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## STATE NEWS.

### Short Items of Interest Clipped and Culled From our State Exchanges.

Governor Aycock is wearing crepe on his left arm out of respect to Mr. McKinley.

There are 322 students enrolled at the A. & M. College at Raleigh and no room for more.

Lucy Jones, a young negro woman, died last week at Rocky Mount from the effects of laudanum with suicidal intent.

The increase of tax values in Wake county is nearly a million and half dollars, nearly half of the increase being in Raleigh.

Henry Perry, a white man of Rolesville, Wake county, is in Raleigh jail, charged with an assault on Lucy Taylor, his 12-year old niece.

The six rural libraries allowed Wayne county have been established and State Treasurer Lacy has forwarded the warrants to Superintendent Atkinson.

Senator Simmons, who attended the burial of President McKinley at Canton, says the South was more largely represented there than any other section.

Rutherford county's new eight-thousand dollar jail is nearing completion. The cost of the jail will be paid for entirely out of the county's share of the dispensary's profits.

Littleton Female College has opened well. There are more than 100 boarding pupils present. An impressive memorial service in memory of President McKinley was held in the college chapel last Thursday.

Mr. John A. Campbell, of Asheville, and Miss Mary D. Robinson, of Goldsboro, were married in the First Baptist church at Goldsboro Wednesday, of last week. Miss Robinson is a niece of Dr. Robinson of Smithfield.

The State Superintendent has set apart October 14th as "North Carolina Day" in the public schools. The subject for discussion is to be "The First Anglo-Saxon Settlement in America," that of Sir Walter Raleigh's colony at Roanoke Island.

Gabe Best, a white farmer of fair circumstances, who lived near Dudley, Wayne county, was arrested last week, charged with assaulting a 11-year-old girl, and was bound over to court in the sum of \$1,000. The prisoner escaped from the officer in charge of him.

Ex-Chief Justice James E. Shepherd, who has been mentioned as a candidate to succeed Chief Justice Furehes, has made a statement declining any further use of his name for the place. He states that he will not be a candidate for any place before the next State Democratic convention.

Marshall DeLancey Haywood has been appointed assistant State Librarian, a place created by the last Legislature. Mr. Haywood is by taste a historian and is at present writing a life of Gov. William Tryon, who was Governor of the colony at the time of the battle of Alamance.

The Governor has offered \$200 reward for the arrest of Victor Hilliard, a chronic horse-thief, whose specialty is the hiring of horses, which he drives long distances and sells to farmers in the back country. He has offered a reward of \$400 for Pleasant McDonald, a white man of family, who in Iredell county outraged a 11-year-old girl he had taken for adoption.

Miss Mabel Duke, of Durham, N. C., daughter of Brodie L. Duke and granddaughter of Washington Duke, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer, was married to H. R. Goodall, a traveling salesman, of Richmond, Va., at the Yarrow House in Raleigh Sunday evening by Rev. W. D. Hubbard. It was a runaway match. It is stated that Miss Duke was to have wed a young man from Chase City, Va., in December, and that he called at her home Sunday afternoon but did not find her.

## WASHINGTON NEWS NOTES.

### Items of General Interest From the Nation's Capital City.

The public schools of the District of Columbia opened Monday with an attendance estimated at not less than 50,000 pupils.

The President has appointed Col. James M. Bell, Eighth Cavalry, to be a Brigadier-General, vice Brigadier-General Ludlow, deceased.

Rear Admiral Sampson has requested the Navy Department to relieve him of his present duty as commandant of the Boston navy yard on October 1st, on account of the bad condition of his health. Secretary Long has granted the request.

The Schley Court of Inquiry Friday, gave a decision in effect that facts alone are to be admitted as testimony. The testimony of Rear-Admiral F. J. Higginson, former commander of the Massachusetts, was in the main favorable to Rear-Admiral W. S. Schley.

Saturday President Roosevelt appointed William B. Ridgely, of Illinois, to be Comptroller of the Currency to succeed Henry G. Dawes who resigned some weeks ago. By the appointment of Mr. Ridgely the President redeems a promise made by the late President McKinley. Mr. Ridgely will assume the duties of the office October 1st.

Commander Seaton Schroeder, executive officer of the battleship Massachusetts during the war with Spain, testified before the Schley Court of Inquiry, on Saturday. His evidence and that of Admiral Higginson showed there was no foundation for the statement that during the blockade of Santiago by the Flying Squadron the ships under Admiral Schley's command went out to sea at night a distance of 25 miles from Santiago. The statement was made in a magazine article written by Admiral W. T. Sampson.

Commander Lewis C. Heilner, navigator on the battleship Texas at the time of the battle near Santiago on July 3, 1898, testified at the Schley Court of Inquiry Monday, that the Texas was in great danger when the Brooklyn crossed her bow in executing the famous loop. The court admitted his statements as expert testimony despite the protest of Admiral Schley's counsel. There was a sharp controversy between opposing counsel as to the policy of bringing Admiral Sampson's name into the trial. Admiral Schley's counsel insisted that Sampson cannot be kept out of the case.

Judge J. M. Wilson, senior counsel for Admiral W. S. Schley before the Court of Inquiry, died suddenly in Washington Tuesday. Announcement of his death was made to the Court of Inquiry by Mr. Isidor Rayner. Admiral Dewey, president of the court, immediately directed an adjournment until next morning. While the death of Judge Wilson is a great loss to Admiral Schley, no delay in the proceedings of the court is probable. The inquiry will be continued, with Mr. Isidor Rayner as leading counsel for Admiral Schley, although it is possible another lawyer may be engaged to assist him in an advisory capacity.

President Roosevelt, in conversation Saturday at the White House with several Southern Senators and Representatives who called to assure him of the South's support for his Administration, emphatically declared that he was going to be President of the whole United States, and not of any section. "I don't care for sections or sectional lines," he said to Senator Pritchard, who informed him the South would support him most heartily. "When I was Governor of New York I was told I could make four appointments in the army. When I sent in the names there were three from the South and one from New York. They were brave men, who deserved recognition for services in the Spanish War, and it did not matter what State they were from."

## GENERAL NEWS.

### A Partial List of the Week's Happenings Throughout the Country.

The President has committed himself to giving freedom to Cuba as soon as is possible.

It is unofficially stated that Yale will confer an LL. D. degree on President Roosevelt.

Seth Low has been nominated for Mayor of New York by the Republicans and Citizens Union.

The nine anarchists who had been arrested in Chicago have been released for lack of evidence.

Frederick Fraley, of Philadelphia, president of the National Board of Trade, is dead, aged 97 years.

Two men were killed and another seriously shot in a fight at a dance in Green county, Tenn., last Friday night.

The Commercial Pacific Cable Company has been chartered to lay a cable from California to the Philippine Islands.

Emma Goldman, the noted anarchist who had been under arrest in Chicago, has been released for lack of evidence.

Two former shareholders in a Utah mine where 200 persons were killed by an explosion have given \$90,000 to aid survivors.

Geo. W. Bowman, a wealthy Chicago mine owner, has agreed to give the people's Church of America \$1,000,000 to further its work.

Senator Wellington, of Maryland, Leon Czolgosz and Emma Goldman were hanged in effigy at Sharpsburg, Md., Saturday morning.

By the will of the late Nathaniel Hawthorne Cusack, Miss Alice Roosevelt, eldest daughter of President Roosevelt, receives a legacy of \$100,000.

President Roosevelt indicated in the Cabinet meeting Tuesday that his views as to reciprocity are in accord with those expressed by Mr. McKinley in his Buffalo speech.

Mrs. Mary Bumpke, committed suicide at Manistee, Mich., last week by setting fire to her barn and then sitting calmly in one corner of it until she was burned to a crisp.

Governor Sayers, of Texas, has signed the "blind tiger" bill. The new law imposes severe penalties and imprisonment for shipping intoxicating beverages into local option communities.

In a head-on collision Sunday night on the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad, eight miles north of Calidax, Mich., between a railroad freight train carrying Sunday excursionists, two men were killed and five injured.

"Jim" Parker, whose work at the Temple of Music, Buffalo, is now historical, spoke to a packed audience at Fitchburg Hall Rochester, N. Y., Sunday. A collection was taken up for the negro and nearly \$2000 was raised. Parker modestly told of his part in the tragedy.

Eight new cases of yellow fever have developed among the crew of the British steamer Ebel Bryhta, which arrived at Santiago de Cuba September 19, from Jacksonville with three cases of the fever on board. The eleven sufferers are being treated at the yellow fever hospital and are doing well.

Indignation was spread through the town of Vineland, New Jersey, Sunday by a sermon preached by Rev. John G. Entrek in at the Wesleyan Methodist Church. In referring to President McKinley's death the speaker said his assassination was a judgment and a punishment on the Government for the "horrible murdering" of the Filipinos and the furnishing of war to England with which to murder the Boers. He also said the assassination of the President was in part the result of the iniquities of the Government in allowing the Vanderbilts, the Rockefellers, the Morgans and other millionaires to oppress the poor.

## THE FARMERS' CONVENTION.

### A State Organization Formed to Hold up the Price of Cotton Seed.

A meeting of cotton farmers and ginners was held in Raleigh Wednesday to take action in reference to the price of cotton seed. Thirty-one counties were represented. The North Carolina Farmers State Association was organized and the following officers elected:

President—Dr. R. H. Speight, of Edgecombe county.

Vice-President—Hector McLean, of Scotland county.

Secretary and Treasurer—T. B. Parker, of Orange county.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas the cotton crop is short and there is an increased demand for cotton seed for feeding, fertilizer and other purposes; and, whereas the present offerings of prices and terms of exchange for seed are below the real value of the seed, be it resolved:

"That it is the deliberate judgment of this convention that seed are now worth to the farmers at home 25 cents a bushel or should be exchanged on a basis of 2,000 pounds of seed for not less than 1,333 1-3 pounds of cotton meal to analyze 8 1/2 per cent ammonia, and we advise and urge the cotton farmers of North Carolina not to sell or exchange at less than about prices, and we ask the earnest co-operation of every cotton grower in North Carolina to this end.

"Resolved. That we invite the cotton growing States to form Cotton Farmers' Associations and assist us in securing and maintaining these prices for cotton seed."

The membership fee was fixed at 50 cents.

It was decided that the next regular meeting would be held in Raleigh Wednesday night of Fair week.

The Secretary will correspond with leading farmers in each county to press the forming of county organizations.

### Roosevelt and the South.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 22.—The Journal prints a letter from President Theodore Roosevelt in reply to a communication sent him by Mr. J. R. Nutting, of this city. The letter to Mr. Nutting is from Oyster Bay and bears date of June 14. The then Vice-President says in part:

"I am extremely proud of the fact that one of my uncles was an admiral in the Confederate Navy and that another fired the last gun fired aboard the Alabama. I think the time has now come when we can all of us be proud of the valor shown on both sides in the Civil War. In my regiment I had more men whose fathers fought in the Confederacy than I had men whose fathers fought for the Union.

"I am anxious to visit Roswell, and if I get the chance I am going to stop at Atlanta some time next fall."

Roswell is a Georgia town where Mr. Roosevelt's mother lived.

### Aguinaldo's Guard Gives Up.

Manila, Sept. 22.—Aguinaldo's body guard, Major Alhambra, two captains, two lieutenants and 29 men, with 28 rifles, surrendered about 40 miles north of Baler, Luzon, to Captain George A. Detchemendy, of the Twenty-second Infantry, yesterday, took the oath of allegiance and were released.

After Alhambra kidnapped the Presidente of Casiguran, September 12, Captain Detchemendy requisitioned a steamer and pursued him closely. He would have been captured within an hour if he had not surrendered.

### Czolgosz Sentenced.

Leon F. Czolgosz was carried into court yesterday and sentenced to be executed October 28, in Auburn prison by electrocution. He took the sentence calmly. This is the earliest period the law allows sentence to be executed.

## MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE.

### The Trial of Czolgosz Lasted Only Two Days—Defense Offered no Witnesses.

Last Monday at Buffalo, N. Y., Leon Czolgosz was put on trial for his life.

The assassin pleaded guilty, but Judge White ordered the plea changed to not guilty, so as to provide every legal safeguard.

The jury was selected. Frederick Haller, assistant prosecuting attorney, outlined what was expected to be proved against the assassin. The taking of testimony then began.

Samuel J. Fields, the first witness, showed a drawing of the scene of the murder.

Percy A. Bliss displayed photographs of the scene.

Dr. Harvey R. Gaylord, who performed the autopsy on President McKinley's body, said the primary cause of death was "gunshot wound" and that the actual cause was the "absorption of the broken-down matter of the pancreas" resulting from the passage of the bullet.

Dr. Herman Mynter, who assisted in the surgical operation on the President soon after the shooting, said the bullet was not found and extracted at that time because the President's temperature was rising. He said the bullet had not passed through the pancreas. The reason the bullet was not found at the autopsy was that the President's relatives objected to further mutilation of the body.

Dr. Matthew D. Mann, who performed the operation at which Dr. Mynter assisted, testified that it would probably have resulted fatally to have investigated the entire track of the bullet during life. He was still on the stand when court adjourned for the day.

The trial was resumed Tuesday morning.

The evidence for the prosecution was concluded in the afternoon, and the counsel for the assassin—ex-Judge Loran L. Lewis, ex-Judge Robert C. Titus and Carlton E. Ladd—announced that they had no testimony to offer. Experts who had examined Czolgosz had reported that he was perfectly sane and no defense could be made.

Ex-Judge Lewis addressed the court, declaring that the prisoner was entitled to a fair trial and to the benefit of any doubt as to his guilt which the jury might have.

District Attorney Thomas C. Penney asked the jury to bring in a verdict of murder in the first degree. Judge Truman C. White, who presided, charged the jury briefly.

The jury retired at 3.51 o'clock and sent word in 28 minutes that it had agreed on a verdict. At 4.26 o'clock the verdict—guilty of murder in the first degree—was formally rendered.

Judge White announced that he would sentence the assassin at 2 p. m. Thursday. Under the law the sentence will be death in the electric chair.

The testimony on the last day of the trial was chiefly given by persons who were near President McKinley when he was shot. Not one of them stated that James Parker, the negro who has been given credit in some quarters for preventing the assassin from firing a third shot at the President, had any noteworthy part in the tragedy. It was shown that the assassin was seized and knocked down by others, Private Francis P. O'Brien, an artilleryman, and several Secret Service men bearing the chief parts in the struggle.—Baltimore Sun.

### Our Governor to Speak in Behalf of Education.

Governor Charles B. Aycock will address the citizens of Johnston county at Wilson's Mills on one of the liveliest questions of the day, that of education, Saturday, Sept. 28, at one o'clock. Let all who are interested in this great subject go out and hear the address of our educational Governor.

## Rural Free Delivery Postponed.

The Department at Washington has ordered Special Agent Barr, who has been engaged in establishing Rural Delivery routes, out of this district temporarily. Mr. Pou regrets this very much, but tells us that it could not be prevented. Mr. Pou directed Mr. Barr to lay off the routes in the other counties of the district first and now just as he was ready to take up the work in Johnston, Mr. Barr is ordered away. He has laid out thirteen routes distributed over all the other counties of the district. These routes will probably be put in operation by Jan. 1st, 1902.

Mr. Pou tells us that petitions are pouring in to the Department at Washington at the rate of about 800 per month, that the Government has only fifty agents at work laying off these routes and that there is more work on hand than this force can do for a long time.

There are still 30 on file from our district which have not yet been taken up—about seven from this county. Mr. Barr leaves Saturday but Mr. Pou has the promise of the Department that he or some other agent will be sent back to this district during the winter to investigate all the routes asked for and eventually he hopes to secure the establishment of all the routes asked for. Under the circumstances our people must be patient and wait for their turn.

## BENSON BUDGET.

N. B. Barber is back at his old post.

Mrs. G. W. Cavenaugh is visiting at Angier.

Miss Lilie Turlington is visiting here this week.

Henry Blount will lecture here about October 15th.

Bradley Johnson is out South advertising his famous elixir.

J. H. Wheeler has bought Tom Wiggins' residence on Church street.

Mrs. R. F. Smith returned Wednesday from a visit to relatives in upper Johnston.

Miss Daisy Hardee arrived here Sunday from her visit to Wilmington.

We omitted last week to mention the death of Talmage, the 7 year old son of S. W. McLam.

Chas. and J. O. Johnson spent Sunday with their parents while J. D. Bain prospected in B. C. section.

C. C. Ryals has laid out in lots about 10 acres of his field adjoining his and J. W. Wood's and R. F. Smith's residence lots.

The Coast Line expects large shipments of cotton from here and is arranging better facilities. The large cotton platform is also being sheltered.

We are too modest to boast, but too charitable to let the people sell their cotton without knowing where they can get the highest prices for it. Bring it to Benson. Five buyers on the market.

Our merchants have not heard of the short crops, and have stocked their stores just as though the country were full of money. The President's death has not shaken their confidence in business, and one of them employed three new clerks in one day last week.

There is another prophet in the land. He arrived at John Denning's Friday night; and, taking John's word for it, he made a stump speech Saturday morning, expressing regrets at McKinley's death, and the belief that Roosevelt will keep the old ship off the rocks till 1904 when the Democrats will come to the rescue.

The enterprising tobacco warehousemen here appreciate the support the farmers have given this market, and as evidence of such appreciation they will on October 3rd give a barbecue picnic and are extending an invitation to all the farmers and their families to be present and feast and rejoice with them a whole day. Those having tobacco to sell will do well to bring along a little that day.