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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.

A \$100,000 oyster combine was formed at Norfolk, Va., Monday.

The Lower House of Congress passed 145 private pension bills Friday.

Andrew Carnegie has offered Binghamton, N. Y., \$75,000 for a library.

United States Consul-General William McKinley Osborne died in London Tuesday.

Sol Smith Russell, the well-known actor, died in Washington Monday with hiccoughs.

Two hundred horses were shipped from Norfolk, Va., Monday for use by the British in South Africa.

A locomotive on the Lackawanna railway exploded near Dover, N. J., Monday and turned completely over, killing the engineer and fireman.

The California express, east bound, on the Atchison road, was wrecked near Medill, Mo. Tuesday five persons were killed and twenty-three injured.

Reports from various sections of Wyoming indicate that the unexpected storm of last week killed 12,000 or 13,000 sheep, the losses running from 20 to 10 per cent.

Three persons were killed and about 30 injured, eight probably fatally, in the cyclone which swept over Joplin, Mo., Friday. The property loss is estimated at \$100,000.

President Roosevelt may make an extended tour of the South next fall. He has half-promised some Southern people to go as far as New Orleans, for he is imbued with the idea of personally greeting the people.

Last Tuesday at Germantown, near Philadelphia, Dr. Harry H. Price was married to Miss Susan Turnbull, of Worcester, Mass., who has been his sweetheart for forty years. Dr. Price is 65 years old and his bride 70.

By the explosion Saturday afternoon of the upper powder mill of the Shenandoah Powder Company, at Krebs' station, about four miles from Shenandoah, Va., five employees were instantly killed and all the buildings of the plant were blown to pieces.

Thomas Foley, of English, Ind., is suing for divorce on the grounds of cruelty. During a drunken spree his wife tied his hands and feet, rubbed salt on his face, hands, and clothing and left him in the field where the cattle might lick him to death.

John Morris, of West Day, Saratoga county, N. Y., thinks he is the oldest man in the State. He was born in Canada, and while he thinks it was in 1780, he has no way of proving it. He lives on a small farm with his wife, who is almost a centenarian.

Owing to failing sight Elias Leinbach, who continuously since July, 1853, has been the postmaster at Leinbachs, Pa., has tendered his resignation, no take effect at once. He is the oldest postmaster in point of service in the United States. He has been a Republican since the formation of the party, but because of his popularity was not disturbed during Democratic administrations.

Hon. J. Sterling Morton, of Nebraska, who was Secretary of Agriculture in the last Cleveland cabinet, died Sunday afternoon at the home of his son at Lake Forest, Ill. Mr. Morton was 70 years old and had been in failing health for several weeks, but his death was a great surprise to his friends. Mr. Morton was born in New York but located in Nebraska in the 50s. He had been engaged in newspaper work the most of his life.

SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE.

An Enthusiastic Gathering of Educators at Athens—Gov. Aycock's Speech.

The annual meeting of the general education board, which has for its object the promotion of education in the South, was held at Athens, Ga., last week and Gov. Aycock, of North Carolina, was one of the principal speakers. A dispatch from Athens says:

Governor Aycock's subject was "Education and the Voluntary Tax." He was repeatedly interrupted by applause and when he ceased speaking the entire audience rose to cheer him. Governor Aycock said that the State of North Carolina had determined that every child of the State, white and black, should be educated. If there were some who do not think that the negroes ought to be educated, he did not agree with them. No uneducated force, he said, could do as good work as one that had been trained. The speaker's closing words to the audience and to the Northern visitors told how the North and the South, once contending for union and independence, were now united in a more glorious independence than had ever been enjoyed.

Hon. Hoke Smith, another speaker, referred to the address of Gov. Aycock and said he wished that all politicians were as manly and pure as the Governor of North Carolina. The speaker declared that every man, before he voted for a candidate for public office, should ascertain how that man stood on the school question. Reviewing the great amount of money which the South contributed to the cause of negro education, Mr. Smith said he spoke of the offering not as a subject for which the people of the South deserved praise, but as showing their intelligence and justice. "Would we be so foolish," he said, "as to leave half our population groveling in ignorance? These black people did not come here of their own accord. We brought them, they cannot go away and we do not want them to go. Then it becomes our duty to educate the minds and hearts of the negroes as we would educate the minds and hearts of the whites."

At Saturday's session the general educational board proposed to make the following donations, under conditions named, to the cause of education in Georgia: Four thousand five hundred dollars, one-half of the balance necessary to complete the Winnie Davis Memorial Hall; \$7,500 to provide 50 three-year scholarships of \$50 each at the Georgia State Normal School, to duplicate the 46 scholarships provided by the women of Georgia; an offer to duplicate for a period of three years all new scholarships of \$50 each that the women of Georgia may provide before January 1, 1903, to a number not exceeding fifty. The total contributions will amount to about \$19,500.

A Dray Load of Pennies.

Herman Boyce, a German grocer, has made a fad of saving pennies for 20 years. Today he deposited them in a bank.

There were 19,700 pennies, and the bulk was so heavy that he had to take it to the bank on a dray.—Goshen, Ind., Dispatch.

Holds up a Congressman.

"At the end of the campaign," writes Champ Clark, Missouri's brilliant congressman, "from overwork, nervous tension, loss of sleep and constant speaking I had about utterly collapsed. It seemed that all the organs in my body were out of order, but three bottles of Electric Bitters made me all right. It's the best all-around medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter." Overworked, run-down men and weak, sickly women gain splendid health and vitality from Electric Bitters. Try them. Only 50c. Guaranteed by Hood Bros.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Some Happenings of the Week Tersely Told.

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

Mr. W. W. Mills, of Biscoe, has given \$1,000 to the Methodist orphanage at Raleigh.

Mr. Douglas Miller, of Albany, N. Y., has bought 1,000 acres of mountain land near Asheville to establish a sheep ranch.

A company has just been organized at High Point for the manufacture of youth's pants. The capital stock is \$15,000.

According to the census reports North Carolina with 203,023 acres in tobacco raised 129,598,400 pounds valued at \$8,038,691.

State Treasurer Lacy has appointed P. B. Fleming, of Louisville, teller in the State Treasury to succeed Chalmers Glenn, resigned.

The product of North Carolina lumber business in 1901, was in quantity sawed 1,286,638,000 feet valued at \$11,067,909.33. The south has 11,465 establishments, about 33 per cent. of the whole.

While trying to board a moving freight train at Hickory Saturday, Coland Whitener, 18 years old, son of March White, a farmer, fell under the train and was so badly mutilated that he died. The young man was trying to "steal a ride."

The harness factory of the Shaw Harness Company in Charlotte was completely destroyed by fire Sunday morning. The loss is estimated at \$27,000. The factory and contents were insured for \$20,200. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The State has chartered the Southern Brass Company, of Lexington, with \$50,000 capital. It will manufacture furniture, hardware, silverware, iron beds, trimmings, novelties and anything made of wood or metal and will do all kinds of metal plating.

Ex-Judge A. M. Moore died Thursday at his home at Greenville, aged 65. He had been in feeble health for a long time. Deceased was a prominent attorney and was for a time judge of the eastern district Criminal Court by appointment of Gov. Russell.

It is reported that the Cones are contemplating the erection in Greensboro of the largest colored cotton goods mill in the world. The mill will be built for an equipment of 100,000 spindles, though only half this number and 2,000 looms will be operated at first.

Sunday night Mr. W. H. Britton, of Timberland, Cumberland county, lost by fire his large barn, just completed, valued at \$1,500, his stable with twelve fine mules, a car load of corn and a car load of hay. His loss is estimated at about \$4,000. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

The Southern Baptist Convention meets in Asheville next week, the session beginning on Thursday, the 8th. The meeting is expected to be a very large one. The president, ex-Governor W. J. Northern, of Georgia, declines re-election, and the claims of Rev. Dr. R. H. Marsh, of Oxford, will be urged. His friends say that he has a strong following for the position.

Friday morning a freight train on the Seaboard Air Line stopped near the block station at the Raleigh limits to get orders. Another freight dashed into its rear, killing one man, a negro, and wounding three others seriously. The engine plowed through the caboose and six freight cars. The track is parallel with and eight feet from that of the Southern railway, and both tracks were blocked. The penitentiary stockade is but a few feet away. One car was thrown against its main gateway utterly wrecking it, the end of the car being inside the penitentiary enclosure.

County News.

BENSON BUDGET.

Benson Academy commencement, May 23d.

Our town is represented at Charleston this week.

Planting is well advanced and the gardens are promising.

J. W. Holmes and J. W. Whittenton are having new residences built.

Mrs. Etta Johnson is in Durham called there by sickness of her sister.

The two-year old child of R. L. Flowers died Monday of congestion of the brain after 36 hours sickness.

The junior member of the firm of R. F. Smith, Son & Co., will furnish the music and the seniors will foot the bills.

Rev. Mr. Vaughan, temperance lecturer, begins a ten days lecture here in Hudson's warehouse, Thursday evening.

J. M. Lawhon says he will play with his new baby a little whether your old cart gets mended or not, but he usually does both.

Sparks from a locomotive set fire to the woods Monday and burned much of the fence from around John Whitman's crop.

The last fakir that left our town was profuse in his denunciations of people that wouldn't chunk balls at a hole in a barrel. This is mentioned as proof of the fact that our people are coming to their senses.

Revenue officers have made it interesting for distillers lately, taking great delight in hacking up their outfits and otherwise disposing of the product of their plants. In this way J. M. Thornton's factory was shut down and his machinery shipped off to Raleigh. J. D. Johnson's kettle and cap were pulled out of his barn loft, he says, and taken to town for exhibition; and one was found in Dismal running on full time, but nobody has come to claim it. Thornton's was registered. Johnson's was waiting for cider time, and the one in Dismal had just set up business on its own hook, it seems.

POLENTA NEWS.

Mr. H. T. Garrard came home for a short visit Monday.

Preaching at Mt. Zion next Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Fisher.

Only one white man who resides in Cleveland township failed to pay his poll tax before the 1st of May.

Some of our tobacco planters have commenced to set out. In some instances plants are scarce, others have plenty.

The rural free delivery route leading out from Clayton into this section will begin September 1st. This arrangement will give our people the daily papers from Raleigh same day they are issued.

The cotton acreage will be much less than at first anticipated. Out of eight or ten farmers interviewed all say they have cut off their crop over half from what it was last year. Most of them have gone largely into grain culture, some into tobacco.

Rev. Mr. Hines preached at Oakland last Sunday morning and night to large congregations. His subject in the morning being, "The wages of sin is death." This subject was handled with great power and earnestness, and evidenced the fact that the preacher fully believed in the punishment which the Bible says every sinner must suffer.

Misses Milly and Alice Bailey, of Harnett, spent Saturday and Sunday in the neighborhood, guests of Miss Addie Barber. Mr. Pope, one of Dunn's cleverest young gentlemen, accompanied them. He brought along with him his photo apparatus with which he took the photos of several, which is said to be fine specimens of the art, and shows Mr.

Pope's skill in this line. He has extraordinary music talent, and with his trombone, which he had with him, in conjunction with the organ, played several sacred pieces at divine services at Oakland last Sunday morning, which were enjoyed by the whole congregation.

Smithfield had a full delegation out Sunday at Oakland. Among them being Mr. and Mrs. Jno. O. Ellington, Mr. Sam Honeycutt, Mr. W. R. Long, Messrs. Patterson and Peterson and Capt. Skinner. So pleased at their visit are we, that we gave them a cordial invitation to come again.

SELMA SOCIAL CHAT.

Mrs. M. C. Winston, Mrs. R. J. Noble and Mr. and Mrs. Wortham spent Monday in Raleigh.

Mr. R. M. Nowell spent Monday in Raleigh. We understand that while there he posed for a life size portrait.

Miss Mattie Ellington, of Richmond, Va., arrived in the city Saturday the guest of Miss Fannie Jackson.

Miss Addie McKinne, of Princeton, came up Tuesday to attend the musical, and was the guest of the Misses Etheredge.

Last Friday afternoon the charming "Bachelor Maids" gave an afternoon picnic. The party consisted of the seven "Bachelor Maids" and seven bachelors chaperoned by Mrs. M. C. Winston. It was enjoyed by all present.

On account of the musical Tuesday evening the Carrom Club was postponed until Friday evening.

The most enjoyable event of the season was the musical given at the Selma Academy Hall Tuesday evening.

It was quite a success. The following is the program.

PART I.

1. Instrumental Duet—Qui Vive W. Ganz.—Misses Jackson and Etheredge.

2. Vocal Solo—Happy Day—Carl Cotze.—Miss Ellington.

3. Recitation—Little boy in a dime museum.—Miss Maggie Whitley.

4. Coon song selections.—Mr. Early Hughes.

5. Instrumental Solo—Valse Caprice.—Miss Pearl Robertson.

6. Vocal Duet—Messrs. Nowell and Ellington.

PART II.

1. Vocal Duet—Larboard Watch—Mascheroni.—Miss Ellington and Mr. Phillips.

2. Violin Solo—El Capitan.—Mr. J. Eden.

3. Recitation—Miss Waddell.

4. Vocal Selection—Miss Ellington.

5. Coon Song Selections.—Mr. Early Hughes.

6. Quartette—Come Where The Lillies Bloom.—Mrs. Edgerton, Miss Preston, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Richardson.

Messrs. R. M. Nowell and N. E. Edgerton distinguished themselves by singing "Because I Love You."

Quite a number of young people from Clayton came down to attend the musical.

Mr. Early Hughes, of Raleigh, spent Tuesday in the city. He took a very important part in the musical Tuesday evening.

Every one is looking forward with much pleasure to the commencement exercises of the graded school next Wednesday evening.

T. O. B.

SELMA NEWS.

R. M. Nowell went to Raleigh Monday.

Mr. Atlas Batten was in town yesterday.

M. C. Winston spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Dr. J. A. Griffin, of Clayton, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Minnie Strachan of Princeton, was in our town Tuesday.

Mr. Claude W. Smith, Claim Agent of the Southern Railway, spent Wednesday night here, the guest of his sister, Mrs. Elm Richardson.

Miss Mattie Ellington, of Manchester, Va., is visiting Miss Fannie Jackson.

Messrs. C. W. Richardson and N. R. Batten went to Archer Lodge Monday.

Miss Addie McKinnie was in our town Tuesday, the guest of Mrs. R. A. Ashworth.

Mr. Hugh Mitchener and Misses Nola and Blanche Mitchener attended the Uzzell and Youngblood marriage Wednesday.

Mrs. R. B. Whitley returned from Raleigh Wednesday where she has been for a week under the care of Dr. R. H. Lewis for her eyes.

The closing exercises of the colored graded schools will be on Friday night. They have quite an elaborate programme. Prof. John R. Hawkins, President of Kittrell College (colored) will deliver an address at 11:30 a. m. Friday.

The funeral of the Rev. Ray Phillips will be preached at Pine Level by the Rev. John Sasser at 11 o'clock a. m. on the second Sunday in May. The Masonic services will be at the burial ground at Mr. Ed. T. Futrell's after the services at the church.

Mrs. T. E. Best, of Chapel Hill; Mrs. Dr. J. B. Robertson, Misses Pearl Robertson, Nannie Leach, Culbreth, May Gulley, Lessie Barnes and Beatrice Ellis and Messrs. B. M. Robertson, J. M. Turley, W. H. and D. O. McCullers, W. E. Stallings, Macon Harris, Will Griswold, John Talton and Arthur Gulley, of Clayton and Mr. J. Early Hughes, of Raleigh, were in town Tuesday evening to take part in and attend the entertainment given by the ladies of the M. E. Church, which was greatly enjoyed by all. The recitations by Misses Whitley and Waddell were fine. The coon songs by Mr. J. Early Hughes, of Raleigh were splendidly rendered as was the vocal duet by Messrs. N. E. Edgerton and Robert Millard Nowell.

LEACHBURG ITEMS.

Planting cotton is the order of the day.

Quite a number of young people attended services at Oakland last Sunday.

Mr. H. T. Garrard, of Norfolk, Va., came home last week to stay a short time.

Messrs. Robert Lee and Eugene Stevens spent last Sunday evening in the Perline section.

The Sabbath School at Shiloh church contemplate having a Sunday School picnic at the church some time during the summer.

There seems to be a great deal of attraction over in Pleasant Grove township for our young dudes from the way they have been going over recently.

The annual picnic at the Old Banks Bridge on Swift Creek, near Mr. Starling Johnson's, will be held Saturday before the second Sunday in May. Every body is cordially invited to attend with baskets well filled with good eatables.

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An Enjoyable Occasion.

On Friday night April 25th, 1902, were witnessed the closing exercises of the school near Penny, taught by Miss Lillie Long.

Quite a number of patrons and friends of the school were delightfully entertained from 8 o'clock to 11:30 o'clock.

The exercises showed excellent work by both pupils and teacher. In addition to the declamations and recitations which were enjoyed very much, the piano solos rendered by Misses Ruby, and Verna Penny, Norma Surrill and Lovie Austin, were especially interesting.

Last on the programme was a song "Good Night" and then all went home feeling that Miss Long had won what she justly deserved, the best wishes of the patrons and friends and a desire to have her teach for them again next winter. T. I. STUDENT.