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RAILROAD EMPLOYEES PLOYE A THIEF

THE TRIAL ENDS IN CONVICTION BUT COUNSEL MOVES FOR NEW TRIAL AND SPRINGS A SENSATION

VISIT OF A RICHMOND RECTOR

Corner Stone Laid of School Building At Seaboard—Program for Superintendent's Convention—State Board of Equalization Adjourned Until August—State Auditor Dixon's Figures Taken as a Basis.

Special Correspondence.

Raleigh, N. C., July 21.—A sensation swept the crowd in the Superior court today when Charles C. Harris, as counsel for Frank Perdee, the ex-actor inspector for Seaboard Air Line, convicted last evening of stealing hams and other freight from a car last March, appeared to the court for a new trial for his client on the ground that he felt that he as counsel had failed to do his duty by the prisoner in the first trial in that he failed to attack the character of H. J. Stewart, yard master for the Seaboard here, on the ground that he is now charged with and suspended from work on much more serious offense than that for which he had prosecuted Perdee. Explaining further, Mr. Harris informed the court that Stewart was suspended from duty by the Seaboard superintendent on the charge of reporting on his yard pay roll, a number of negro men who were not employed and in one or more instances were actually dead, and also with taking these checks and forging names of the payees and cashing them for his own benefit.

Judge Neal declined to grant the new trial but took occasion to say that he was deeply impressed with the case of Perdee, the circumstantial evidence against whom seemed to warrant the jury in giving a verdict of guilty in spite of the fact that he had up to the time of the alleged crime maintained an excellent character. And that he would defer for a while judgment in the case.

At the request of counsel H. J. Stewart was allowed a statement in his own behalf. He said Mr. Harris had not stated all the facts in his case to the court, thereby presenting him in the wrong light. That while he was charged with the acts as stated by Mr. Harris, there was an investigation by the Seaboard authorities only yesterday, at which he was exonerated from all charges except that of possible negligence in having his pay rolls properly signed, a duty that he had erroneously left largely to the chief clerk. He said further that his information was that unless there were further development of charges against him he would be reinstated in his duties as yard master. The superintendent, he said, had been quoted to him as saying this.

Rev. William Meade Clark, rector of St. James Episcopal Church, Richmond, and editor of The Southern Churchman, spent the past three days here, the guest of the Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd, having come especially to deliver an address before the brotherhood and their friends Monday evening. The address was a forcible presentation of his conception of the ideal relation that should exist between a layman and his rector. It was heard with great pleasure and profit by the large audience. Mr. Clarke also delivered the sermon for the 11 o'clock service at the Church of the Good Shepherd Sunday morning. He was rector of this parish a number of years, having resigned for another parish eighteen years ago, when he was succeeded by Dr. L. McK. Pittinger, the present beloved rector. Mr. Clarke was accorded a most hearty welcome back to his old parish.

Grand Master B. H. Gattis, and Grand Tyler H. H. Bradley of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons, went to Sunbury today for the purpose of laying the corner stone to-morrow for a handsome public school building. The address will be delivered by Secretary of State J. Bryan Owens.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner has just completed the program for the Eastern Carolina District Association of County School Superintendents, composed of twenty counties in this section of the State, to meet at Cary, this county, July 14th and 15th. The whole scope of the work of county superintendents is to be treated by some of the most prominent educators in the State.

The State Board of Equalization, created by the 1907 legislature to equalize and settle valuation as between the various counties of the State held its first meeting here today, sitting in the grand opera house. The board is composed of the following members: Chairman, J. Y. Joyner, State Auditor B. F. Dixon, State Treasurer H. B. Lacy, Attorney General B. B. Gilmer, and chairman of the board, J. B. Gilmer.

"MEXICO FOR MEXICANS"

Anti-Yankee Sentiment There Gets Stronger and More Virulent

Mexico City, July 21.—The anti-foreign fight in Mexico is assuming large proportions. La Patria (newspaper) proclaims the time ripe for a policy whose cry shall be "Mexico for Mexicans."

Most of the trade is directed against the "Yankees," as Mexican editors term all Americans.

Among other things La Patria declares that if Americans think the Governments of Argentina, Chile, or Brazil are more enlightened than that of Mexico they should journey to those parts, and the sooner the better.

After referring to the efforts on the part of foreigners against the proposed new mining law restricting incorporation in Mexico the paper says: "We repeat our attitude toward foreigners. We are not Boxers, but patriots, and when we make a given decision we make it not against foreigners, but for the benefit of Mexico."

Returning Signs of Good Times

New York, July 21.—The Ansonia clock factory in Brooklyn, which employs more than 1,000 hands, was opened today, with a full force after a shut-down of several weeks.

Salem, Mass., July 21.—The Nantucket cotton mills resumed operations on full time today, giving employment to 1,500 hands.

Orange, N. J., July 21.—The plant of Thomas A. Edison, which employs 2,000 men, resumed operations on full time today, after running on a reduced time schedule for many months.

Fin Carolina Crops.

As far as our observation and information go there has not in years been in North Carolina a better prospect for profitable crops of every kind than this year affords. In most of the state the advance guard of agricultural products have been excellent and the outlook for apples, melons and grapes is fine. There has been an absence this year of the oft heard talk of too much or too little drought and in consequence the great staples, cotton, corn, and tobacco, are flourishing finely and if some unforeseen disaster does not overtake them will fulfill the most sanguine hopes of our people. Word comes to us from the east that the crops of that region are much better than they were at a corresponding time last year, and that a good harvest is confidently expected from them in the Piedmont country we have it from first hands that tobacco and corn are doing splendidly, and from the great western section comes also good tidings.

These matters are of much importance to the people of our state, regardless of class or occupation, because despite her mills and her mines North Carolina is still mainly an agricultural state. The value of the agricultural products of the Old North State is far in excess of that of any of its other resources. A state that can and does produce \$30,000,000 worth of cotton, to say nothing of its tobacco, grain and other crops, is not to be spoken of lightly in the matter of farming.

Improve Company's Property

Engineer of Roadways, E. F. Laird, of the Atlantic Coast Line, was in the city, yesterday, and held a conference with the street committee of the Board of Aldermen in regard to the improvement of the company's property at the depot and also the repair of the sewers along the line of the railroad. The matter is being thoroughly examined and the necessary repairs and changes will be made.

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erty tax valuations by counties. After a general discussion of the situation it was decided that in order to have in hand just that information necessary for intelligent action in whatever changes may be necessary for desired equalization, it would be necessary to adjourn until August 4th. This action was taken.

The statement of the State Auditor showed that a number of the counties in which there were the most glaring inequalities in assessments as compared with values in other counties there have been considerable increases. In fact the figures presented by the Auditor showed that the property values in the State have been about doubled since 1906, the increase having been from \$200,000,000 to more than \$400,000,000. Lieut. Governor Francis D. Winston, presiding today in the absence of Governor Glenn, ex-officio chairman. Other members of the board are Secretary of State, J. Bryan Owens, State Auditor B. F. Dixon, State Treasurer H. B. Lacy, Attorney General B. B. Gilmer, and chairman of the board, J. B. Gilmer.

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QUEBEC IN FETE

Ancient and Picturesque City of Canada Celebrates Its 300th Birthday

Quebec, July 21.—Extraordinary precautions were taken today for the safety of the distinguished visitors expected here tomorrow to help the city celebrate the 300th anniversary of its founding. The Prince of Wales and Vice President Fairbanks, representing the United States, will reach here on a special train, timed so that the Englishman and American will reach the city at precisely the same minute. A military guard is ready to escort Fairbanks to Spencerwood, where he will make his headquarters while in the city. The arrival of the United States warship New Hampshire in the river was greeted by the booming of cannon while thousands on shore applauded the magnificent ship. The city is gayly decorated for tomorrow's exercises and if today's blue sky and lovely weather continues nothing will mar the civil and military program arranged.

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The causes: Four because of grief—W. A. Moffitt on account of his sister's suicide; G. R. Thompson because of the murder of his brother; and two young girls ended their lives because of love affairs; four, illness; two had suffered financial reverses and the others were despondent.

Last Friday, when the barometer was extremely low, three persons ended their lives, while another made an attempt and is now in a precarious condition.

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PITTSBURG HAS A SUICIDE EPIDEMIC

Fifteen Persons End Lives—Six Try To Do So—The Causes and The Means Used

Pittsburg, July 21.—Between July 8th and 18th, in this city, fifteen persons committed suicide and six attempted to do so. Some of the six may die.

A majority of the self-murders were done in the part of Pittsburg formerly known as Allegheny. It has become popular to say of a suicide that he or she has "Alleghened."

Eleven of the twenty-one took carbolic acid, two chose other poisons, five used revolvers, one cut his throat, one jumped from a bridge and another from a window.

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BUSINESS RECORDS SATISFACTORY

INVESTIGATION OF NINE LIFE AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES RESULT TO THEIR CREDIT

R & S RAILWAY A DEVELOPER

Selection of Successor to Dr. Grimes

Of The Medical Department of Wake Forest College—Probability of Selection of Dr. D. H. Hill as President of A. & M. College—The Evil Effects of Cocaine—The Nathaniel Jacobi Memorial Building.

Raleigh, N. C., July 22.—It is thought probable that when the trustees of Wake Forest College meet in this city Thursday to elect a successor to Dr. Lewis M. Gaines, as professor in the medical department of the college, they will select Dr. Stewart, now a member of the faculty of Columbian Medical College, New York.

It is a fact that illustrates forcibly the rapid development that is going on along the line of the Raleigh and Southport Railway, recently opened between Raleigh and Fayetteville that during the past five days not less than fifteen solid cars of melons have been shipped from the Litchfield section near Fayetteville, alone, to northern and eastern markets. The trucking industry is growing rapidly all along this road and President Mills and his associates in the management say business in both freight and passenger is steadily on the increase.

The executive committee of the trustees of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, was in session here today, going over the situation preparatory for the session of the board of trustees to be held tomorrow for the election of a president for the college to succeed Dr. George T. Winston, resigned. The friends of various candidates are actively at work now putting in their final pull. President W. J. Quick, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, who is an active candidate for the place, arrived here this morning to personally look after his interests. Among the others most prominently mentioned are Prof. D. H. Hill, now vice-president and professor of English; Dr. Tait Butler, now State Veterinarian and director of the farmers' institutes in North Carolina. There seems to be a well grounded impression that the trustees will at this time merely continue Dr. Hill as temporary or acting president. This was the course that was taken in the case of the University of North Carolina, when Dr. Alderman resigned, Dr. Yeabber being made acting president and ultimately he proved that he was "the right man for the place," made president full fledged.

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KINSTON LUMBER CO. FAILS

Action Begun by The John L. Roper Lumber Co. and the N. & S. Co. G. W. Roper Made Receiver—

The Raleigh News and Observer of yesterday, said: Involuntary bankruptcy proceedings were instituted here yesterday in the United States District Court against the Kinston Lumber Company by the John L. Roper Lumber Company, Thos Fitzgerald, Harry K. Wolcott and Hugh M. Kerr, receivers of the Norfolk and Southern Railway, and Ellington & Guy, of Richmond, Va.

The company admitted in writing its insolvency and willingness to be adjudged a bankrupt.

Judge Funnell appointed George W. Roper, who was president of the company, receiver of the property, fixing his bond at \$25,000, and Mr. Roper left immediately for Kinston to take charge. It was stated that Mr. Roper became president sometime after the Norfolk and Southern acquired an interest in the property and made great efforts to extricate the company from the embarrassment by which it was surrounded when the property was turned over to his management. These proved to be unsuccessful because of adverse financial and market conditions.

It was said that the petitioning creditors controlled practically all of the stock and probably eighty per cent of the company's liabilities, and that Mr. W. W. Mills of Kinston, general manager, was acting with the petitioning creditors, and that the proceedings were of a friendly character intended to protect and preserve the assets of the company.

Edward R. Baird, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., who is general counsel for the John L. Roper Lumber Company, and the Norfolk and Southern Railway Co., and its receivers, represents the creditors and receivers and instituted the proceedings.

Drought May Close Coal Mines

Pottsville, Pa., July 22.—Owing to a lack of water due to the drought only about half of the collieries in the lower anthracite coal fields will resume work tomorrow. Unless rain falls this week there probably will be an entire suspension of mining next week.

Hearst Party Hopes For Gains in the South

Chicago, July 23.—M. W. Howard, of Alabama, candidate for nomination for President by the Independence party convention, arrived today and opened headquarters in the Morrison Hotel.

"The people of my State," he said, "are ripe for revolt, as they were in 1892. The Democrats counted them out then, but today it is generally conceded that the Populists carried the State by 40,000. This year, I believe, conditions are fully as favorable, and if we win there will be no counting out. Many of our leaders are confident the Independence party will carry Alabama and other Southern States."

W. H. DeFord, of New York, who is here, will act as secretary of the convention.

"There will be a number of candidates for first place on the ticket," said Mr. DeFord. "Over a half dozen States will have favorite sons to place in nomination, and it is hard to guess who will be named. However, I am certain the convention will be run as such an event should be."

The largest delegation is expected from New York. More than one hundred members of the party will come from New York City alone. The delegation from the Empire State will arrive here early Monday morning, and will have headquarters at the Palmer House. Massachusetts will send sixty four delegates and alternates and a trainload of visitors.

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GOVERNOR RETURNS TO RALEIGH

CORPORATION COMMISSION PRESSING ITS SUIT AGAINST THE NORFOLK & WESTERN RAILROAD

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THE PEDAGOGUES CONFERENCE

City Water System in Use at A. & M. College—Board to Dispose of Ice Plant—Conference Held Between Prof. Newman, New Professor of Agriculture and The Board of the A. & M. College—Outlook for The Racing Features At The State Fair Bright.

Raleigh, N. C., July 23.—Governor Glenn reached the city this morning from his extended trip to the National Democratic Convention at Denver, and to Washington, New York and Atlantic City, being at the latter place for a few days rest and recreation. He declares the section of the west through which he travelled, the finest country he ever saw. He is enthusiastic over the outlook for success in the Democratic National campaign.—He made a number of speeches while he was away and as he is being urged to do campaign work in a number of States, including Nebraska and New Jersey. The governor expects to be in the executive office here right along now for several weeks, except for two or three engagements for addresses at nearby points.

The North Carolina Corporation Commission and counsel for the commission, are pressing the suit against the Norfolk and Western Railroad Co., for alleged excessive freight rates to North Carolina points compared with rates to Virginia cities. They were in conference today preparing the brief to be presented to the inter-state commerce commission before which the suit is pending. Counsel in the conference were Foushee & Manning, Durham; T. C. Guthrie, Charlotte and E. J. Justice, Greensboro.

The Rockingham Foundry and Machinery Company, Rockingham, N. C., received a charter today, capital being \$50,000 authorized and \$8,000 subscribed by W. A. Biggs, L. C. Sharpe, and W. T. McRae.

The annual session of the North Carolina Association of County Superintendents of Public Schools will be held this year at Morehead, August 26, 27, and 28th, the law requiring that every superintendent in the State must attend unless provisionally hindered. And State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner is writing each of the ninety-eight county superintendents that he will rigidly investigate the cause of each failure to attend and report to the county board of education in the county.

Reports just presented to the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, show that the new city water system and sewerage at the college will be fully installed by the time for the opening of the college for the fall term. The board has decided to dispose of the big ice plant installed here a year ago under the management of the State Board of Agriculture for the reason that it is found that it will be cheaper for the college to buy its supply of ice rather than undertake to operate the ice plant. The Board decides to have the machine shops and foundry of the college equipment operated under the same management with Prof. Fred Wheeler of High Point in charge as instructor for the students, who will take such courses.

Prof. Newman, the newly elected professor of agriculture for the college, and the members of the board of trustees held a long conference relative to the policies that shall prevail in the direction of this department. He has been in North Carolina for the past month and has spent the time mostly mingling with the farmers in various sections of the State in connection with work for the farmers institutes. Professor Newman and the trustees are much gratified at the outlook for the further development and growth of this department of the college work.

That the outlook for the racing features of the North Carolina State Fair this fall is especially bright, is the declaration of Secretary Joseph E. Pogue, Raleigh being in receipt of the big fair, principal among which are Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina State Fairs. The racing purses will aggregate more than \$10,000 with \$20,000 or more set to be the Raleigh fair share. The horses to be entered are the best ever raced in this section. Intensive investigations are being made in the stable and other stock enclosures at the fair grounds.

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