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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.

Stock is being subscribed to a \$40,000 cotton seed oil mill in Salisbury.

A new cotton mill is to be erected at Spray, which will make five in that town.

The Oxford Furniture Co. has a contract to completely furnish the new Union hotel at Richmond, Va.

A branch of the State Anti-Saloon League for Cumberland county has been organized at Fayetteville.

Governor Odell, of New York, has been invited to attend the centennial of the founding of the Salem Female Academy and College at Winston-Salem, N. C., during the week beginning May 23rd.

The Sun says the people of Salisbury are evidently great lovers of rabbit flesh, judging from the quantity of rabbits sold there this season. One dealer alone has sold 1,289 since the season opened.

A Goldsboro policeman missed a good many eggs from his hen house and kept watch. During the recent snow he found a buzzard in the hen house and the buzzard is believed to be responsible for the disappearance of the eggs.

Ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams, of Greensboro, who has been a candidate for various positions in this State and was the nominee for Governor by the Republicans, is now trying to get the job as Judge in Alaska, to succeed Judge Noyes.

The report of the State board of health for February shows that smallpox exists in 24 counties of the State, but is now disappearing. The largest number of cases are in Buncombe and Mecklenburg, 45 and 35 cases respectively.

What appears to be gold has been discovered on the farm of Mrs. M. A. Smith, who lives at Hall's postoffice, near Troy. Mrs. Smith has gone to Baltimore to have the specimens examined and the mine may be developed at once.

An addition 200x72 feet is being built to the Anchor cotton mills at Hendersonville. This is to be a weave mill, the old mill having been making hosiery yarn only. Mr. Johnson intends now to take the cotton from the gin and make it into cloth ready for the counter.

Governor Aycock has offered rewards for the capture of two criminals. Three hundred dollars is offered for the man who killed John Caton at Washington. Caton was shot down through a window while he was playing with his little brothers and sisters. A reward of \$200 is offered for the arrest of the wretch who set fire to the Southerland Seminary near Asheville.

The Commercial hotel at Kinston was burned Friday night with its contents. The origin of the fire is not known. The building was owned by R. H. Rountree, of New York, and was insured for \$2,500, which about covers the loss. The hotel was run by W. F. Merrill and L. I. Hargrave and they carried insurance to the amount of \$1,250, which it is said will cover about half their loss.

F. F. Dawson, bookkeeper for Hackney Bros., at Wilson, is a defaulter in the sum of \$1,000 or more. It was recently discovered that for some months Dawson had been gorging the firm's endorsement on small checks sent them through the mail and then sending the checks to a bank in Virginia, where they were placed to his credit. Dawson confessed his guilt and turned over all his property to his employers.

COLLEGE FOR WORKING GIRLS.

A Boston Merchant's Legacy Now Amounts To \$1,500,000.

Boston, March 9.—A college for working girls, a Boston merchant's dream of more than 30 years, is about to be realized, with greater resources than the dreamer had any idea of, although he was the means of furnishing them.

After having been almost forgotten during the last quarter of a century the name of John Simmons will become identified with one of the most remarkable institutions in New England, if not in the United States. Simmons College will be directly concerned in the education of working girls.

The amount of money now available is \$1,500,000, a sum three times larger than Mr. Simmons had in mind for establishing the college when he made his will. In the will, probated 30 years ago, Mr. Simmons left the bulk of his real estate in the care of three trustees to hold in trust for 30 years, or until the accumulations, added to the principal, should amount to \$500,000.

When the term of years had expired it was found that the property was worth three times the amount specified, and this week the first step was taken toward beginning the actual work.

Baptized in River Jordan.

Middletown, N. Y., March 9.—Cornelius Van Ness, the octogenarian millionaire and owner of a palatial home at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, who is one of the passengers on the steamer Celtic, which recently carried 800 American tourists to the Holy Land, has written back to friends in this country that he has been baptized in the waters of the River Jordan, thereby gratifying a cherished ambition of his life to be baptized in the same waters where the Saviour received his baptism many hundred years ago. The baptismal ceremonies were conducted by the Rev. Dr. William K. Hall, of Newburgh, an intimate friend of the aged millionaire, who was also a passenger on the steamer.

Washington Notes.

The President has signed the bill to establish a permanent census bureau.

The Senate passed the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation bill last Friday.

The Senate was agreed to vote on the Ship Subsidy bill and amendments at 3 P. M. March 17.

It is said the minority of the Senate Philippine Committee may ask that Aguinaldo be called as a witness.

President Roosevelt's action on the Permanent Census Bureau bill is said by his opponents to have eliminated him as a Presidential candidate in 1904.

Foreign Ambassadors, it is said, threaten to stay away from the Capitol during formal affairs unless they are given precedence over the Supreme Court judiciary.

Gen. Jacob H. Smith, in command of the Samar district in the Philippines, has issued an order which seems to advocate methods of warfare condemned by civilized Governments.

Miss Alice Roosevelt, daughter of the President, will not attend the coronation of King Edward VII. While the White House officials decline to discuss the matter, it was stated by those in a position to know that the President had decided that she should not go.

Overtures have been made for the compromise of the conflict over the tariff concessions to Cuba, and there are evidences that the two elements will come together, probably on a proposition to have the 20 per cent. reciprocal reduction apply for one year from next December and covering one sugar crop. Prominent members of the Ways and Means Committee, who have thus far led the contest for Cuba reciprocity have signified a willingness to accept this compromise proposition.

BOERS CAPTURE LORD METHUEN.

Greatest Disaster to England in South African War Executed by Gen. Delarey.

London, March 10.—The worst disaster to British arms in South Africa was announced today in Parliament.

Gen. Lord Methuen has been captured, with 530 men of his command.

The news of this fresh disaster to England has created a profound impression.

This new defeat and capture of Gen. Lord Methuen was one of the most sensational announcements ever made in Parliament. It was made by Secretary of War Broderick who read Kitchener's dispatch telling of the capture.

Methuen was moving on to Winburn-Litcheburg with 900 mounted infantry and four guns (Pompoms).

The Boers charged the force from three sides.

Five hundred and thirty men of Methuen's command were captured besides the killed and wounded.

It is by far the worst disaster of the war.

Lord Methuen is the first general to be captured and London is shocked at the sudden turn of affairs.

Gen. Delarey executed the capture of Gen. Lord Methuen by the employment of the greatest strategy. The attack was well planned and its execution came as a surprise to the English soldiery who were taken off their guard.

The Boers charged upon the force of Lord Methuen with a fury seldom equaled in history. Such was their onslaught that the British were thrown into a panic.

Lord Methuen was wounded early in the affray and fell into the hands of the Boers.

The latest reports show that Lord Methuen was wounded in the thigh by a rifle bullet. His injury is serious.

The British losses in killed were four officers and 58 men. The wounded so far as at present known amount to seven officers and eighty-two men.

Five hundred and thirty-two officers and men were rounded up by the Boers.

The battle resulted in the complete routing of the British command. All the stores and ammunition of the force fell into the hands of the Boers, and the pompoms were turned upon the fleeing soldiers of the King who managed to break through the Boer cordon.

Arrested on the Train.

Hardy Matthews, the cotton factory operative 26 years old, who married Mamie Lassiter, 13 years old, was arrested by the sheriff yesterday afternoon after he and his young bride had boarded the train for Fayetteville, where they were going to work in a cotton factory. The arrest was made at the instigation of the girl's parents, who were indignant at the tender age of the bride. The case was carried before Justice Hugh Humphrey and after much contention the groom was permitted to pay the costs and to keep his bride. The matter has been amicably adjusted and the happy couple are now basking in the sunlight of each other's smiles.—Goldsboro Argus, Tuesday.

Postmaster David Baughman, of Oak Point, Ill., who is eighty-two years old, will have served Uncle Sam for forty-one years on April 1 next. During all that time he was attended to his duties regularly, and has had but one robbery. In May, 1877, the office was broken into, and the burglars got away with \$20 in stamps and money.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25 cents.

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.

Ex-Governor John P. Altgeld, of Illinois, died Wednesday morning.

Abram Garfield, youngest son of the late President, has entered politics in Ohio.

Eighteen men of the fishing schooner Alva, from Gloucester, Mass., are supposed to be lost at sea.

Pince Henry of Prussia sailed from New York for Germany Tuesday on the steamship Deutschland.

Five-months-old twins of J. N. Lockridge, of Kansas City, Kan., were killed on Saturday by an overdose of laudanum.

Three prisoners at Rutledge, Tenn., broke jail by overpowering the keeper when he went to feed them on Saturday night.

Shamaka, Trans-Caucasia, where earthquakes three weeks ago left 12,000 people destitute, there was a recurrence of severe shocks on Sunday.

At the annual stockholders' meeting of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Pennsylvania Tuesday it was resolved to spend \$25,000,000 on new equipment.

The report of the treasurer of the American Tobacco Company shows the net earnings for the years after deducting all charges and expenses of management were \$6,647,114.

Lime manufacturers of Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and Georgia, will frame a memorial to Congress, asking that the tariff on lime to Cuba, which is now 40 cents per barrel, be removed.

A broken rail caused a terrible wreck on the Southern Pacific railroad, near Maxon station, Southwestern Texas, at 3 o'clock last Friday morning. Fifteen persons were killed outright and 28 were injured.

Near Standback, the young negro, who attempted criminal assault upon sixty-year-old Mrs. Preffer, a missionary to the negroes, was hanged at the county jail at Portsmouth. He met his death with great bravery.

At the quarterly meeting of the Western Union Telegraph Company at New York Wednesday, General Thomas T. Eckert was elected chairman of the board of directors and Col. R. C. Lowery, now vice-president and general superintendent of the western division at Chicago, was elected president and general manager of the company.

Reports from Tuesday's rain and wind storm say that considerable damage was caused at various places in Texas. About four-fifths of the State was covered by the rain. At Houston twenty small houses were wrecked with a loss of \$15,000. Emanuel White colored, was crushed to death and half a dozen others were hurt, none seriously.

The Dunn Oil Company has organized by electing E. F. Young president; J. D. Barnes and J. D. Parrish vice-presidents; McD. Holliday, secretary and treasurer; J. D. Stewart mill superintendent; K. L. Howard, E. Lee, J. L. Thompson, J. A. Taylor, E. T. Britt and G. K. Grantham directors. The company will equip with up-to-date machinery and begin work by the next season, manufacturing the products from cotton seed. The capital stock is \$30,000.

Not till we are ready to throw our very life's love into the troublesome little things can we be really faithful in that which is least and faithful also in much. Every day that dawns brings something to do, which can never be done as well again.—James Reed.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Ed. Johnson Sent to Pen for 10 Years—Several Prisoners Sent to Clayton Roads.

Johnston Superior Court met Monday with his Honor, Judge O. H. Allen, of Kinston, presiding. The State was ably represented by Solicitor Armistead Jones, of Raleigh.

The following were chosen as grand jury for the term:

W. A. Edgerton, foreman, Jas. H. Woodall, I. W. Pittman, W. I. Holland, W. Bennett Wall, Jno. W. Wood, J. E. Medlin, Council Rentrow, D. H. Adams, W. A. Lassiter, C. C. Williams, L. G. Chamblee, J. O. Jones, J. E. Jones, S. V. Smith, A. J. Farmer, L. L. Hamilton, W. M. Stanley, J. T. Averva was appointed officer of the grand jury.

After the Judge's able and specific charge to the grand jury the criminal docket was taken up.

Minnie Brooks was tried for trespass but was acquitted.

Willis H. Johnson and J. E. Johnson pleaded guilty to an affray. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

J. A. Stencil pleaded guilty to the charge of carrying concealed weapons. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

The jury found C. A. Gusbhuler not guilty of assault with deadly weapon.

E. W. Baker and Herbert Thompson, his son-in-law, were tried for larceny and receiving. They were found guilty. Thompson was sentenced to 12 months in jail and to be hired out to J. T. Cole at \$2.50 per month to pay his part of the costs. Baker to be hired out 12 months to pay one-half the costs.

Thos. Blake pleaded guilty of attempting to steal and was sent to the Clayton roads for two months.

J. Daniel Smith was indicted for false pretense, but was found not guilty.

Sammy Sanders was tried for disposing of mortgaged property and found not guilty.

Frank Rock was sent to the Clayton roads for 6 months.

Arthur Ennis, submitted to the charge of receiving stolen goods and was taxed with the costs of the suit.

Chas. Pool was sent to the Clayton roads for four years for stealing.

Jasper Harper, the negro who was charged with killing Cephus Langston at Benson about Christmas times, was tried Tuesday. He was indicted for murder and his attorneys, Messrs. Pou & Brooks, submitted him for feloniously slaying. The case did not go to the jury. Owing to the fact that the prisoner is a weak minded youth and there is some doubt as to who fired the fatal shot, the Judge sentenced him to three years on the Clayton roads. The solicitor was assisted in the case by Mr. J. M. Morgan.

Booker Benson submitted to the charge of trespass and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs.

Bailey Cook was found guilty of horse stealing and was sent to the Clayton roads for five years.

Ed. Johnson, the 15-year old negro who burned Moore Wood's gin was sent to the penitentiary for 9 years. He was also sent up one year for breaking into Mr. Wood's house.

John Richardson and Joe Richardson were tried for an assault with deadly weapon. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of costs in the case of Jerry Smith and Frank Smith who were charged with larceny.

Miles Richardson and Candace Richardson were acquitted of the charge of stealing.

Penny Davis was found guilty of stealing and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

Ed. Guley was sent to the Clayton roads 6 months for stealing. Freeman Young, aged 12, and Charles Young, aged 14, were found guilty of stealing. Charles was sentenced to 12 months on the Clayton roads. Freeman

was sent to jail 12 months with leave to hire him out.

Wm. Holloway was found guilty of selling liquor without license and given a 30 days' term on the Clayton roads.

The grand jury made its report yesterday and after receiving the thanks of the court was discharged.

School Close at Massey's School House.

At 3 o'clock p. m. March 8th, 1902, the exercises commenced, which was witnessed by a large crowd.

The exercises embraced two new features. First, hot contest between the Bentonville Base Ball team and the Massey school house team, which was bitterly contested by both sides. The score stood 12 to 6 in favor of the Massey school house team. Our boys don't know what it is to be licked. So you see the Bentonville team is that much in the lead. Mr. H. H. Brown, engineer of the Enterprise Lumber Co., officiated as umpire, and gave entire satisfaction to both sides.

Second, Musical programme was furnished by H. H. Brown with an Edison Standard Phonograph, which was amusing as well as entertaining. With credit to this feature we may say it was a grand success, as it held the spectators spell bound. As to the recitations, declamations and dialogues, we must say with credit to the untiring efforts and energy of Mr. Chas. Upchurch. The exercises were a complete success.

The star attraction of the programme was a dialogue, "Just Before The Execution," which was immediately followed by the appropriate song, "Throw Out The Life Line," rendered by the Phonograph. There were several other pieces rendered equally as good.

Last on programme was a dialogue, "Mock Trial," which was rendered by several rich characters—one being an old negro preacher who lost his religion at the mention of chicken pot pie.

The school has been a success from the beginning to the end. This makes the second time Mr. Upchurch has conducted the school and he has given entire satisfaction both to pupils and patrons, and we all hope to have him teach our next school.

A PATRON.

A School Close.

The Yelvington Grove School, taught by Mr. L. H. Champion, of Smithfield, closed February 27th, 1902.

A crowded house and yard of patrons and friends were entertained from 7:30 to 10:30 o'clock by a well rendered programme. The pupils acquitted themselves in a manner reflecting credit on their study and preparation. Almost perfect order prevailed. Every pupil did very well.

But special mention must be made of the following: The recitations by Misses Bertha Massey and Alice Creech were so true to life that we felt like crying in sympathy with their subjects. The declamations by Messrs. W. A. Massey, Johnnie Roberts, Habie Childers and Spon Pedin were equally as amusing as the others were sad.

The recitations by Misses Beatrice Massey and Minnie Creech won praise from every one present. The dialogue, "Uncle Sam," was so true to life that one almost thought he was living in 1776 and 1876 too.

The exercises were interspersed with music furnished by the Fork Creek band, which I dare say is the best equipped band in the country.

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The grand jury at Elizabeth City on Tuesday returned a true bill against James Wilcox for the murder of his sweetheart, Nell Crosey last November. He was arraigned in court and plead "not guilty." A special venire of 250 men was ordered from which to secure a jury. The trial begun yesterday afternoon and will last several days.