

ALLIGATORS

Curator Brimley Visits Lake Ellis to Secure Them

Special to Journal.

Raleigh, May 19.—Curator Brimley of the State Museum returned today from a special trip to Lake Ellis, near New Bern. He was after alligators and secured the heads and skins of eight, the largest 8 feet in length. The skins are to be shown and the heads mounted. The water in the lake is only 2 feet deep at most. The alligators were mainly speared, but some were shot, the 25 calibre expanding bullets literally smashing their skulls. Many photographs were taken and a number of reptiles and birds were secured.

Gov. Glenn returned from Asheville, greatly pleased at the convention of 600 of the most important cotton manufacturers in the county.

A charter is granted the Asheville Automobile Transit Co., to operate the public roads of Buncombe county and elsewhere, handling passengers and freight. D. G. Noland and others being among the stockholders.

There are now in this State 1185 rural free delivery mail carriers. There are in the United States 35,365.

It is learned that there are now 820 miles of macadamized road in this State. The work is being done at the rate of 14 miles a week. There is in need of repair in many cases.

The beautiful collection of the woods of North Carolina in the lower floor of the State Museum, is now rearranged and is open to the public. It is one of the finest features of the great museum.

E Latham & Company's Weekly Cotton Letter

Special to Journal.

Greensboro, N. C., May 19.—Fluctuations in cotton during the week have been very narrow and the closing today is practically the same as a week ago. Trade continues good and spinners are well employed the world over. The spot sales in Liverpool this week have been very large and shows a disposition of foreign spinners to fortify themselves against any contingency that may arise. The new crop is doing well, but it is useful to note that influential firms such as W. P. Brown and Co., Theodore H. Price, S. M. Weed and Company, Latham, Alexander and Co., and Messrs. Giles are giving out acreage figures showing very small increases. If the government on June 3rd should also show a very small increase, say not over 20,000,000 acres, it is likely the trade would become alarmed and bring about a higher range of prices.

Dr. Kilgo Cets Office

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Birmingham, May 19.—The Southern Methodist General conference today elected Dr. John C. Kilgo, a member of the board of education. The conflict over the revision of article fourth continues.

Chocolate Ice Cream and Lemon Ice at the same time with the Twin Freezers. M. E. Whitehurst & Co.

Meetings Postponed

On account of the inability to secure a room the evangelistic meetings conducted by Mrs. Wickes of Georgia which were announced to have commenced last night have been postponed until a desirable place to hold meetings can be secured.

Small Items

Small, N. C., May 11.

We are having very dry weather at this time. Some of the farmers are having to plant their cotton over, caused by dry weather and a large frost.

Mrs. Charlie Boyd is very ill at this time but we hope she will recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gayton were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Swain of Idaho.

Norman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Cuthrell, died of diphtheria Friday morning last about five o'clock. He leaves a mother one sister, one half sister and three half brothers to mourn their loss. Norman was about eight years old and was liked by every one who knew him.

We are sorry to say that Mamie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Boyd is very ill with diphtheria.

Miss Amanda Rowe spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Edwards.

Elder Jesse Bennett addressed the people at the White Hill Church Saturday and Sunday last.

Mr. Winfield Rowe and J. G. Walker took a flying trip to Grantsboro Sunday.

Mr. G. M. Walker took a flying trip to Washington this morning on business about known to himself.

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BLACKBURN AT DOVER.

The Republican Congressman from the 8th District Delights a Large Audience in that City.

The address delivered by Hon. E. Spencer Blackburn to the graduating class at Dover Friday night was very largely attended and the audience highly appreciative. The advent of the brilliant young statesman to this section was not known very widely or there would have been a very much larger attendance. His visit was regarded by some as being not wholly of an educational nature, but there was so little time to give to political matters that all he could do was to note which way the political wind was blowing. He expressed himself as very confident of his success in the coming convention. He said it would be a fight to the finish; it was back or be dead. His address was one of good advice and suggestions to the young graduates. A thorough education is becoming a necessity. If a man has no other ambition than to merely be able to read and write or hold an ordinary position in life he must have an education and the more eager he is to amount to something the more learning he needs to have. The progress of the times, the intensity of competition demand that education of our youth be thorough and practical. There has been a revolution of educational ideas and we have all been caught in the great sweeping wave of this demand. While only a few years ago the educated men were in the minority now they are in the great majority and by information gained from statistics the majority is growing larger. He complimented the students for their industry and encouraged them to pursue their studies with alacrity.

His personal appearance and his wise advisory comments on the practical nature of his talk kept the audience spellbound with his words. His address continued for nearly an hour and was frequently interrupted by approving applause.

He was introduced by Professor Bloem, superintendent of the Dover school and was preceded by Mr. S. M. Brinson, county superintendent of education.

The people of Dover are justly entitled to the distinction of being the most thoroughly alive to the subject of good schools of any people in the county if not in the state. They recently held an election on the local tax for schools question and adopted the measure without a dissenting vote. It was a matter of considerable surprise and much gratification to learn that the people were so united on the question. The graduating class was unusually fine, composed of some eight or ten young men and women who acquitted themselves grandly in both the exercises of Thursday and Friday nights.

DOUBLE TRACK LAYING

Southern Railway Company Pushing Forward the Work.

Street Improvements in Gate City. Fine Auto. Return of Girl Who Disappeared a Few Days Ago. Position in Survey Service. Personal.

(Special Correspondence.)

Greensboro, May 18.—In its double track work between Greensboro and High Point, the Southern railway straightened several curves, making two new road-beds and tracks in the process. Several grades were also cut down. The last re-grading is now being done between Hill Top and Bull Run Creek, about five miles from here. At the point, the track is raised ten feet from its former position and at this point the county macadam road between Greensboro and High Point, will cross the railroad under instead of over track as is now done. The finishing touches will have been put on the entire fifteen miles of new double tracking between Greensboro and High Point when this piece is completed.

The report of Greensboro's City Engineer just made of the street improvement here for the past year, makes a good showing for progress in that line of improvement. It shows that four miles of street grading has been done at a total cost of \$9,000. Cleaning up six miles of streets has been set and is now going on at the rate of 300 feet per day. No macadam work has been done during the last year, but Elm street has been paved with brick from Lee to Church street, the area paved amounting to between 18,000 and 19,000 square yards. Coincident with this, granolithic sidewalks and pavements have been laid by the citizens to the extent of about 12 miles during the past year, and walks are now being laid by six different contractors, some of whom run two or more squads. The city itself has laid 800 square yards of walk and the city and county are both at this work now. 7,000 sanitary sewers have been built on ten streets, aggregating 700 in. ft. private parties under supervision and grades of the city engineer.

One of the finest automobiles yet seen here has just been purchased by Mr. Julius Cone. The car is understood to have been \$3,500. The machine is between forty and fifty horse power. It differs from other machines in use here as it has a "limousine" body. The machine is a "Thomas." The vehicle will seat six people, and is on the order of the old fashioned stage coach, except its panels are glass, and the flat roof top will scarcely permit the seating of overflow passengers, though it will accommodate luggage.

Yesterday Mr. John E. Ferguson, a considerable property owner here, returned from Graham, where he had been in search of his daughter, Lillian, 18 years old, who mysteriously disappeared from her home here Monday. Mr. Ferguson found his daughter in a boarding house in Graham, where board had been engaged for her by Wm. Greel, a barber here, who disappeared from his place of business, his wife and three children the same day of Miss Ferguson's disappearance. On Monday, as was her custom, Miss Ferguson went out to collect the weekly rents due her father on dwellings owned by him in the city. Among these tenants was Greel, and the girl had been known to be acquainted, but nothing was thought of it. Monday night as she had not returned home, and enquiries revealed the fact that Greel had also disappeared from his home, a search was begun, resulting in the two being located in Graham. Mr. Ferguson failed to find Creel in Graham, but officers are on the look out for him, on a charge of abandonment and non-support of his family. Hearing of the destitute condition of his deserted family, the local barbers union sent several representatives to meet yesterday. A plentiful supply of provisions and other necessities were furnished to them by the union. Mrs. Creel is said to have some well-to-do relatives in Raleigh.

Mr. Tom Dalton, son of Mr. R. F. Dalton, has accepted a position with U. S. Geological Survey. He will be stationed at some point in Colorado and will leave this week.

Capt. R. P. Gray returned from Richmond last night. He has been there for several months under the care of his brother-in-law, Dr. J. Allison Rodges. He is greatly improved in health.

Mr. H. B. Harward, who has been night clerk at the Guilford for some time, has gone to Apex to spend two weeks before assuming duties with the Hotel Tarrymore at Wrightsville Beach.

Wheat Iron with Pepsin are the principles of Dr. Pepper's Phos-Ferrates the greatest tonic drink of the age.

English Women Demand Ballot

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London, May 19.—Four hundred female suffragists called on the British premier today, and presented an appeal for the ballot for women, the speakers declaring themselves ready to sacrifice their lives for the demand made. The premier replying counselled violence, was heard.

TO ENTERTAIN A DISTINGUISHED GUEST

The one hundredth anniversary of the opening of the first brick school building in New Bern June 23 will be one of intense interest. The Journal announced Sunday that the centennial was in honor of the first public school building which was an error, it was the first brick building used for school purposes.

The Board of Trustees are extremely fortunate in securing Hon. Hannis Taylor to make the address for this occasion. This distinguished man is a native of New Bern. He lived here several years and was a student at our schools. His career in public life has been brilliant and he has been honored by two presidents, by President Cleveland in assigning him U. S. Ambassador to Spain and by President Roosevelt as counsel for the United States in the Alaskan Fisheries treaties. Other honors have been given him and in all he has won the high respect and esteem of all his associates.

The citizens should unite and make this anniversary an affair that will reflect credit on us.

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ABOUT BELLAR

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Cotton not up can't get up and that which is up looks dusty but then we are not as badly off as some of our more southern farmers whose crops of cotton were killed by the frost. We had frost last week but it did not kill things.

It seems that a kind Providence is again ruling and ruling out some of the discrepancies of man's judgment in increasing his cotton crop. There is probably ten per cent increase of the cotton crop of our county. So if a kind Ruler wisely destroys about one-tenth of the crop it will even up things, and we will get more for what is left, than we would for the whole.

Corn is growing finely but some of us had to hang a few crows in our fields to stop the others from pulling up corn.

Have not heard of but one man about here that had good prime potatoes in his patch, we have some in the same row that are blossoming and others just coming up.

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A gentleman who is nothing if not practical, in enumerating the advantages of schools to a community and a county, says that their value to candidates for political office on election dates, have never been appreciated by educational apostles in their enumeration of benefits. He says that a candidate in Guilford county can get to the people easier, cheaper, and pleasanter, than in any other county in the State. In every section of the county outside of the closings of the public schools in every district, including High Point, Revolution, Proximity and Gibsonville the candidates by spending one day at the big commencements at Guilford College, Oak Ridge, Whitsett and McLeansville, can get a fine free dinner, and meet in a social way almost every voter in the county. Besides this he has an opportunity to meet the wives, mothers, daughters and babies in pleasant, elevating and harmless acquaintanceship. That candidates appreciate these advantages is evidenced by the fact that they literally swarm around on such occasions and furnish much pleasure to their friends.

The Oettingers of Kinston, who are to begin a buggy and carriage factory here, have leased the Wright four story brick building, on Greene street and will begin work at once under the name of the Oettinger Buggy Co. They have purchased a lot in East Greensboro and will occupy their present quarters until the proposed new building can be erected.

J. E. Latham and Co. cotton brokers here, have leased from the Southern railway, the large brick building on Main street, formerly used for a freight depot. The building will be used as a cotton storage warehouse.

BANKER SHOTS HIMSELF

As Chief of Police Enters To Arrest Him For Embezzlement.

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Newport News, Va., May 19.—President Irwin Tucker of the Principal Savings Bank, committed suicide today, with a revolver, as Chief of Police Reynolds opened the door with a warrant charging him with stealing \$10,000 of the bank's funds. The reported shortage may go to \$20,000. Irwin's life was insured for \$30,000 which fully covers all loss.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

Proposed to Limit Prohibition. Two Cent Railroad Rates and Roosevelt's Policy.

(Special Correspondence.)

Raleigh, May 19.—It is stated by Republicans here that a strong effort will be made by a number of men of their party to buy up the State Convention adopt resolutions in favor of State prohibition; also in favor of two cent fares upon the railway and that there will also be an effort made to have President Roosevelt's views on the rate question endorsed. It is said that such zealous Republicans as Harvey Skinner, H. L. Grant, and W. H. T. favor these steps. One of the resolutions said that there was encouragement in progress now with Congress in the State Convention to capture the State Convention on these questions. It was said that his district would be in the line and that it represented 25 per cent of the Republican vote in the State, and voted almost in unison being based upon the views of the party. It was stated that 100 per cent would give support to the State Convention and that the difference between that figure and 100 per cent is not much to be desired.

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