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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.

Robeson county is arranging to build a new and modern jail and it is said it will cost about \$25,000.

Senator Money of Mississippi has accepted an invitation to deliver the commencement address at Davidson College.

Two boys, 12 or 15 years old, were drowned in Cumberland Mills pond, near Hope Mills last week by the capsizing of a boat.

Lord and Lady Pouncefote, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Vanderbilt at Biltmore House, Asheville, returned to Washington Saturday.

Miss Helen Gould, of New York, has presented two handsome paintings by the famous artist, Lawrence Alma-Tadema, to the State Normal College at Greensboro.

A negro woman died in Cumberland county last week, aged 104 years, says the Fayetteville Observer. She was the mother of 25 children, 10 of whom are now living, the youngest being 58 years of age.

Tom Johnson and Lum Hammond, white men of White Plains, Surry county, got into a row last week, when Johnson struck Hammond on the head with a club. The wound inflicted resulted in Hammond's death. Johnson made his escape.

The composite regiment to go to Charleston will have companies from Wilmington, Concord, Winston, Charlotte, Durham, Washington, Clinton, Edenton, Raleigh, Henderson, Oxford and Burlington. They will be accompanied by a band from Asheville.

North Carolina week at the Charleston exposition will be April 7th to 14th. Wednesday, 9th, will be Charlotte day. Thursday, 10th, editor's day and Friday, 11th, Wilmington day. Doubtless the Old North State will be well represented all through the week.

The body of Emma Thomas, a dissolute white woman, was found floating in the river at Wilmington Sunday afternoon. The body, in the opinion of the coroner, has been in the river a month. The woman disappeared from a disreputable locality about six weeks ago.

The forty-second annual State fair of North Carolina, will take place at Raleigh, October 27th to 31st next. Plans for improvement now under way, and the fair of 1902 will eclipse all others. Write for advertising, and other privileges to Joseph E. Pogue, secretary, Raleigh, N. C.

Dr. David T. Tayloe and his entire family, of Washington, N. C., have been poisoned by a negro employe, who put arsenic in the food to kill the nurse. Dr. Tayloe and one child are still in critical condition; the others are not so very ill. The negro has made confession and has been jailed.

A new city has been organized near Washington by local promoters, called Pamlico City after the early Indian name. Lots and streets have been laid off and land is selling rapidly. The locality is Wade's Point, near the mouth of Pamlico River. It is said a handsome hotel will be built overlooking the sound.

Governor Aycock has commuted the death sentence of Andy Jackson of Lincoln county to life imprisonment at hard labor. During September term of Lincoln county court Jackson was convicted of burglary in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged. Then on February 24 a respite was granted by the governor to March 20th and now comes the commutation to imprisonment at hard labor for life in the State's prison.

The special committee appointed by the Presbyterian Synod to raise \$300,000 for the twentieth century educational fund, feel greatly encouraged. Dr. Staggs has entered earnestly upon the work and has already succeeded in raising a considerable sum, something like \$60,000.

The State baseball league organization was completed at a convention in Raleigh and it was decided to open the season on May 5th and close on Labor Day. Officers: Perrin Busbee, of Raleigh, president; C. L. Stevens, of Newbern, vice president; Murray Allen, of Raleigh, secretary and treasurer.

Dr. Palemon John, editor of The Carolinian, died at his home in Elizabeth City Tuesday night. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1827, studied medicine and practiced his profession until he moved South on account of failing health. He had published the Carolinian, a Republican paper, at Elizabeth City since 1869.

McNair and Wooten, extensive general merchants and fertilizer dealers at Maxton, N. C., have filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the United States court at Raleigh. The liabilities are \$31,448.38, of which \$21,485.01 is in security claims. The assets are \$31,081.08, of which amount \$22,931.02 is in open store accounts.

Work has started on the foundation for the new dormitory at Trinity College, the gift of Mr. B. N. Duke. It is proposed to rush this work so as to have the building ready for occupancy by the opening of the fall season. Work is also going forward very rapidly on the library building, the gift of J. B. Duke of New York. The building will also be ready by the opening of the new college year.

Durham is now in the midst of an epidemic of crime which for boldness has never been equalled in the history of the town. The latest is a horse thief on a prominent street in broad daylight. Mr. W. P. Clements hitched his horse and transacted some business. When he went for his horse it was gone. Search was begun and the horse was recovered next morning, but the negro thief escaped.

Governor Aycock and staff will leave Raleigh for the Charleston Exposition by special train via the Seaboard Air Line on Tuesday morning, April 8th. The train will consist of three Pullman cars and two or three day coaches, and will be run for the benefit of anyone wishing to visit the exposition during North Carolina week. The rate from Raleigh for the round trip is \$5.65, good for seven days.

Governor Aycock has issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$200 for persons who are destroying stock law fences between Bladen and Columbus counties. He has also offered \$50 reward for the capture of Edgar Hicks, alias Smith, who in his own house in this county killed John Haloway, while the latter, his guest, was sitting in front of a fire, asleep. Hicks killed him with two blows of an axe and then fled.

A debate between representatives of the University of North Carolina and Johns Hopkins University took place in Baltimore Thursday night and North Carolina won. The question was "Modern trusts threaten the welfare of the American people." One of the North Carolina representatives who won distinction in the debate was Mr. R. R. Williams, a son of Editor F. M. Williams, of the Newton Enterprise.

The Democratic county executive committee have requested the sheriff of Chatham county to let them look over his books of receipts in order that they may find out what white men in Chatham have not paid their poll tax. Their object was to have all such delinquents notified in person, so that they may pay their poll tax before May 1st and be able to register and vote. This request was refused by the fusion sheriff. His action has created indignation among the white men of Chatham.

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.

The McKinley fund in Boston amounts to \$3,800.

A campaign against euchre has been started by ministers in Wheeling, W. Va.

Heirs of the late Senator James Fair will build a \$2,000,000 hotel at San Francisco, Cal.

The Y. M. C. A. building in Philadelphia has been sold to a hotel syndicate for \$1,000,000.

The steamer European cleared from New Orleans, La., Saturday with 1150 horses for South Africa.

The United States in 1901, it is announced, produced 8,713,302 gross tons of Bessemer steel ingots.

Geronimo, the Indian chief who has been in prison 12 years, has petitioned the Government for his release.

Rear-Admiral Winfield S. Schley was the guest of honor at a dinner given in Boston in honor of Evacuation Day.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland quietly observed his sixty-fifth birthday at his home in Princeton, N. J., Tuesday.

All the mills in Fall River, Mass., resumed Monday except the Sagamore, which labor troubles are still unsettled.

A convention of miners which has met at Shamokin, Pa., will decide the question of a proposed strike of 125,000 men.

John W. Gates in a New York court has testified that he had \$1,000,000 in 1897 and increased it to \$5,000,000 in one year.

Another \$1,500,000 in gold was deposited at the Sub-Treasury in New York Saturday for transfer to San Francisco, Cal.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad has been indicted in Kentucky for charging less than the regular freight rates on grain shipments.

The Pittsburg grand jury has returned three true bills against Mrs. Catherine Sofel, charging her with aiding the Biddle brothers to escape from prison.

Denbigh Hall, at Bryn-Mawr College, which was burned Sunday night, is to be rebuilt at once. Girl students had \$25,000 of personal property burned.

Seven members of the life-saving crew and five sailors were drowned off Monomoy Station, Mass., Monday, in the effort to rescue the Wardena's crew.

The Kentucky legislature has repealed the law which allowed women to vote for school trustees in that State. The reason for the repeal was that negro women had held the balance of power in some of the towns and cities.

A charter has been applied for at Atlanta for the Georgia Lumber and Development Company, with a capital of \$5,000,000. The applicants for the charter are Charles Berry, Michel Jacobs and Charles W. Phillips, all of New York.

Mrs. Amelia Steele, 76 years old, has been granted a divorce at Hartford, Conn., from George S. Steele, of Burnside. The husband is only a few years her junior. It was stated that the old lady's sickly condition was due altogether to the husband's cruelty, upon which ground the decree was granted.

Rev. Rudolph Duenger, D. D., the oldest minister of the Reformed Church in the United States, died Sunday night at Ashland, Pa., aged 94. His health has been failing for some time and while lying in bed early Sunday morning he was seized with a paralytic stroke, which resulted in his death. He was ordained in 1834.

The position of Commissioner General of Immigration has been tendered by the President to Frank P. Sargent, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, to succeed T. V. Powderly, the present incumbent.

Larry McKee, a messenger in employ of the Adams Express Company at Mattoon, Ill., is missing, and a package containing \$30,000 it is said has also disappeared. The package was sent from Brazil, Ind., to St. Louis in McKee's charge.

William A. Eddy, a weather observer of Bayonne, N. J., reported that a slight earthquake was noticeable in Bayonne early Saturday. The vibrations were recovered on his seismographs, but were only slightly perceptible to residents. The tremor was the fourth this month.

Mrs. M. C. S. Noble, wife of Prof. Noble of the chair of pedagogy in the State University, died in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., Thursday night. Mrs. Noble had been in failing health since last summer, when an operation was performed, and she was recently taken to Johns Hopkins for treatment. Her remains were taken to Wilmington, her old home, for burial. Her husband and two children survive.

Returns at Indianapolis, Ind., from Saturday's Republican primaries show that Newton Booth Tarkington, author of "The Gentleman from Indiana" and "Monsieur Beaucaire," has received the highest vote of any candidate for the Legislature, although there were 14 candidates and seven to be chosen. Every precinct shows that he ran from one to three votes ahead of the other candidates. His total vote will exceed that of the man receiving the next highest by nearly 600.

Some Interesting School Statistics.

Some very interesting school statistics were figured up yesterday in the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. They show the great improvement that was wrought in the public school system for 1900 to 1901.

The number of white districts in 1901 was 5,483, and colored 2,559. This was a gain of 61 white and 71 colored districts.

There were 5,411 white schools taught in 1901, as against 5,047 in 1900, a gain of 364; and 2,418 colored schools taught in 1901, as against 2,344 in 1900, a gain of 74, making a total increase of 438. The total number of schools taught in 1901 was 7,829.

The number of white districts having no school in 1901 was only 72. In 1900 this number was 379. There were 141 colored districts without a school in 1901; the corresponding number in 1900 was 144. This shows a tremendous gain in the white schools.

There were in 1901 29 Croatan school districts in Robeson county and two in Scotland county. Of these 29 schools were taught.—Raleigh News and Observer, 11th.

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.

The total value of merchandise imported into the Philippines during the eight months ended August 31, 1901, was \$19,618,596, against \$14,580,457 for the same period of 1900, and the total value of merchandise exported during those eight months was \$19,035,405, against \$15,928,015 for the same period of 1900.

Surgeon's knife Not Needed.

Surgery is no longer necessary to cure piles. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures such cases at once, removing the necessity for dangerous, painful and expensive operations. For scalds, cuts, burns, wounds, bruises, sores and skin diseases it is unequalled. Beware of counterfeits. Hare & Son, J. R. Ledbetter, Hood Bros., Benson Drug Co.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

Items of Interest from Washington City.

Some of the Week's Happenings in and out of the Halls of Congress.

Representative Otey, of Virginia, Monday introduced a bill appropriating \$100,000,000 as a "good roads fund" to improve the highways of the country.

The senate passed the ship subsidy bill of Monday by a vote 42 to 31. Six republicans voted against it and Senator McLaurin, of South Carolina, voted for it.

It is said General Miles' plan for pacifying the Filipinos contemplated sending a party of Cubans and Porto Ricans to the archipelago to tell how they are faring.

Brig.-Gen. Frederick Funston visited the White House and War Department Saturday. It is probable he will not return to the Philippines unless he wishes to do so.

The Lower House of Congress Friday passed a resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to loan tents for the Confederate veterans' reunion at Dallas, Texas, April 22d.

Representative Hill, of Connecticut, has introduced a bill for the coinage of the silver bullion in the Treasury purchased under the Act of July 14, 1892, into subsidiary silver coin.

The War Department has abandoned hope of ever again hearing from Second Lieutenant Paul D. Stockly, Twenty-first Infantry, who disappeared in the Philippines a year ago.

The Republican members of the House Committee on Rules have decided to report favorably a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of 13 to investigate the suffrage question in several States.

Capt. Benjamin F. Tilley, former Governor of the Island of Tutuila, Samoan group, will be appointed captain of the Mare Island Navy Yard. Rear-Admiral Louis Kempff is expected to be made commandant of the same yard.

Prominent members of the Democratic Congressional Committee, which is to meet on the night of March 29 for the purpose of electing a chairman, have not yet lost all hope of inducing Senator-elect Arthur P. Gorman, of Maryland, to accept the post.

Senator Penrose, chairman of the Committee on Immigration, has submitted a report on the Chinese Exclusion bill. He says that the sentiment of the American people is crystallized against the admission of Chinese labor to compete with the workingmen of the United States.

It is announced that Frank P. Sargent, Grand Master of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, has been offered the Commissioner-Generalship of Immigration to succeed T. V. Powderly, who, it is alleged, has not been in entire harmony with other treasury officials.

It was officially announced at the Census Bureau Monday morning that on March 31 another wholesale reduction of the force will be made, and the gloom in the Bureau was profound. The Census Office force now comprises about 2200 men and women, having been reduced from 3600.

The nomination by the President of Arent S. Crownshield to be a Rear Admiral has been announced. The confirmation of this nomination will give an opportunity for a revival of the Sampson-Schley controversy. The friends of Admiral Schley held Crownshield responsible for most of his trouble. Those Senators representing the Administration will do all possible to secure the quiet and speedy confirmation of Crownshield, so as to emphasize the President's declaration that the entire Sampson-Schley controversy is forever ended.

BENSON BUDGET.

Hill street extension is now open.

Mrs. J. L. Hall is visiting in Buie's Creek section.

Mrs. J. W. Whittenton is visiting in Anson county.

Will Grimes and Gaston Lee are congratulating each other.

Benson will be a "dry town" hereafter, that is, so far as ditching will dry it.

Cavenaugh & Benson will build a large frame store house opposite Seth Allen & Bro.

Mr. J. F. P. Stewart will buy eggs and sell groceries for J. R. Woodall this season.

Many residences are going up in the Ryals Addition, and that will soon be the fashionable part of our city.

Mrs. Godwin, mother of Mrs. L. U. Creech, died Friday. She was very old and has been feeble for a long time.

Bob Smith is pushing his telephone in many directions, and soon the neighbors will converse with each other from their fire-sides.

Rev. P. D. Woodall, of Rocky Mount, is here to attend the marriage of his brother, F. L. Woodall, to Miss Hettie Sanderford, of near Clayton.

The people either have faith, are adventurous or don't expect to pay their debts next fall, for they are hauling fertilizers just like they did last spring.

Photographer Hamilton, of South Carolina, has erected his gallery near Mrs. Broughton's millinery store, and promises not to make you look uglier than you are.

Benson is to have a Sash and Blind Factory. We trust this is the beginning of what will make our town one of the "hives of industry" that make our county prosperous.

Ira Creech, son of J. Willis Creech, and Charles Barber, son of Perrin Barber, after staying in the railroad office here six months passed creditable examinations at Wilmington and both have been assigned to duty.

PERLINA NOIES.

Master Walter King was a visitor in Wake Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. C. H. King attended services at Sandy Grove Church Sunday.

Messrs. Junie Johnson and T. A. Watkins spent Sunday in Benson.

Mr. G. L. Stephenson, of Harnett, was in the neighborhood Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Stephenson visited relatives in Wake Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Jas. W. Stephenson returned home from Harnett Saturday on a visit to his sister, Mrs. A. D. Coats.

Mr. J. L. Johnson, Photographer, is now doing work on a large scale, giving much pleasure to his many patrons.

Miss Lou Young is home from teaching school in Lunar. Her friends are glad to learn that she taught a successful school from beginning to end.

Misses Florence and Bertha Johnson, two of Benson's charming young ladies, are guests this week at the home of their uncle, Mr. W. T. Johnson.

Seemingly there will be more of "the golden weed" planted in this section than formerly, this year, for the general topic of conversation is "tobacco."

We learned recently that Mr. Dallis Johnson, formerly of this section, but now of Smithfield, has been called to Williamston to do some carpenter's work. His many friends wish him success.

JACK AND GYPSY.

Car of flour just received at Boyett Bros. & Godwin's.