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## STATE FAIR NEXT WEEK.

The Twentieth Century Fair Promises to Eclipse Any Yet Held in Raleigh.

News and Observer, 16th.

Gen. W. R. Cox, the President of the Fair, will arrive in Raleigh this week and the details of the great undertaking, which will entertain thousands next week, will receive his personal attention.

Few men possess more directing force and capacity than General Cox, and since the day of his election, he has been active in his efforts to make the Twentieth Century Fair a model for its successors.

Secretary Pogue, who was cut out for the position he successfully fills, remarked a few days since that the Agricultural Society never had a president who gave more of his time and attention to the Fair than its present executive. General Cox is a man of action and every detail and arrangement of the big event next week has received his consideration. General Cox has not only looked after the big features, but the small ones as well. When the Fair has gone into history it will be then seen how well he has planned and worked.

The Fair is even more than a big circus, though that word conveys magnitude to the mind. It requires the brains and skill of hundreds of men to direct the different departments, which are so well organized, that the officers do not have to give their valuable time to details. This year the departments are in the hands of well equipped men, who will be of great assistance to the president and secretary. General Cox has planned with wisdom and judgment, and the results will soon be ready for public scrutiny.

The police protection this year will be well nigh perfect. Mr. J. J. Summerell, of this city, has been elected chief of police of the Fair. Mr. Summerell is in every way qualified for the position. He has been given a corps of trained assistants, who will have little difficulty in maintaining order and protecting the public from the traps of the fakirs.

The entries for the races closed last night at 11 o'clock. Dozens of fleet horses which have been held back until the last day, were entered yesterday. There are said to be more horses entered for the races this year than in a great many years. The horses come from many States of the Union and there will be plenty of entertainment for the admirers of blooded racers. The racing program is an attractive one, the purses amounting to \$2,500.

An Eiffel tower will be one of the striking displays on the midway, where Os-co, who eats 'em alive and the Hoohey Koohey lady flourish and thrive. The "dear people" who are looking for amusement and plenty of it measure the success of the Fair by the midway. Those so inclined will vote the Fair next week "the greatest ever." The old midway space has all been reserved and a survey is being made for an extension of the midway to other parts of the grounds. Among the midway attractions are the Electric Theatre, Oriental Concert Band, Russian Troupe, Tom Thumb Railroad, Aerial Rattle Dazzle, Merry-Go-Round, Shooting Gallery, The Snake Eater, Lunette or Flying Lady, Acrobats, Equine Extravagants, Palmograph, Cinematoscope of the Holy City, Ostrich Fair, Toboggan Slide of Horse, Educated Animals, Bicycle Circle, and many others, including Prof. Meham's Dog Show, in three free performances daily, and the wonderful ostriches racing against horses.

The exhibitors from a distance are already arriving and making preparations for the installation of their exhibits. Secretary Denison had callers yesterday from Chicago and Michigan. A force of men are at work at the grounds with hammer and saw, and the paint brush is following behind. The buildings are in fine shape, repairs having been made to all of them.

## STATE NEWS.

Short Items of Interest Clipped and Culled From Our State Exchanges.

The Randleman Hosiery Mills, in Randolph county, where last week. They were owned by Newland & Buller, Loss, \$22,000; insurance, \$15,000.

There are now 33 chapters in the North Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. There are 1,800 members, a gain of 450 since last October.

Eighteen suits for divorce are on the docket in the Superior Court for Wake County this week. This is a record-breaker. It is estimated that there are 1,200 divorces a year in the State.

The State Library now has a department for negroes, but the latter do not use it. They used to frequent the library and this caused complaint on the part of the whites. The latter do not give themselves any worry because of the absence of the negroes.

Ex-State Treasurer W. H. Worth has instituted suit in the Superior Court at Raleigh against the Baltimore Surety Company and six men, all bondsmen of W. H. Martin, who while a clerk for Worth in the Treasury stole \$16,000. The last of this money was repaid Friday by Worth to the State.

Leading Republicans in the State held a conference at Greensboro Saturday, Senator Pritchard, Congressman Blackburn and Moody, State Chairman Holton and many others being present. The chief purpose is to secure the re-election of Senator Pritchard, and the plan is to take steps satisfactory to Democrats who favor the national Republican platform.

## ANOTHER FISH STORY.

But the Big ones Did Not All Get Away.

On the 14th inst. Mr. J. A. Starling had his "Cow Bone" seined. The "Cow Bone" is an old channel of Neuse river, in the shape of a horse shoe, half mile in circumference and one hundred yards across the heel, where the river now runs. This narrow space was cut into by frequent overflows washing across and depositing sediments of mud and trash in the old channel, making a cow mire, where many perished in crossing for the green cane growing on the island. Hence the name "Cow Bone."

This cut off occurred about 60 years ago, and men now living, (two of whom I know, Mr. Solomon Daughtrey and James Roberts), say they have seen steamboats go and they themselves have been on turpentine rafts around this old channel.

Here the fishing was done last Monday, and a fine time we had. Five hand seines with the necessary crews worked four hours and caught nearly 4,000 fish, divided into 26 shares, which made nearly a bag full each. Thirty carp, weighing from one to fifteen pounds, bushels of silver perch, some 12 inches long, river perch, catfish, gar, gizzard shad, catfish "to who laid the rail," headed by a turtle, the shell as big as a bread tray. The turtle and four large carp were sold to the highest bidder and the money divided among the fishers. Everybody was in the best of humor, and barring a little chattering of the teeth, had a glorious fishing frolic, rejoicing and praising J. H. Starling and his "Cow Bone." C. S. POWELL.

## Marriage Licenses Issued.

For the week ending October 14th, the following couples were granted license to marry:

White—Josiah Strickland to Lela Ann Barbour; W. T. Johnson to Eva Barnes; J. N. Hales to Louiza Lee.

Colored—D. Mayo to Dora Taylor and E. S. Melvin to Jensey Richardson.

## THE SCHLEY INQUIRY.

A Brief Summary of the Progress of the Investigation.

Nearly the entire session of the Schley court of inquiry Monday was devoted to listening to the testimony of Capt. Francis A. Cook, of Schley's flagship Brooklyn, who was called by the Navy Department. It was a review of the entire campaign after Cervera's fleet, beginning with the departure of the Flying Squadron from Key West and concluding with the battle of July 3. He said that at first it had been believed by both Sampson and Schley that the Spanish fleet was in the harbor of Cienfuegos, and that no information to the contrary had been conveyed to Commodore Schley until the arrival of Capt. McCalla, on May 24, when communication with the insurgents on shore was established. He said that it was Commodore Schley's expectation to meet the Spaniards in the open sea, and his constant care was to have coal enough for such an emergency. He explained fully the conditions which led to the retrograde movement, and the prompt abandonment of that movement, as quickly as those conditions changed. He testified that he gave the order for the Brooklyn's "loop" as a necessary maneuver; that the turn was made as completely and as quickly as possible, and that the Brooklyn was alone among the Spanish ships until the Oregon came forging alongside. He described Commodore Schley as an officer always enthusiastically brave and patriotic. He said the engines of the Brooklyn were uncoupled by orders of Admiral Sampson.

Mr. Albert Beale, a volunteer lieutenant on the Harvard, but now in civil life, assumed the responsibility for changing the meaning of orders "disobedience of orders" dispatch by saying that he used a code phrase which seemed to express the language of the dispatch in order to avoid the tedious spelling in cipher of each word. The government then rested its case.

Eduardo Nunez, a Cuban pilot, testified that he advised Schley that the Spanish fleet could not be in Santiago Harbor, and also that he carried a letter for Schley to the insurgents, which brought definite information as to the presence of the fleet in that harbor.

Capt. Francis A. Cook, of the Brooklyn, was again upon the stand in the Schley court of inquiry Tuesday, and testified more fully regarding the so-called retrograde movement. He said that Commodore Schley started west with the idea of coaling at sea as soon as the water changed, but also with the feeling that if the water continued rough he would be approaching a coaling base. Capt. Cook spoke in especially commendatory terms of Commodore Schley's actions on the day of the battle of Santiago.

Lieut. Commander James H. Sears, Schley's flag lieutenant, was on the stand nearly all day. His evidence was principally corroborative of Capt. Cook's story of the previous day. On cross-examination he failed to give the particulars of the warning messages sent by Commodore Schley on the night of July 2, that the fleet might be expected to leave the harbor. It was also developed that Schley had not originally intended to leave Cienfuegos until the 25th, the day after he learned that the Spanish fleet was not within the harbor. Commander Sears said that it was his opinion that the Spanish ship Viscaya intended to ram the Brooklyn.

Eduardo Nunez, the Cuban pilot, said that Commodore Schley asked him if it was possible to take the Brooklyn into Santiago harbor, and he replied in the negative.

The court declined to admit Schley's telegraphic report of the battle of July 3, which he sent to the cable office, but which

Sampson's flag lieutenant refused to allow to be forwarded.

In the Schley court of inquiry Wednesday it was showed by the testimony of Lieut. Edward McCauley that during the battle of Santiago Chief Yeoman Ellis was killed by a shell while standing fifteen feet distant from Commodore Schley, and that when McCauley and another officer were about to throw the body overboard, the man's head having been severed from his body, Commodore Schley said to them to cover up the body and let it remain for burial.

Commander Newton E. Mason, executive officer of the Brooklyn, Schley's flagship, corroborated the previous witness for Schley as to the character of the blockade at Cienfuegos and Santiago. He gave a clear narrative of the battle and said that Commodore Schley was always cool, collected, and brave. On cross-examination he stated that he had no discussions with the commodore regarding the retrograde movement.

Lieut. Commander Sears was again questioned as to his conversation in the ward room of the Massachusetts, and denied having made a remark derogatory of Schley. He said that he showed irritation, but this was due to the delay asked for by Capt. Higginson, postponing the firing upon the Colon until after the men had had their dinner.

Lieut. Charles Webster, formerly of the Brooklyn, also testified but no new facts of importance were elicited.

## SELMA NEWS.

Mr. Pet. Temple, of Wake, was here this week.

Mrs. R. E. Richardson, of Wake county, is visiting at Mr. C. W. Richardson's.

Misses Turner, of Georgia, and Tomlinson, of Wake county, are visiting Miss Nola Mitchener.

Misses Bell, of Raleigh, and Byrd, of Little River Academy, are visiting Miss Effie Blackman.

Mr. George Mitchener, of Wake county, and Dug. Mitchener, of Franklin county, are visiting John A. Mitchener.

The Johnston County Baptist Association, colored, is in session here this week. The delegates seem to be enjoying themselves.

Last Monday Mr. Levi Owens was attached to the Selma Graded School District by the Board of Education. Our school grows daily in favor with the people.

Misses Enola and Blanche Mitchener and Dr. Noble went to Wilson's Mills Wednesday to be present at the marriage of Miss Sue Tomlinson and Mr. Leon Fields.

Buck Hudson bought on the Selma market, Wednesday, ninety-four bales of cotton. The farmers will bring Buck their cotton. They know he will treat them right.

Dr. Noble cut from one-fourth of an acre, measured, a crop of peavines which, after they were dried and ready to go in the barn, weighed thirteen hundred and sixty-two pounds. They were cut by hand and not with a mower, or the yield would have been more.

Last Monday Daniel Riddick a young colored man was before Squire Kirby for cruelty to animals. The Squire thought there was probable cause of guilt, so he bound him over to court in a small bond, only five hundred dollars, justified. Of course he could not give it so he went to jail.

Dr. R. J. Noble celebrated his forty-eighth birthday last Wednesday by giving a supper to the trustees and teachers of the graded schools. There were present Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Winston, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Edgerton, Misses Stella Passmore, Nannie E. Richardson and Marion Preston, Messrs. T. T. Candler and C. N. Peeler.

Money orders sold during the last fiscal year reached a total of \$300,000,000.

## WASHINGTON NEWS NOTES.

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

At a meeting of the board of managers of the National McKinley Memorial Arch Association, organized for the purpose of erecting a memorial at the city end of the proposed memorial bridge, held Monday evening, Cardinal Gibbons, among others, was named as one of the honorary vice-presidents of movements.

The finest hotel in the national capital—the New Willard—on the site of the famous old hostelry, was opened to the public Tuesday morning. Only half of the building has been completed, at a cost of \$1,500,000. The north end of the old building, which still stands, will be torn down to make way for the other half. The hotel is 13 stories high, of Pompeian brick and supported by steel framework. On the top floor, overlooking the city, is a banquet hall and ballroom which may in time become as famous for historic gatherings as was the dining hall of the old Willard. The work of clearing ground for the new building was begun July 21, 1900. Within 18 days the contractors had entirely removed the old structure, which covered 25,000 square feet and was seven stories high.

President Roosevelt usually talks about what he is thinking of, and it may be assumed, without fear of being wrong, that the readjustment of the tariff so as to meet the needs of our rapidly increasing production will be the chief topic of his message to Congress in December. It is a subject upon which he speaks with the greatest earnestness to members of the House and Senate who call on him at the White House. The expressions used by President McKinley in his last speech appear to gain force from repetition by President Roosevelt. He is manifestly so sincere in the conviction that we have reached a stage in our industrial development where we must seek wider markets for our products or shortly suffer a reaction that he may be depended on to argue the case with great earnestness in his message.

## MRS. MARY ANNIE IHRIE DEAD.

A Lady Universally Loved Passes Away at San Francisco.

Pittsboro, N. C., Oct. 14.—A telegram from Capt. W. L. London to-day from San Francisco, California, states that Mrs. Mary Annie Ihrie died in that city Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. The remains will be brought to Pittsboro for burial. Mrs. Ihrie leaves two sons, Dr. J. H. Ihrie, of Pittsboro; Mr. H. R. Ihrie, of Mississippi; and three daughters, Mrs. N. M. Hill, of Pittsboro, Mrs. W. J. Calvert, of Portsmouth, Va., and Mrs. E. W. Pou, of Smithfield. The deceased was in her 67th year, and had been a consistent member of the Episcopal church from early childhood. She was one of the best women I ever knew. She was known and loved by the entire community for her many acts of charity, and no one ever went away from her who was in need empty handed.—News and Observer.

Mrs. Ihrie was well known in Smithfield and had many friends here who will regret to hear of her sudden death. Only a few days ago she left her home in Pittsboro accompanied by a pleasant party of friends for San Francisco to attend the General Conference of the Episcopal church. She stood the trip to the Pacific coast exceedingly well and her death comes as a severe shock to her loved ones and friends. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

## What's Your Face Worth?

Sometimes a fortune, but never, if you have a sallow complexion, a jaundiced look, moth patches and blotches on the skin,—all signs of Liver Trouble. But Dr. King's New Life Pills give Clear Skin, Rosy Cheeks, Rich Complexion. Only 25c. at Hood Bros. drug store.

## GENERAL NEWS.

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

Cracksmen are reported to have taken \$40,000 from a bank in Tiro, Ohio.

About \$4,500,000 worth of gold has been shipped from Nome, Alaska, this season.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland has been elected a trustee of Princeton University.

The New Jersey State Entomologist predicts a visitation of 17-years locusts next year.

Oil fields at Beaumont, Texas, valued at \$25,000,000 are in litigation on account of contested claims.

Rev. Dr. A. B. Simpson, missionary fund solicitor, raised \$60,000 Sunday in Grace Tabernacle, New York.

The new Pocahontas Coal Company was incorporated at Trenton, N. J., last week with \$40,000,000 capital.

The Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Company has been awarded a \$2,000,000 contract to dredge the harbor of Manila.

Before resuming the trial of Caleb Powers at Georgetown, Ky., the judge and counsel, among others, were searched for concealed weapons.

The agricultural department at Washington reports the condition of the corn crop to be only 52.1, the lowest October average ever recorded.

Burglars blew open a safe in the office of the Bluffton Milling Company, Bluffton, O., Monday, set fire to the building and destroyed the plant, worth \$25,000.

Peter Nissen, of Chicago, successfully navigated the whirlpool rapids at Niagara Saturday in a 21-foot cigar shaped boat called the "Fool Killer." The trip was witnessed by 15,000 people.

The customs revenue of the Philippines for the first half of 1901 was \$4,231,014, an increase of 38 per cent. over the amount for the same period of 1900 and nearly double that from January to June of 1890.

Antonio Maggio, the anarchist, who was arrested at Silver City, N. M., because of his alleged prediction of the assassination of President McKinley, has been indicted by the Federal grand jury for conspiracy to kill the President. His bail was fixed at \$5,000.

Johann Most, the anarchist, was sentenced one year in the penitentiary Monday in the Court of Special Sessions at New York for publishing in his paper, the Freiheit, an alleged seditious article on the day following the shooting of the late President McKinley.

## Death Near Four Oaks.

Mrs. Lucy Woodall, wife of Mr. Charlie Woodall, died Wednesday morning after a week's illness. She was the youngest daughter of the late James O. Lassiter. She leaves a devoted husband, several small children, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

## Died.

On last Sunday night, Oct. 13, about 12 o'clock Johnnie C. Jones passed away. He was a son of J. J. and Tabitha Jones, and grandson of the late Carroll Langdon, Esq.

Johnnie was in his 23rd year. A young man rich in character. He had the confidence of all who knew him. From childhood he was truthful, honest, industrious and upright in character. The writer has known him intimately from childhood, and have never even heard of the slightest intimation of anything against him. It seems to us such a pity that such should have to die so soon. But death "likes a shining mark" it seems. He was buried Tuesday at the Langdon burying place, near R. C. Langdon's, J. H. S. Spilona, N. C.