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MR. ALDERMAN RESIGNS.

Accepted the Presidency of Tulane University at New Orleans.

On April 5th, Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, President of the University of North Carolina, was chosen President of Tulane University of New Orleans, La. After visiting New Orleans, Dr. Alderman has decided to accept the position to which he has been elected, and has written the following letter:

Hon. R. H. Battle,
Secretary Board of Trustees,
Raleigh, N. C.

My Dear Mr. Battle: I beg to offer to the Board of Trustees my resignation as President of the University of North Carolina to take effect on June 15th, 1900. I take this step after painful study in order that I may accept the Presidency of Tulane University of Louisiana, to which I was elected on April 5th 1900. This decision has been reached with the belief that it is just to my personal life and to wider opportunities for educational service. I make the change, I know, very hard to do. I am leaving all along large lines of my life to this problem of compromise and the sacrifice I have seemed to take. I do not act it is because I have needed to see with my own eyes the path to the future. I believe that every man who has had a vision of the light of the future through which the conflict of the world is being waged, I do not need to say that my heart has been torn by the evidences of oppression, all too generous and unobserved, from the people of this State whom I have labored for since manhood; from your honorable body so helpful and just to me always; from the faculty and students of this institution in whose service I have known the joy of striving. I count this appreciation the finest reward of a life of some toil and struggle for the upbuilding of my native State.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I have the honor to remain,
Very sincerely yours,
Edwin A. Alderman.

County Board of Elections.

The County Board of Elections consisting of Messrs. John A. Narron, M. C. Winston and Charles W. Horne, met in Smithfield last Monday, May 7th, and organized by electing Mr. John A. Narron, Chairman, and Mr. Charles W. Horne, Secretary.

All the voting precincts will remain as they were at the last election, except the following:

Banner and Dismal Precincts were consolidated, with Benson as the voting place.

Burgans and Lee's precincts consolidated and Four Oaks made the voting place.

Upper and Lower Boon Hill were united with Princeton the voting place.

East and West Bulah were united with voting place to be old Bulah town.

Upper and Lower Oneals united with Hays's old store made the voting place.

Osage's and Smithfield were consolidated with Smithfield as voting place.

The above changes were ordered to be printed in the THE SMITHFIELD HERALD for 20 days as prescribed by law.

The Board adjourned to meet again on the first Monday in June.

John A. Narron,
Chairman.
Charles W. Horne,
Secretary.

The Conditions in Mafeking.

London, May 8.—A dispatch from Cape Town, dated to-day says: "Lord Robert's phenomenal advance is not only utterly demoralizing the Boers, but is striking terror into the rebel colonists. The relief of Mafeking is expected at any moment."

The Cape Town correspondent is slightly optimistic as regards Mafeking. Judging from the direct dispatches, the British forces south of Mafeking are still nearly two hundred miles from their objective, while the latest advices from Mafeking itself dated April 29, show little amelioration in the conditions there.

The dispatches say: "With the exception of a little rifle fire at the outlying trenches everything is quiet. The slight epidemic of typhoid is abating as a result of the medical precautions. The enemy's artillery, with the exception of two five-pounders, has apparently been withdrawn."

"It was learned April 24th that the enemy intended to attack and the entire garrison stood to its arms. When day broke Col. Baden-Powell took up a position on the outlook and the heavy rattle of musketry and the boom of four guns, convinced us that an attack was about to occur. But it became apparent that the Boer officers could not persuade their men to advance. Through glasses we saw the other vainly urging the infantry forward. The enemy reformed and retired. Our men fired a shot in the hope of inducing the enemy to come to close quarters."

"The native distress has been alleviated, and many of the slipping through the lines."

"The men of the garrison forego their sugar ration for the benefit of the women and children."

"After the bombardment April 24th, all was comparatively quiet."

"The besieged are celebrating the 200th day of the siege with horse dinners, and Colonel Baden-Powell sent a message to Lord Roberts saying: "After two hundred days of siege I desire to bring so your lordship's notice, the exceptionally good spirit of loyalty which pervades all classes of the garrison and the patience of everybody at Mafeking in making the best of things under the long strain of anxiety, hardship and privations, which is beyond all praise and admiration to me. The men, half of whom not accustomed to arms, have adapted themselves to their duties with the greatest zeal and readiness. The pluck and devotion of the women have been remarkable, with such spirits our organization runs like clock work. I have every hope it will pull us through."

Public Speaking.

Messrs. J. T. Ellington and J. W. Stephenson will address the citizens of Pleasant Grove Township at Leonard Johnson's store on Saturday, the 19th of May, at 4 o'clock p. m.

ALLEN K. SMITH,
Ch. Dem. Ex. Com.

County Commissioners Meet.

All members present.

The contracts for keeping rafts from Wilson's Mills bridge for 1900 was awarded to A. J. Ellis at \$10.

J. T. Creech was released from poll tax.

The damage account of P. P. Allen for injuries to mules sustained on Neuse river bridge was not allowed.

Dr. L. D. Wharton was re-elected County Superintendent of Health.

No more stock law orders will be paid until settlement with sheriff.

The resignation of Walter Rand was accepted and J. H. Weltons was appointed in his stead.

British Advance At Zan River.

London, May 9, 4:10 a. m.—Four thousand British cavalry watered their horses at Zan River Monday, twenty-five miles beyond Smaided, where Lord Roberts continues to date his dispatches. The scouts who have been searching the country for miles along the streams have found no Boers south of the river. The enemy are laagered in unknown force on the north bank.

Thus the British advance guard is within forty-five miles of Kroonstad. The Free Staters, in the expectation that Kroonstad will speedily become untenable, are, according to information from Lorenzo Marques, preparing to transfer their government to Heilbron, a little more than fifty miles northeast.

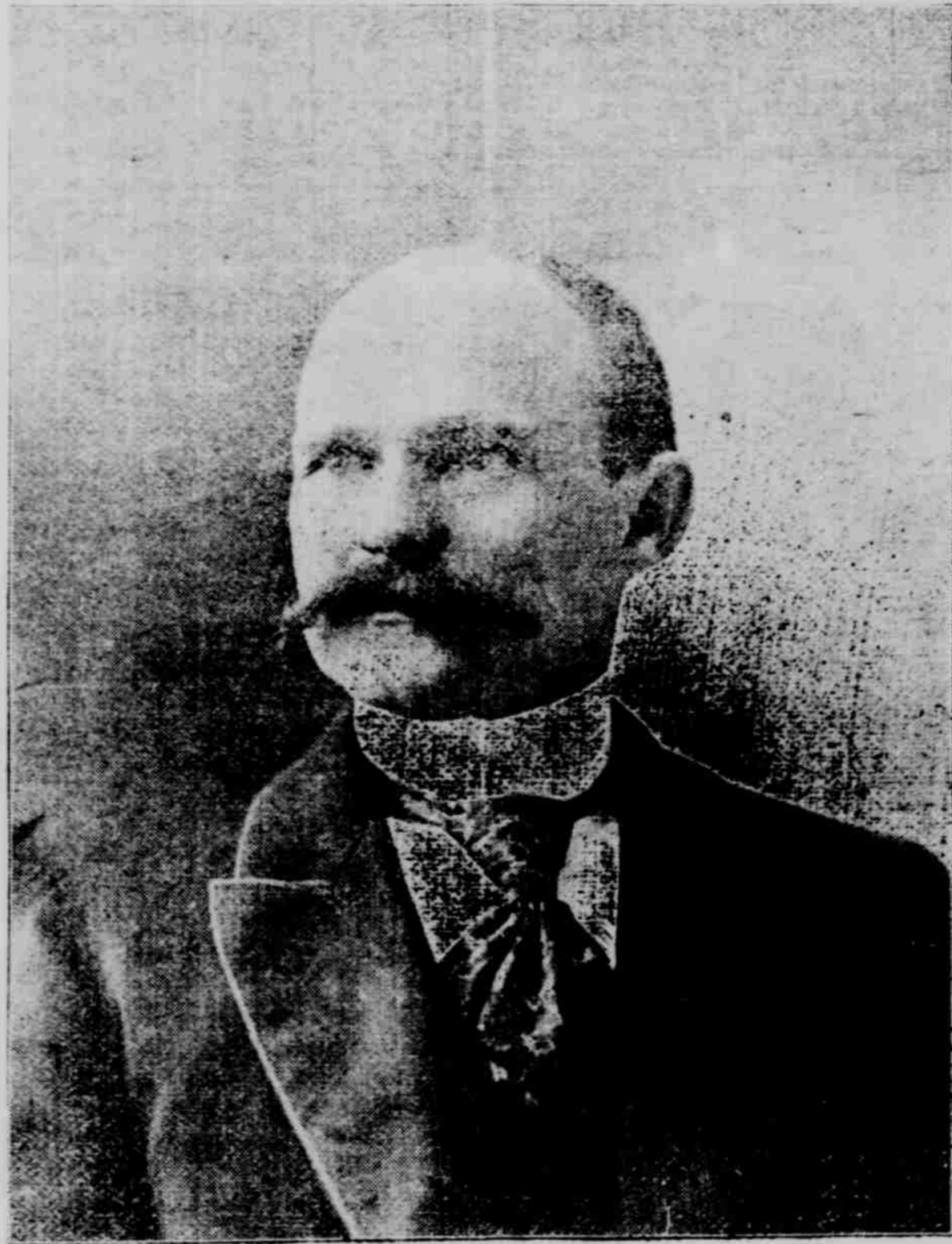
The proclamations of Lord Roberts appear to have little effect upon the inhabitants of the invaded districts. Every farm is found deserted except by the women and children. All the men are away fighting.

Correspondents at headquarters are now wiring freely concerning the incidents connected with the occupation of Smaided. Some exasperation is expressed at the ease with which the Boers escape with their transports before the very eyes of the

British. For instance, when the British entered Smaided Boer ox wagons clearly outspanned only five miles away, as if in contempt of the ability of the British to overtake them. Lord Roberts is described as rightly unwilling to sacrifice his horses for the sake of a comparatively minor advantage. Nevertheless, the waste of horse flesh, in spite of all speculations is enormous.

Smaided is a village of only a score of dwellings, but it expanded in one night to a vast canvas city and the glow of the camp fires was like a scene in an iron smelting district. The city is likely to fade away in a day by the immediate progress of the infantry to Zan river.

Everybody at Mafeking has an empty stomach and a pinched face. The natives are no longer given even porridge, and the whites now have nothing but a quart of that substance and a pound of horse sausage daily. Everything else eatable has gone. Insufficient food, wet trenches and cold nights are deadly to the health of the garrison. This information comes from reliable natives. Lady Sarah Wilson, under date of April 27th, says: "The Boers now number 4,500, including young Eloa, President Kruger's grandson, who has sent for six more guns."



ROBERT D. GILMER,
Democratic nominee for Attorney General.

The War in Africa.

London, May 9.—Although the British expected great opposition at the difficult drift of the Zan river, the latest advices from Smaided, Orange Free State, indicates that the federals are not yet ready to make a determined attempt to stem Lord Roberts' advance. The latter's front, indeed, is so wide and overwhelming in numbers that it is difficult to see how the Boers can help being ousted out of Virginia Siding as they were out of Smaided, even if they do not give battle.

The same considerations would probably affect the situation at Kroonstad, hence the belief that the real opposition will be encountered south of the Vaal. The repairs to the bridges over the West river and the Vaal are expected to retard the general march from Smaided and Fourteen Streams for three or four days, when General Buller will also be ready.

The general idea is that Lord Roberts will direct his right on Harrismith in order to get in touch with the Natal army coming through Van Reenen's Pass.

A dispatch from Masera, dated May 8, says the Boers have deserted both Ladybrand and Ficksburg in a panic condition, owing to reports that the British had occupied Senekal, thus threatening their retreat to the Transvaal.

General Buller is making the transport preparations for an advance.

If troubled with rheumatism give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial. It will not cost you a cent if it does no good. One application will relieve the pain. It also cures sprains and bruises in one-third the time required by any other treatment. Cuts, burns, frostbites, quinsy, pains in the sides and chest, granular and other swellings are quickly cured by applying it. Every bottle warranted. Price 25c and 50c. Hood Bros.

Buy your Gents', Ladies', Misses' and Children's Fine Shoes at W. G. Yelvington's store if you wish to save money, as he bought his stock before the advance prices; will sell at old prices.

The Torch in Luzon.

Manila, May 8.—The City of Bulan in South Luzon, has been destroyed by 3,000 Filipino insurgents, who applied the torch to the place. This news comes to Manila in unofficial letters and has caused consternation among those who were inclined to credit the assertion that the rebellious spirit of the natives was rapidly subsiding.

The burning of Bulan occurred May 4. The insurgents fired the place after driving out fifty men of the Fortyeventh volunteer infantry who were garrisoning the town. On account of the overwhelming numbers of the enemy, the Americans were powerless to resist the work of incendiarism.

The large body of rebels, after setting fire to the buildings, killed many of the Spanish and Chinese residents. There was no provocation for the butchery, but the Filipinos seemed determined to annihilate everything in sight.

While complete details of the affair are not to be had to-day, the reports from Bulan state that the American troops were compelled to seek refuge aboard the ships and that while the rebels were looting and burning the city, a gunboat poured shells into the clouds of smoke and fire. How great the rebel losses were from the shelling cannot be stated, but it is believed that many of them were killed during the bombardment.

Bulan had a population of 20,000 and contained many of the largest commercial in South Luzon. The burning of the city destroyed all of these and not only ruined all the merchants, but made many of the people homeless. It is feared that there will be great distress in Bulan.

No statement is made concerning the number of Spaniards and Chinese who were slain by the invading rebels, but the list is expected to be a long one.

Last week some of the business firms in Sorsogon, in response to a petition to rescue the merchants of Bulan, sent a steamer to that place and took numbers of them away. The merchants of the burned city had long been expecting the attack.

The Telegraphers' Strike.

Wilmington Star.

Atlanta, May 8.—President W. V. Powell, of the Railway Telegraphers, issued an order, effective at 11 a. m. to-day, discontinuing the strike of the Southern Railway Telegraphers, declared April 12th, 1900.

In his statement President Powell announces the decision of the officers of the order regarding the strike. He states that the telegraphers can now apply to the Southern for employment without being considered by the order as "scabs," but advises them not to do so. He says: "It is to be regretted that some of the purposes for which the strike was inaugurated are not entirely successful, and on the membership of the organization and those who agreed to support it in this struggle remained loyal to their cause, it would have been possible to give you notice of a complete victory."

President Powell asserts that while the strike controversy is ended the boycott feature of the Southern will be continued by the order, and concludes his statement as follows:

"The fight against the Southern Railway will never be stopped by the organization until such time as it concedes the things demanded by its telegraphers, the refusal of which led to the inauguration of a strike on the Southern's lines at 11 a. m., April 12th, 1900."

It is stated from the strikers' headquarters that many of the telegraphers formerly employed by the Southern are seeking positions on Western roads and some are entering other employment.

The Best in the World.

We believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best in the world. A few weeks ago we suffered with a severe cold and a troublesome cough, and having read their advertisements in our own and other papers we purchased a bottle to see if it would effect us. It cured us before the bottle was more than half used. It is the best medicine out for colds and coughs.—The Herald, Andersonville, Ind. For sale by Hood Bros.

Death of Mrs. C. W. Edgerton.

No one can compute the power of a good woman's life. She may live far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife," but touching the lives of husband, children, friends, society and the church unborn generations will be better for her having lived.

Mrs. Annie Edgerton, wife of Mr. C. W. Edgerton, was born in Guilford county, Jan. 12, 1864. She was the daughter of Mr. Jno. G. Hodges and Emily E. Hodges and was educated at Guilford College. In early life she learned to love the Lord and at the age of fourteen gave her life to the church. On August 12, 1883, she was married and took upon herself the duties and responsibilities of domestic life. She was a woman of fine intelligence and excellent judgment. She faithfully wrought in the Sunday School and the children loved her dearly. She was kind to all, and to know her was to love and admire her Christian character. Said a neighbor to the writer, who had watched her life, "She did nobly life's work." When the end came, May 4, 1900, she was ready and "fell on sleep." She rests from her labors.

As her pastor for a year and a half I had ample opportunity to learn her solid worth. Her religion was not of emotional prom-

inence—not demonstrative nor boisterous, but profound and full of sober thought and earnestness. Truly, she was a blessing to those with whom she came in contact. I have never yet seen a town or community so effected over anything. I believe all who attended the funeral felt that heaven was sweeter than ever before.

Sister Edgerton leaves a husband and seven children. May the Lord ever bless them and keep them under the shadow of His wing. Her funeral took place Saturday afternoon from Zion church, at which I was assisted by the Rev. J. W. Nobles. The large congregation present attested the esteem in which Sister Edgerton was held. May we not say of such a life,

"There is no death, the stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown
May shine forevermore."
HER PASTOR.

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Sunday School Convention.

To the S. S. Superintendents of Johnston Co.:

DEAR BROTHERS:—I am anxious to hold a Sunday School Convention in each township this summer; to do this I need your help, your co-operation, and I take this method of asking all of the Superintendents in each township of the county, to confer together—bring the matter before their schools, decide when, and where the Convention is to be held, and report to me, and I will gladly assist them in getting a good speaker for the occasion, to discuss plans of work, methods of teaching, and to try to arouse more enthusiasm and interest in Sunday school work. I suggest that the Conventions be held during the week, as it will be difficult to get speakers on the Sabbath.

I will appreciate it very much, if each Superintendent in the county will report to me, name of their School, name of Superintendent with postoffice address and with number of scholars enrolled in school.

Any information desired will be gladly given promptly. Write at once and let me know your plans.

Yours in His name,
ROBERT W. HINES,
Pres. N. C. S. S. Association
of Johnston County,
Smithfield, N. C.