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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.

Madison county expects to harvest this year the largest tobacco crop in its history.

The fourth volume of the North Carolina regimental history was issued Monday.

A charter has been granted the Rhodes School Company, of Kinston, capital \$6,600.

Solicitor J. M. Gudger, Jr., of Asheville, has entered the race for the Democratic congressional nomination in the tenth district.

Last Monday near Raleigh a flagman sent back to warn a train fell asleep on the track and was killed by the train he was to flag.

Nathaniel J. Riddick, who has since 1866 been the clerk of the Federal Court at Raleigh, has tendered his resignation on account of feeble health.

Mr. Hugh A. Stead, a car coupler on the Salisbury yard of the Southern, was caught between two cars and crushed to death Saturday morning.

Mrs. Amanda Dixon, wife of Rev. Thos. Dixon, Sr., and mother of Rev. Thos. Dixon, Jr., and of Rev. Dr. A. C. Dixon, died suddenly at her home in Shelby Friday.

Henry E. Fries, of Salem, N. C., is securing options on twenty cotton mills in this State and South Carolina to put them in a combination under a New Jersey charter.

The Odd Fellows of the towns of the State celebrate their anniversary next Saturday. Mayor George E. Hood, of Goldsboro, will deliver the address in Wilmington.

The State has chartered the Whitaker-Harvey Company, Winston-Salem, which will manufacture plug and smoking tobacco and will also buy leaf. Its capital is \$250,000.

The Free Will Baptist church at Dunn, Harnett county, which had a Masonic lodge in the second story, was burned Saturday. Fire originated from a stove flue and there was no insurance.

Mrs. Sallie I. Robertson, of Salisbury, has brought suit against the Southern Railway Company for \$35,000 damages for the death of her husband, an extra gang foreman, who was killed in the Swannanoa tunnel last August.

Mr. Sam Cohn, a butcher of Goldsboro, who fell through a bridge near that city while driving across it a few days ago, died Friday from the effects of his injuries. He was never conscious after the accident and death resulted from concussion of the brain.

The House of Congress has passed Representative Pou's bill to relieve the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College of the payment of \$937 to the government on account of the loss of arms belonging to the government in the recent fire at that institution.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Norwood Manufacturing Company, of Norwood, last week, it was decided to build a new cotton mill, which will operate weaving machinery exclusively. This will make two textile plants for that hustling town and the seventh one for Stanley county.

Within the past year or two the growing of melons has become an important industry in the section about Maxton and Laurinburg, in this State. The Wilmington Messenger says that Messrs. Mathews & Brunson will plant this year near Laurinburg 1,000 acres of watermelons and cantaloupes and when the shipping season begins they expect to ship three train loads a day.

Andrew J. Flanner, of Wilmington, is suing his divorced wife for about \$20,000 worth of property which he claims she kept and should have returned to him. They have been divorced about three years.

State Insurance Commissioner, James R. Young, was married Wednesday evening at New Orleans, La., to Miss Virginia Nicholls, daughter of Chief Justice Nicholls of the Louisiana Supreme Court.

The fire fiends have begun operation in Thomasville, near High Point again. Three places of business were burned Saturday night and the people begin to fear that unless the gang is broken up the town will be burned off the face of the map.

Lawson Parker, who lived near Trinity, was shot through the throat by Ed. Sawyer and died later. Parker was on his way home after accompanying a young lady from a party, and Sawyer waylaid and shot him, the ball entering the right side of the throat and coming out at the back of the neck.

Sheriff Sharp, of Wilson county, arrested Buck Eason Wednesday for the killing of Jas. C. Ellis last February. For some time after the deed no clue could be found as to who committed the crime. Ellis' friends took the matter in hand with the above result. Deputy Mayo says the evidence, while circumstantial, is strong. The scene of the crime was at Saratoga, near Wilson.

The Imperial Tobacco Company of England has entered North Carolina as a competitor of the American Tobacco Company. Last week a franchise from the State was obtained authorizing the company to open offices in Raleigh and conduct business in the State. Colonel Hinsdale, attorney for the company, said the present operations of the company would be confined to the purchase of leaf tobacco in all the principal towns. Already buyers have been engaged for a number of leading markets. It is generally believed that the competition will result in a material advance in the price of grades of tobacco for which the two companies will be competing.

While plowing in a field on his farm in Montgomery county, Hack Morris unearthed the skeleton of a man, which, from all appearances, had not been buried very many years. In fact, it is reported that some flesh still adhered to the bones and there was also some clothing on the body. As there was no burying ground anywhere near where the find was made foul play is suspected, but it has been so long buried that no clue can be had as to who the man is. Some six or eight years ago a man named Burgess mysteriously disappeared from the neighborhood, all traces of him being lost, and it is now thought by some that he was foully dealt with and that this is perhaps his remains.

Biggest War Ships Afloat.

Washington, D. C. April 21.—The two largest battleships in the world are provided by the Naval Appropriation bill as completed by the House Naval Committee today. The item for new ships is as follows: Two battleships of about 16,000 tons displacement, to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, \$4,212,000 each; two armored cruisers, of about 14,500 tons displacement each, to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, \$4,659,000 each; two gunboats, of 1,000 tons each, to cost \$382,000 each. The armored cruisers will be exceptionally large for their class considerably exceeding the New York and Brooklyn in tonnage. The amount carried by the bill is slightly above \$76,000,000, of which \$28,000,000 is for new ships.

When a fellow is about to propose and the girl is nervous, it is generally because she is afraid some one will interrupt them before he gets it out.—Ex.

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.

Nearly 5,000 coke ovens are in operation in Wise county, Virginia.

The estate of Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage is valued at more than \$300,000.

Seven persons were killed by a severe storm in Southwestern Oklahoma Tuesday.

Silver made a new low-price record Monday, selling in New York at 50½ cents per ounce.

Lightning killed Richard Roan and Arthur Rogers, 12 and 15 years old, at Akron, O., Sunday.

Alex T. Sannekalb, of Newark, N. J., last week wrote a poem on death, and then committed suicide.

John D. Rockefeller is said to have given \$1,000,000 to the cause of public education in the South.

Jonas Livermore, a Blackwood, N. J., banker, has reached the age of 100 years, and is still active.

Benjamin F. Barnes has been appointed assistant secretary to the President, succeeding the late O. L. Pruden.

John Newton, of Flemington, W. Va., was killed by a train while on his way to his brother's funeral Monday.

An oil well just struck in Monongalia county, West Virginia, is yielding at the rate of 500 barrels every 24 hours.

The transport Crook sailed from San Francisco Monday for the Philippines with 500 men of the Eleventh Infantry.

Frank R. Stockton, the well-known writer, died in Washington of hemorrhage of the brain Sunday, aged 68 years.

William Waldorf Astor has given \$100,000 for the endowment for four professorships in University College, London.

Sixty lives are reported lost in the burning of the steamer City of Pittsburg, on the Ohio river, near Olmstead, Ill., Sunday.

The washing out of gold has begun at Dawson, and it is thought that the Klondike will produce \$30,000,000 this year.

A prominent Republican in Washington declares the outlook for his party's success in the coming elections is not promising.

During the three months ended September 30, 1901, 725 persons were killed and 2,622 injured in train accidents in the United States.

Two men were fatally injured, the fire chief prostrated and \$350,000 worth of property destroyed by fires in Dallas, Texas, Sunday.

Last Monday five colored children were found starved to death about 40 miles from Memphis, Tenn., the father having deserted them.

The cholera situation in Manila shows no improvement. There has been a total of 388 cases and 300 deaths in Manila, and 856 cases and 602 deaths in the provinces.

Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota were experiencing intense heat Monday while snowstorms were sweeping the Dakotas and several other Western States.

The jury in the case of Edward Batson, charged with the murder of the Earl family, at Lake Charles, La., have returned a verdict of murder in the first degree. The penalty is death.

Captain Chas. E. Clark has declined the appointment of special naval representative at the coronation of King Edward and the President has named Rear Admiral Watson for that mission.

It is given out from Washington that, at the request of certain Republican Senators, President Roosevelt has concluded to let Gen. Miles hold on for the present, provided Gen. Miles doesn't talk too much.

J. P. Morgan, who is now abroad, has practically consummated a plan to combine all the leading trans Atlantic steamship lines. London dispatches announcing the combination were confirmed Saturday at the Morgan banking house in New York.

Colonel Charles Marshall, military secretary of General Robert E. Lee during the civil war, and for many years one of the leaders of the bar of Baltimore, died of apoplexy at his home there late Saturday night. He had been in bad health for about two years.

Late dispatches from Guatemala are to the effect that the whole Republic was shaken by earthquakes from 8:30 o'clock Friday night to 8 o'clock Sunday night, with only short intervals between the shocks. The dispatches of Sunday concerning the disaster at Quesaltenango are confirmed. It is estimated that 500 persons were killed and millions of dollars' worth of property destroyed there.

SELMA SOCIAL CHAT.

Mr. Claude Smith was in our midst Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wynnespent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. N. E. Edgerton.

Several of the Bachelor Maids and Bachelor Boys, as usual, spent an hour or two with Mrs. Winston Tuesday evening.

Mr. Wm. Richardson, who is General Agent of the Masonic Mutual Association, returned Tuesday evening from a two weeks' trip in Eastern Carolina.

The Ladies Aid Society will have quite an enjoyable program for their musical on Friday evening, May 2. We hope many of our friends from the near towns will be present.

The "Tuesday Afternoon Book Club" met yesterday and enjoyed the discussion of the Newcomes, "The Life of David Hume," by Miss Jackson; "The Conquered Banner," by Mrs. Spiers; "The Life of Esop," by Mrs. Noble, and the "Current News," by Mrs. Carrington.

T. O. B.

The Bachelor Maid.

One may laugh at the love torn and lonely old maid,
And pity their husbandless state,
Since their bones one by one they have tenderly laid

In the narrow graves fashioned by fate:
But the other, who loses not maidenhood's way
Of setting men's hearts in a whirl,
She is not an old maid, though she's thirty to-day:
She is simply a bachelor girl.

Distinguish between them, sure any one can,
The one places safety under a ban
When the first wrinkle appears:

The other keeps youth in her heart through the maze
And the daze of life's unceasing swirl,
And she wears not conventional spinsterhood grays,
So we call her the bachelor girl.

She's piquant and pretty, she's witty and wise,
Conversant with music and art,
And she looks on the world with her optimistic eyes

As more than a conscienceless mart.
Tea tipples and tabby cats both she taboos,
That hall mark of spinsters, the curl;

Oh, may her sweet presence the world never lose—
Hurrah for the bachelor girl!

—Roy Farrell Greene.

Wields A Sharp Ax.

Millions marvel at the multitude of maladies cut off by Dr. King's New Life Pills—the most distressing too. Stomach, Liver and Bowel troubles—Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite, Jaundice, Biliousness, Fever, Malaria, all fall before these wonder workers. 25c at Hood Bros. Drug store.

VETERANS AT DALLAS.

Next Reunion to be at New Orleans.

Dallas, Texas, April 23.—The Confederate Veterans assembled in reunion here today and transacted important business with a rush. Gens. Gordon, Lee and Cabell were re-elected and Gen. C. I. Walker elected to succeed the late Gen. Wade Hampton as commander of the Army of Northern Virginia. New Orleans was selected as the place for the next reunion. Gen. Gordon was given no chance to retire. A voice from the back of the hall cried:

"The only way you can get away from the office, general, is by dying."

So for another year Gen. Gordon will be commander-in-chief, Gen. Stephen D. Lee, commander of the Army of Tennessee Department, and Gen. W. L. ("Old Tige") Cabell, commander of the Army of the Trans-Mississippi Department. The election was unanimous by a standing vote. Glowing tributes were paid to the officers and half the audience was in tears when the meeting adjourned.

Long before the meeting opened the camp grounds began to fill up and by 11 o'clock the largest crowd of the reunion was present. The bureau of information gave out a statement saying that lodging for 140,000 people had been prepared. The estimated number of veterans present was 12,000.

SELMA NEWS.

Mr. L. D. Debnam spent Thursday in Clayton.

Miss Laura Williams went to Clayton Sunday.

Robert Millard Nowell spent Sunday in Wilson.

Mr. Ed. Oneal was in Oneal's a few days this week.

Mr. E. Hugh Lee, of Raleigh, was in town Monday.

Mr. J. H. Williams, of Spring Hope, is here this week.

Mr. J. C. Hood, of Earpsboro, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. R. M. Nowell made a flying trip to Clayton Monday.

Miss Maggie Richardson is visiting her uncle, R. B. Whitley.

Miss Bettie Keen, of Four Oaks, is visiting Miss Lois Warren.

Mr. N. R. Batten, our chief of police, went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Dr. J. A. Griffin, of Clayton, spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. L. D. Debnam.

Dr. J. W. Hatcher is at Kenly this week. All in need of dental work should see him.

Mrs. J. A. Spires, Jr., entertained the "Ladies Home Mission Society" Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. John Alden, of New York, who has been visiting Mrs. J. A. Spires, Jr., left for her home Monday.

Messrs. Blake Baker, Millard Todd and Ruffin Richardson, of Wendell, visited our town Sunday.

Mr. E. G. Richardson, of Raleigh, spent Sunday here, the guest of his brother, C. W. Richardson.

Mr. C. B. Williams, who had part of his hand amputated last week is doing finely. He left for his home at High Point Wednesday.

Miss May Bell, of Mount Olive, who has been visiting Mrs. J. A. Holt, has returned to her home, much to the regret of some of our young men.

Dr. Arthur Griffin, of Clayton, who has been attending medical lectures in Richmond, was in town Tuesday, visiting his sister, Mrs. Debnam.

The closing exercises of the Selma graded schools will be on Wednesday, May 7. The public are invited to attend. Will try to give program next week.

Mr. Richardson and Dr. S. Kend have taken the contract to put up the awning at the store of the Selma Manufacturing Co. They hope to have it up by the first of May.

The Selma Manufacturing Co., have had to employ two extra hands to assist in making tobacco flues to supply the demand.

On Friday night, May 2, 1902, there will be a musical given at the Selma Academy. Besides the home talent there will be musicians from Richmond, Va., Raleigh, N. C., and Wilson. The program will appear in the next week's issue of THE HERALD.

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PERLINA NOTES.

Mrs. W. A. Lee is spending this week in Clayton with her daughter, Mrs. G. W. King.

Messrs. Jonnie Stephenson and Junie Johnson visited friends in the Afta section Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. King and children of Clayton, spent Saturday and Sunday at Mr. Wm. A. Lee's.

Mr. James Johnson, of Buie's Creek, was home on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Johnson, Sunday.

Messrs. Claude Stephenson and Walter Coats, of Leachburg, spent Sunday afternoon with friends in this section.

Mr. J. L. Johnson, our photographer, says he is now making photos of ugly people that are pretty and making those who are pretty look real handsome.

Miss Florence Stephenson, after spending a few weeks with relatives in Willow Springs, passed through this section Sunday, returning to her home in the Afta section.

JACK AND GYPSY.

School Close at Spilona.

On Wednesday night, April 9, 1902, we witnessed the closing exercises of the school at Spilona, taught by Mr. Will. C. Woodall.

By 8:30 p. m., a large crowd had assembled to hear the pupils act their pieces, and from that time to 12 o'clock, the audience was entertained in a most creditable manner, which showed excellent work by both pupils and teacher.

The writer would be glad to give the names of those who did so well, but space forbids: To say that it was one of the best ever held in this part of the county is not saying too much, for every one was delighted very much.

After the exercises were over, Miss Annie McGuire, of Smithfield, recited so as to delight all who heard her. Also Mr. Abram Lassiter made a few remarks that were highly appreciated.

Nice music was furnished by Messrs. Penny, Benson and Holmes.

Mr. Woodall, by his hard work and energy has proven himself to be one of the best teachers in the county. Thus closed one of the most prosperous sessions of school ever taught at Spilona.

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Humors of Punctuation.

The following shows the value of punctuation marks:

Thomas Merrill's property is for sale. It consists of a cottage containing seven rooms and an acre of land.

Edward Jones has opened a shoe shop in Front Street. Mr. Jones guarantees that any one can have a fit in his store.

The firm of Smith & Thorndyke is once more carrying on business at the old stand. The concern wants a man to sell on commission.

Mrs. Walter Darrel would like to hear of a good nurse for her child about thirty years of age, and with good references.

John Bangs who will sail for South Africa on Saturday would like to find a purchaser for his valuable bulldog. The animal is no trouble as it will eat anything and is very fond of children.

Dr. Franklin White has returned from a trip to Switzerland. Speaking of the robust health of his peasantry, the doctor says: "The strength of the Swiss woman is remarkable. It is nothing unusual for her to wash and iron and milk several cows in one day."—Tit-bits.