsor. Her escort was Adjutant General I. D. Colman.

Gen. Clement A. Evans, the new commander-in-chief, was at the head of the column with his entire staff, consisting of Gen. J. F. Shipp, Gen. W. E. Mickle, Col. J. H. Bankhead, Col. W. B. Leedy, Col. J. Thompson Brown, Col. J. W. Reed and Colonel Bass. The Sons of Veterans followed the veterans and they were accompanied by their sponsors. A noticeable feature of the parade was the fact that a number of the sponsors preferred to walk with the companies they represented rather than ride in the carriages, which had been provided. Miss Mary Hall, clad in gray, accompanied the Georgia division on foot. Mrs. Kelly, of New Orleans, a lady 79 years of age, went through the march on foot, as did Miss Edna Raub, of Memphis, who had the title of daughter of the company she represented.

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## Thaw to Stay in Jail.

New York, Special.—Harry K. Thaw will remain in the Poughkeepsie jail, pending an application of his counsel to Justice Dowling, of the Supreme Court, for a change of the order committing him to the State Hospital for the Insane at Matteawan. This decision was rendered by Justice Morschauser, of Poughkeepsie, after hearing arguments of counsel in this city on a motion to transfer Thaw to a New York State asylum other than an asylum for insane convicts.

## AS USUAL.

Patience—"Which is your gift to the bride, dear?"  
Patrice—"I don't know. There are eight butter-knives, and for the life of me I can't tell which is the one I sent."—Yonkers Statesman.