

CORN JUDGING CONTESTS

ARE PROVING OF HIGH VALUE AND WILL BE HELD THROUGH OUT THE STATE

CAPITOL CITY ENJOYS QUIET

Editor Caldwell Recovering Health—Next Pen Warden Talk—Vaudeville Theatre Wanted.

Special Correspondence.
Raleigh, April 2.—Demonstrator T. B. Parker, of the State Agricultural Department, who came in today from Goldsboro, expressed his great satisfaction at the corn judging contest, at that place yesterday, and says, that it was of high value and interest to everybody. These things are to be held all over the state, and they are going to do more than anything else to improve not only the quality of the corn, but the yield.

No place in the State is just at this time going so heartily into the automobile movement as Raleigh. Up to a very recent period it has had fewer automobiles than any place in the country, but if it keeps up its present gait this will soon not be the case.

Charlotte people must have faith in Raleigh's future for one company here owns the theatre, another the largest apartment house, and now P. M. Brown is building a store, and it is said has procured sites for some other structures. In every part of the city building is going on and carpenters and brick masons have all they can do.

A very observant and prominent North Carolinian, remarked today that North Carolina was like the country in that it was now having a very quiet administration. He went on to say that Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Glenn as President and Governor were strong men, but that President Taft and Governor Kitchin like, what may be termed the quiet life, and that the country and the state will have for four years what may be termed a period of repose.

There is a rumor here, given for what it is worth, that the next warden of the penitentiary is to be Thomas Selas, who for a number of years, has been the health officer of Raleigh.

As soon as the new board of aldermen is elected it is understood that it will take up, among the many notable questions it has to face, that of tax reduction and Raleigh is going to be put on a dollar tax basis.

It is very gratifying to know from the physicians of Editor Joseph P. Caldwell of the Charlotte Observer, that his improvement is so rapid and complete, and that his attack, at first thought to be serious, turns out not to have been much.

Raleigh is declared by the Cotton mill men here to be in need of a dyeing and finishing plant, and it is said that there is an admirable opening for this.

The Secretary of the Chamber of Amusement purveyors the matter of a vaudeville theatre here and for this there is certainly a very great opening.

For two or three days things have been extremely quiet in regard to the investigation, into the mutilation of the records in the office of the Police Justice, and Chief of Police. There have been a thousand or more fake stories as to what would be done against this. One was circulated Monday to the effect that the News & Observer reporter who had dipped into the records to get the figures would be placed, and that had this been done there would have been the most interesting habeas corpus proceedings in a fifty and the side making the arrest, would have had to make a show down, right away. Not until next week, according to everything that can be learned, will there be an investigation into the affair, this growing out of the suspicion of the Chief of Police. The latter was a witness at the Superior court today, and dressed in citizens clothes for the first time in many a long year, and besides the acting chief, Capt. Jack Beasley and the other police captain, Martin Thompson, in the lobby of the court house. Raleigh has certainly had a very quiet week, and it is very much to be desired that the life so much has been happened here in so brief a period.

FOR DEEPER WATERWAYS

Chamber of Commerce to Urge Deepening of Neuse and Trent Rivers to Conform With Inland Waterway

Tuesday, April 6th Captain Earl I. Brown, corps engineers, U. S. Army, Wilmington, N. C., will be in New Bern to discuss the matter of dredging the Neuse river from Pamlico Sound to New Bern, and the Trent River up to Quaker Bridge, with a view to providing channels to conform with the depth of the authorized waterway to connect the waters of Pamlico Sound with the ocean at Beaufort which waterway is now being constructed to provide a depth of 10 feet at mean low water, which is in line with the harbor act approved March 3rd, 1909 providing for an examination of those rivers with that end in view.

TESTIMONY IN SMITH CASE

LAWYERS BEGIN ARGUMENTS. EIGHT TO SPEAK. FIFTH DAY OF THE TRIAL.

TRYING TO LOCATE SMITH ON NIGHT OF MURDER. HOLDERFIELD ATTEMPTS TO PROVE ALIBI.

Special to Journal:
Raleigh, April 2.—This was the fifth day of the trial of Cotton, Holderfield and Hopkins, for the murder, of Dr. Smith. The defense introduced a star witness, Jones Gaster, who said he was in Kelley's cafe, next to Earl Cotton's place, from nine o'clock until day light, the night of November 14th and saw there a man he thought was Smith. Saw him leave with Fred Miller, enter a carriage, and drive away.

Night clerk, Huckleberry, of the Tarboro hotel, said Smith registered there Friday, and after nine o'clock Saturday night, some white men called for the key to Smith's room.

Dr. William Moncure, testified to the effects of cocaine, to show Cotton, a cocaine fiend, was not responsible. The defense here rested.

The state called in rebuttal, police officer Barrow, and W. H. Hicks, to show Holderfield was at Cotton's place, that Saturday night, and was not up town, this to negative the effort to prove an alibi for Holderfield.

Laura Wood said two days after the homicide, Holderfield said he had read about the killing of Smith. "I was in it, but was sleepy as hell."

Joe Harris saw Hopkins in Kelly's place, Hopkins reached behind a box, got a bottle, and went out with it. This was the bottle of chloroform. Hopkins returned with it and replaced it. Started out, and stopped saying, "If anything happens, for God's sake don't say anything about this." Jones Gaster came in to Kelly's, went to sleep, and was very sleepy or drunk. A stranger came in but he was not Smith.

A Suspicious Death.

William Green, a colored employer of the Pine Lumber Co. in a scuffle on last Saturday with another colored man, was struck on the head by a pine stick.

Friday morning Green died, and coroner Jones, thinking the case suspicious, impaneled a jury, and upon examination, Green's death was found to be due to a fracture of the skull caused by the blow received last Saturday.

Death of Mr. S. W. Hancock.

The announcement of the death yesterday of Mr. Seymour W. Hancock, was not entirely unexpected, though it came as a shock to many, and caused sorrow among his friends. For some time his health had been poor, and during the past month he had been confined to his home.

Mr. Hancock was born in Raleigh, married Miss Rosa Jordan of Washington, N. C., and in Washington and New Bern spent most of his life, being forty years of age at the time of his death. He was a lawyer by profession, but being appointed postmaster of New Bern, had taken his time for the past eleven years, which position he held at the time of his death.

Mr. Hancock was a man of genial and courteous manner, receiving a fine education, he was a graceful and eloquent speaker, displaying rare gifts in oratory, and was also a talented writer. Had his life led him to follow literary pursuits, he could have excelled.

He leaves to mourn, his death, his wife, Mrs. S. W. Hancock, two sons, Robert and Seymour, and daughter, Matilda. Mr. Robert Hancock, his father, and step-mother, Mrs. R. Hancock.

More Frequent Meetings of the Chamber of Commerce.

At the next meeting of the Chamber of Commerce which will be the first Monday night in May, the matter of more frequent meetings will be discussed. In addition to the regular quarterly meetings there are several quarterly "smoker" or informal meetings where the members may meet socially and discuss informally any matters of interest to the community that may arise.

Confederate Veterans Dead.

Any Confederate veteran who wishes a cross of honor vetted please send his name and post office to Mrs. W. E. M. Bryan of office. So that the cross may be placed by the teeth of fate.

THE COTTON SITUATION

J. E. Latham Says Conditions Point to Better Times and Higher Prices.

Gov. Completes Military Staff

NOTABLE APPOINTMENTS OF DISTINGUISHED MEN TO SURROUND HIM.

CHARLES GATTIS PROMOTED

Twelfth Annual Conference for Education in South Meets at Atlanta April 15th to 19th. A Notable Gathering.

Special to Journal:
Raleigh, April 3.—Governor Kitchin completed today his military staff. Francis J. Mace, quartermaster, generally with rank Brigadier General, Assistants, Lieut. Col. W. E. Gary, Majors Charles H. Gattis, Mark W. Williams, J. D. Dalton, J. L. Currie, Thos. R. Robertson, Chief of Ordnance with rank, Colonel, assistants Lieut. Col. F. Robertson, Majors J. D. Thomas, A. K. Row, J. C. Mills, J. M. Campbell, J. G. Hollingsworth, paymaster general with rank, Colonel, assistants Lieut. Colonel W. W. Pierce, Majors R. T. Daniel, R. G. Alsbrook, E. L. Conn, E. G. Sherrill, A. C. Davis, Judge Advocate general assistants, Lieut. Colonel C. C. Bullard, Majors T. A. Lyon, J. G. Proctor, A. P. Godwin, Elijah Moffitt.

Charters are granted the R. G. Hun Lumber Co., of Asheville, capital stock \$50,000, the Green River Electric Power Co., of Rutherford County, \$100,000.

Charles Gattis, of Raleigh, for several years passenger agent here of the S. A. L., and for eighteen years with the Company, is promoted district passenger agent for North Carolina.

Thomas E. Robertson, who retired as Adjutant General, is given the rank of Major General, after twenty five years service in the National Guard.

Today Mr. J. Y. Joyner, president of the Association of Southern Superintendents of Public Instruction, made an announcement as to the 12th annual conference for education in the south, which will be held at Atlanta April 14th to 16, and says it will be the best and largest attended, yet held Atlanta being very accessible and well located. He says this is the most representative and stimulating conference of educational workers held in the South, and that no other conference has been so great a factor in its educational progress, giving a common meeting grounds to all friends of all sorts of proper education, not confined merely to teachers and professional workers, but having present leading business men, authors, publishers, farmers, and others interested in advancement.

The program is very strong, including a conference of state superintendents, one of campaign managers, or of supervisors of school improvement work, one of high school inspection and one of southern association of college women.

Among the subjects of discussion for the year's educational progress, agricultural and mechanical movements, education and rural needs, the country roads and the country schools economic organization of rural life co-operation of the United States with the states improving rural conditions woman's work for the rural schools the Woman's Club as a factor in education, public taxation, education and economic developments.

Among the speakers will be Governor Hoke Smith of Georgia, Robert Ogden of New York; Chief Forester Clifford Pinchot, U. S. Commissioner of Education Elmer Brown, Edward A. Ahern, T. T. Plaxton, Charles L. Coon and many others, including the State Superintendent and Dr. Caswell Elliott, of Texas, formerly of this State.

Superintendent Joyner is the president of the association of state superintendents.

Among the North Carolinians who will attend the conference, besides Mr. Joyner, are N. W. Walker, Z. V. Judd, Henry E. Price, W. A. Blair, Mrs. W. R. Hollowell and Mrs. Charles D. Melver. The meetings are to be held in the new auditorium which seats 7,000 persons in the main room and 1,000 in the assembly room. Ever friend of education in North Carolina is invited to attend this conference.

More Window Breaking Robberies.

Two more store windows are reported broken, these being J. L. McDaniels and the Broad Street Grocery Company, and petty robberies resulting the breakers in seeking cash, a small amount, being found in McDaniels' cash register. Both stores are thought to have lost minor articles. This window breaking is becoming a regular thing.

FORT WORTH FIRE

Destroys Five Millions Property and Six Persons Perish.

ALL GET SENTENCES

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EXPECTED TO BE ACQUITTED

Julius McKay to be Executed May 21. Crime Committed in Robeson County

Special Correspondence.
Raleigh, April 5.—After being out all Saturday night, the jury in the trial, the three men for the murder of Dr. E. W. Smith, of Richmond, Va., Sunday morning brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree against Earl Cotton, Tim Holderfield, and E. A. Hopkins, otherwise known as "Red" Hopkins, young white men. With regard to Hopkins the jury recommended mercy.

Judge Lyon, of the Superior court, sentenced Cotton to 30 years in the penitentiary, the full limit, holding him as the leading spirit in the murder. Holderfield, because he was in the employ of Cotton at his cafe, and because of testimony, that he was of good character, was sentenced to only 10 years, in the penitentiary. "Red" Hopkins was sentenced to 2 years Cotton and Holderfield moved for a new trial, and then for modification of sentence. Both were refused and they appealed. Both men, as they were taken back to jail from the court room after being sentenced remarked that they had expected acquittal. Public opinion seems to be that the sentences are by no means excessive.

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Superior Court This Week.

The April term of the Superior court of Craven county, for one week session, convened yesterday. His Honor, Judge C. M. Cook, presiding.

The following was the first day's transactions:

Mattocks vs A. C. Line, non-suit with appeal to Supreme court.

Miller vs Hadnot, verdict for plaintiff.

G. T. Richardson vs Southern Express Co., judgment for plaintiff.

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Americans Greeted Mr. Roosevelt at Naples.

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Chief of Police and Tax Collector—W. R. Hopewell.

The regular town election will be held Tuesday, May 4th.

Deeper Water Way Meeting Today.

Captain Earl I. Brown, Corps Engineers, War Department, Wilmington, N. C., has advised the Chamber of Commerce that he would be pleased to meet on Tuesday afternoon, the 6th inst. at New Bern, those who are interested in the river and harbor improvements in the vicinity of New Bern, also Bay River, Contenta Creek (between Snow Hill and Stateburg), Little Contenta Creek (between its mouth and Ridge Springs) and Swift Creek.

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