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## NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

### Some Happenings of the Week Tersely Told.

#### Many Items of Interest Concerning Tarheeldom Clipped and Culled From the State Press.

Snow has fallen all over the State to depth of from 6 to 18 inches—the heaviest since 1899.

Ex-President Cleveland and a party of friends arrived on Currituck Sound Friday for a two weeks' duck hunt.

Judge Purnell, of the circuit court, has received an order from Washington to wear a gown while on the bench.

Plans have been adopted for the new dormitory of Trinity College, to cost \$25,000, the gift of Mr. B. N. Duke.

Green Dickerson, a farmer living in Franklin county, tried to kill himself last week by cutting his throat with a razor.

Application is made to Gov. Aycock to commute the sentence of Murderer John H. Rose, of Wilson county, to life imprisonment.

The public school authorities are notified that when the second \$100,000 of the State's aid to schools is needed it will be forthcoming.

Last week Frank Shaw, colored, was convicted of murder in the first degree in Robeson Superior court and sentenced to be hanged March 4th.

Jake Hill, of Stokes county, has invented a flying machine and has decided to enter the flying machine contest at the St. Louis Exposition next year.

Miss Mamie McKane, night operator at the Charlotte Telephone Exchange, was burned to death early last Saturday morning. It is supposed that while sitting too near the stove her clothing caught on fire; she then rushed down two flights of stairs into the street where two policemen extinguished the flames with the snow. She died about 12 o'clock.

A lamp explosion in the house of Wiley Taylor, colored, Friday, caused a fire at South Mills, 14 miles north of Elizabeth City, which swept the main business and residential portions of the town. The fire raged for four hours before it was gotten under control. Twenty five buildings were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$40,000. There was no loss of life.

Hector McLean, survivor of the noted McLean twins, died at his home, near Lillington last week. His twin brother Hugh died three years ago. They were born in Harnett county February 16, 1810. They were wealthy and educated and always dressed precisely alike. Hector never recovered from the shock of his brother's death. They never married and were always together.

Shearer Biblical Hall at Davidson College, the gift of Rev. Dr. Shearer and wife, was dedicated last week, Rev. Dr. Howerton, of Charlotte, delivering the dedicatory address and Rev. Dr. Wharey, of Mooresville, the dedicatory prayer. Many of the Presbyterian clergy, members of the board of trustees of the college, and other friends of the institution were present. The building is a very handsome one.

Mrs. Julia Elma Brewster Brick, who died at the age of 80, in her home in Brooklyn, N. Y., February 3, bequeaths in her will, a great portion of her estate, which is said to be worth nearly \$1,000,000, to charities in which she had been interested for fifty years. To the Jos. K. Brick Agricultural, Industrial and Normal School in Edgecombe county, North Carolina, the bulk of her property goes. This school has been one of Mrs. Brick's particular cares. It was named in memory of her husband, who died a generation ago, and is for the education of negro boys and girls.

A charter is granted by the State to the Wade Lumber and Supply Company, of Troy, capital \$50,000; Fred. H. Wade and two others of his family owners. The company will operate saw mills and planing machines and deal in mill supplies. A charter is also granted the High Point Veneering Company, capital \$50,000; J. W. Cluward and others, owners. The company will make and sell veneerings of all kinds and excel-

The following are the district vice presidents of the "North Carolina Good Roads Association": First district, R. R. Cotten, second, W. R. Cox; third, William Dunn; fourth, R. H. Lewis; fifth, A. W. Graham; sixth, A. B. Williams; seventh, R. N. Page; eighth, T. F. Klutzz; ninth, George H. Powell. The executive committee is composed of President P. H. Hanes, Secretary J. A. Holmes, Treasurer Joseph G. Brown, S. L. Paterson, A. W. Graham, W. C. Riddick, Paul Garrett.

A. J. Carroll, a white man, a farmer living near Durham, was being taken to jail in Durham Wednesday when he was attacked with heart disease and died soon after getting inside the jail door. He was arrested on the complaint of his wife, who said he had threatened to kill her and the children. The trial was postponed and being unable to give the bond required—\$500—he was started to jail, when death came. Carroll's mind had been impaired, it is said, and he and his wife had lived unhappily for a long time. Each claimed that the other was at fault.

At breakfast one morning last week in Glen Rock Hotel, Asheville, J. H. Salisbury, conductor on the Knoxville branch of the Southern railroad, was shot and almost mortally wounded by a negro waiter. There had been some previous trouble. The conductor earlier in the morning had slapped the negro because he was insolent when the conductor had ordered him to get up and give the chair he was in to an old gentleman, a guest of the hotel. At the breakfast table Salisbury happened to sit at a table, waited on by the same negro. He ordered his breakfast, but the negro only went to the stove and sulked. Salisbury called the head waiter and said: "That nigger won't bring my breakfast. I slapped him just now and I guess he is waiting for me to slap him again." The negro rushed up and said, "Yes you did strike me," and as Salisbury rose fired four shots in quick succession, one taking effect in the abdomen. The negro was arrested and jailed.

The building committee of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh have awarded the contracts for two buildings. One of these is the Pullen Memorial Building, and is to stand between Primrose Hall and the shops. The present hot houses will be removed and placed in rear of Primrose Hall. The new building will be of brick, stone trimmed. In its basement will be the dining room, to seat 500 persons; on the second floor recitation rooms and the library and on the third floor the chapel (also to be the auditorium), to seat 1,000. W. P. Rose is the architect and builder and the price is \$16,000. The other building is Watauga Hall, to replace the burned building of that name. In its basement will be the armory. All the remainder will be dormitories, and there will be 60 rooms, accommodating 120 cadets. The cost will be \$12,000, and Barrett & Thompson are the architects. There is available \$2,000 worth of material in the walls of the burned building, the site of which it will occupy. There was \$6,000 insurance on the burned building.

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## GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

### Brief Summary of the Week's Happenings.

#### Some of the Most Important News of the World Condensed for the Readers of The Herald.

Three men were burned to death Sunday night in a factory fire near New York.

A Kansas man has had two silver weddings. He married twice and lived with each wife twenty-five years.

Tired of life, according to a note she left, Mrs. J. P. Allen, of Buffalo, N. Y., killed herself with carbonic acid Monday.

Two masked men held up twelve players at Flanagan's gambling room, in Clinton, Iowa, Monday, and took \$2000 from them.

The underwriting syndicate of the United States Steel Corporation has declared its first dividend and will distribute \$10,000,000 in profits.

Mrs. Charles Purdy, of Toledo, Ohio, who kept a hotel in the Klondike and dealt in mining claims, has made a fortune of \$1,000,000.

A \$3,000,000 office building, the largest in the world, holding 9000 persons, will be erected in Chicago early in the spring by the First National Bank.

At Columbus Ohio surrounded by brother officers, with whom he was chatting pleasantly, Lieutenant Clarence M. Furey, of the Second Infantry, Monday suddenly pulled a revolver and shot himself in the temple, dying instantly.

The unmarried employees of the Salt Lake City Daily News, the Mormon paper, have been notified that unless they marry by June 30, they will lose their positions. The church authorities have decreed that every man and woman must marry and rear a family.

Representative Berleson, of Texas, stated to the House Committee on Agriculture that 240,000 bales of Texas cotton, valued at \$10,000,000, were destroyed last year by Mexican weevil. The committee inserted a \$20,000 item in the Agricultural Appropriation bill to be immediately available to eradicate the pest.

A special from London says: In the house of commons last week the war secretary, Mr. Broderick, said that the number of horses purchased during the war totalled 456,988, of which 77,101 came from the United States and 11,364 from Canada. In addition about 89,705 horses had been captured in South Africa.

Since December, 1899, according to official reports there have been in Manila 778 cases of bubonic plague, of which 618 proved fatal. As rats are charged with propagating it, persistent warfare has been waged against the rats. Forty native rat catchers are constantly employed in poisoning, trapping and otherwise killing the rodents.

A definite understanding has been reached by the River and Harbor committee, that the river and harbor bill now approaching completion shall be kept down to about \$60,000,000—the amount carried by the measure last year. The committee is working daily, but the decision on specific ideas are all tentative and open to revision.

The postoffice appropriation bill will be reported in a few days. It carries \$137,916,598, an increase of \$14,133,910 over the current appropriation and of \$3,185,022 over the estimates. The largest item is \$41,250,000 for railway transportation of mails. The rural free delivery service gets an increase of \$1,250,000 making the total \$7,529,000 and provision is made to place the rural carriers under a contract system, instead of salaries as at present.

Colonel Bob Crockett, grandson of Davy Crockett, died in Arkansas, Tuesday, aged 70 years.

Nashville, Tenn., reports the severest snow storm since 1897 and Chattanooga the heaviest since 1893.

About two-thirds of the business portion of Woodbury, Tenn., was burned Sunday night, causing a loss of \$50,000 to 75,000.

Booker T. Washington has been selected as commencement day orator for the University of Nebraska next June. He has accepted.

Cornelius Roosevelt, the only surviving son of the late S. Weir Roosevelt, and a cousin to President Roosevelt, died in New York Sunday.

Ex-Governor Robert B. Lindsay died at Sheffield, Ala., Thursday. He was the first governor of Alabama after the reconstruction period.

Rivers cotton warehouse of Jefferson, Texas, containing 1,400 bales of cotton and 200 barrels, was burned Friday night. Loss \$60,000.

Dumont's air ship was wrecked Friday while sailing over the bay of Monaco and now lies at the bottom of that bay. Dumont had a narrow escape.

One hundred and seventy-six acres of land in the northern suburbs of Baltimore have been unconditionally donated as a new site for the Johns Hopkins University.

### Death of General Toon.

General Thomas F. Toon, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, died suddenly in Raleigh Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

About three months ago he went on a trip in the interest of education through Beaufort and Hyde and other eastern counties. On November 20th he made a speech at Bellhaven, N. C., and sat in a draft afterwards. He contracted a severe cold which later developed into pneumonia and for several weeks he hovered near death's door. He finally began to improve and would have taken up the duties of his office again in a few days if his life had been spared.

Gen. Toon was born in Columbus county on June 10, 1840. He served in the civil war and rose to the rank of Brigadier General. He served his country one term in the House and one in the Senate.

He was in 1900 nominated for State Superintendent of Public Instruction and elected in August of the same year.

Governor Aycock Wednesday paid the following tribute to Gen. Toon:

"The death of General Toon would have been distressing under any circumstances, but coming after we had been assured of his recovery, it is a very great shock."

"It is a gratification to his friends to know that his last work was given to the cause of the children of the State. It was my pleasure to accompany him in November last on an Eastern trip, and I heard the last speech which he ever made. This was at Bellhaven in Beaufort county. The speech greatly impressed the audience, and in my judgment was the best speech he ever made. I think now of it as having in it the pathos of his coming death, as indeed it was possibly the cause of it."

"General Toon's heart was in his work, and he had grown every day since he had come into the office. He was rapidly mastering the details of his work, and laying plans for large usefulness. He was winning friends all the time, and thereby gaining supporters for the work in which he was so much interested. I count it a pleasure to have known him. Whether on the field of battle, in private intercourse or in the performance of civic duties, he was always brave, true and faithful, and was ever in all the relations of life a gentleman. The State has lost a valuable servant, and those of us who knew him best, a trust worthy friend."

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

### The Philippine Question Still Occupying the Attention of the Senate.

Regular Correspondence.

February 17, 1902.—The wisdom of the Democratic senators in prolonging the debate on the Philippine question until all had time to fairly express their opinions on the subject has been justified in the divergent interests which are beginning to manifest themselves on the Republican side of the chamber. In the face of the testimony of Governor Taft, and of the contentions of the Republican senators that the Filipinos are contented with the existing state of affairs, there has been received a petition from the Federal party in the islands, signed by 200,000 of the more prominent citizens, requesting that the islands be made an integral part of the United States and given a territorial form of government. This, of course, is not at all in line with the Republican designs but it has produced considerable effect on the more conservative members of the party who are beginning to realize that their colonial policy is impractical and that unless they accord the Filipinos territorial rights and hold out to them the prospect of ultimate citizenship, they are likely to have a continuous insurrection on their hands and one that will increase rather than diminish.

It is something of a commentary on Republican diplomacy that while the administration is endeavoring to establish cordial relations with the Filipinos and inspire in them respect for American institutions, Governor Taft is testifying in Washington that they are "a lazy, indolent people incapable of performing jury duty" or determining questions of justice. Of course, the press of the islands publishes these statements and doubtless the people will be flattered into an immediate appreciation of the American sense of justice, quickness of perception and keenness of judgment.

To a close observer, the trend of the government toward colonialism, entangling alliances with foreign powers and the attendant naval and military development is necessarily a source of anxiety. The sentiments expressed in the Senate lobbies when the news of the Anglo-Japanese alliance was made known were more than straws in their indication of the direction in which the country is drifting. The military strength of the country, already weakened by the distant possessions which must be protected in time of war, must now be augmented and the country placed on the highway toward a standing army and a navy that can compete with the European nations into rivalry with which we have entered in the new struggle for colonial possessions and aggrandizement. As is well known, the efforts of our delegates to the Pan-American Congress were hampered by the belief of South American countries that this government regarded them with a covetous eye. The fear was ridiculed by the press but on Friday a member of the Senate Committee on Inter-continental Canals stated that permanent ownership of the land through which the Panama Canal might be built was unimportant, as long before the 200 year lease would have expired this country would "own all that territory."

Opposition to this tendency found voice in the House of Representatives when Mr. Wheeler of Kentucky made a violent attack upon the administration for its policy in regard to foreign nations and royalty. Had the gentleman's speech been a little more carefully prepared and had he omitted some expressions to which he was doubtless led by the excess of his feelings, the address would have proved more effective. Underlying the somewhat extravagant language he used was the statement of a great truth.

A colored minstrel who shot a white man at New Madrid, Mo., was lynched Monday.

## THE GOOD ROADS CONGRESS.

### The Meeting was Largely Attended and Speeches were Made by Men of National Prominence.

The Good Roads Congress which was held in Raleigh last week was a great success. It attracted men from every section who are interested in the betterment of our highways.

Many prominent men were present and made addresses that will be no doubt conducive of much good. Among those were Col. W. H. Moore, President of the National Good Roads Association; ex-Senator M. C. Butler, of South Carolina; Capt. S. B. Alexander, of Mecklenburg; Mr. T. B. Parker, of Hillsboro; Dr. Geo. T. Winston, of Raleigh; Senator F. M. Simmons; Congressman E. W. Pou; Hon. A. W. Machen, Superintendent of Rural Free Delivery Service, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Abbott, of Colorado, Government Representative of Good Roads on the Pacific Slope; Mr. R. W. Richardson, Secretary of National Good Roads Association, and others.

The "North Carolina Good Roads Association" was organized with the following officers:

President—P. H. Hanes, of Winston.

Secretary—J. A. Holmes, of Chapel Hill.

Treasurer—Jos. G. Brown, of Raleigh.

The following resolutions were passed:

"Resolved 1. That we endorse the work of the office of Public Road Inquiries of the United States Department of Agriculture, for the betterment of the public highways of the country, and that we believe that this office should be enlarged into a bureau of the Department of Agriculture with sufficient appropriation at its disposal to extend its work, and that we especially urge the Senators and Representatives of North Carolina in Congress to vote for the appropriation for this office asked for this year by the Secretary of Agriculture.

"2. That we believe that it is just as important that the National Government assist in the improvement of the common highways and post roads of the country as it is for it to care for the rivers and harbors; and we therefore favor Federal appropriations for highway construction—such appropriations to be distributed among the States and to be expended only where there is a State appropriation equal to the amount apportioned by the General Government.

"3. That this convention hereby heartily endorse the work of the National Good Roads Association in organizing, and commend its plan of organization of branch Associations in each State, Territory and county for thorough co-operative action under a systematized plan.

"4. That we favor and advocate the enactment of legislation providing for the office of Highway Commissioner of North Carolina, and the annual appropriation of sufficient funds to enable that office to give proper supervision to road improvements in the State.

"5. That this Convention recommends that the General Assembly of North Carolina make provision for giving instruction in road building at both the State University and the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

"6. That this Convention urges a more extended use of convict labor in road building in North Carolina, and respectfully asks the General Assembly of this State to adopt a system, which will provide for the employment of all its able-bodied male convicts either in actual work on the public roads or the preparation of materials therefor."

Young Theodore Roosevelt, who was ill with pneumonia, is recovering and will probably be removed from Groton, Mass., to the White House this week. The President, who was at his son's bedside, returned to Washington last week. The young man's mother and sister are with him.