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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.

The State Press Association will hold the annual meeting at Hendersonville, June 25 and 26.

Work has begun on the Oberon Cotton Mill, in the suburbs of Burlington. The plant will cost \$200,000.

A meteoric stone weighing about ten pounds fell at St. Louis, Mo., Tuesday morning. It seems to be composed of iron, and is strongly impregnated with sulphur, being so hot at first that it could not be handled.

Work has begun on the extension of the Cape Fear and Northern Railway from Angier, in Harnett county, to Dunn, on the Atlantic Coast Line. The other terminus of this road is Apex, on the Seaboard Air Line.

Goliad, Tex., May 20.—With the death of three of the persons injured in Sunday's tornado the total number of dead is ninety-five. It is believed at least twenty more of the 100 persons who were injured cannot survive.

The bronze statue of Count de Rochambeau, who brought the forces of France across the sea at the hour of greatest peril in the American revolution, was unveiled on Lafayette Square, Washington, D. C., on Saturday.

The entire northeastern portion of Iowa was submerged by a cloudburst Wednesday, when eight inches of water fell within 30 minutes. The damage at Decorah alone is estimated at \$600,000; two lives were lost there.

Chicago, May 21.—The highest price for Texas cattle in the history of the stock yards was paid today for a carload belonging to Charles McFarland ofledo, Tex. The cattle averaged 1,255 pounds. The price paid was \$6.85 a hundred pounds.

Connellsville, Pa., May 20.—The Break-neck reservoir, three miles from here in the mountains, broke early this morning and the five million gallon tank flooded White Run valley, sweeping away houses, railroad bridges, barns, fences and crops. No lives were lost.

Cincinnati, May 20.—Shortly after 11 o'clock today this locality was stricken by a terrific wind and rainstorm, causing the loss of a half dozen lives and injuring many. The fury of the storm continued only a half hour, but in that time over a million dollars of damage was done.

British ambassador Pauncefoot died in Washington City on Saturday last at 3:35 o'clock. He was the Deau of the Diplomatic Corps and was considered one of the most astute diplomats in the service of any government. His remains will rest in this country until after the coronation in June when they will be transported to England by a warship of our navy.

The Goldsboro Headlight says that the Southern Railway is making active preparations for the erection of a steel suspension bridge over Little river, thereby supplying a long-felt want. The old wooden covered bridge which spans the river, and which was built 48 years ago, is still in good condition but an eyesore to advance railroading. Thus the old landmarks are gradually passing away.

Waterloo, Ia., May 22.—A double-track electric railway from the borders of Canada to the gulf of Mexico will be a realization within the next few years, if the plans of a syndicate of the Mississippi valley with Judge John Porter of Eldero, Ia., at the head, are carried out. The railway, according to present plans, will start near the Lake of the Woods and will follow the Mississippi valley to the gulf.

IS IT PEACE?

London Regards The South African War as Over.

London, May 23.—The Associated Press has every reason to believe that peace in South Africa is practically secured. How soon it will be announced depends, apparently more upon the convenience of the Boer leaders than upon the inclination of the Boer Government. The private and official advices received tonight in London from South Africa are to the same conclusions. The delay is technical, and the termination of the long war seems to be the desire of both sides and the leaders. The latter, however, are unable to convince all their followers of the wisdom of acquiescing in the terms of peace.

Were the Boers a thoroughly disciplined force, dependent upon the action of their general officers, peace would probably be proclaimed tonight; but both DeWet and the other generals seem themselves unable positively to guarantee the degree to which their example will be followed.

The Britis public is still quite ignorant of the course of events in South Africa, and there are no demonstrations tonight on the London streets, although on all sides the question asked is "is it peace?" On the other hand, the stock exchange throughout the day was a seething mass of brokers, who eagerly bought South African shares, while long after the closing of the exchange nearly a thousand brokers crowded Thromorton street and did a frantic curb business on the strength of the peace outlook.

Warning Was Unheeded.

Fort De France, Martinique, May 26.—It is now fully known here that the lives of all in St. Pierre might have been saved had it not been for the action of Governor Mouttet. He had been given official warning of the impending cataclysm, and that warning reached him several days before the disaster of May 8. He chose to disregard it, and even went so far as to order that the warning should be kept from the public.

Professor Landes, of the University of St. Pierre, had been instructed by Governor Mouttet to make an investigation of Mount Pelee. At the imminent risk of his life Professor Landes went to the crater of the volcano. He found that the forces at work were such as to make an explosion certain.

Hurrying back to St. Pierre, he sent a cipher dispatch to the Governor, in which he gave the warning that the volcano would not hold itself in check much longer. He even went so far, it is said, as to predict the destruction of St. Pierre not later than May 8.

Instead of acting on the advice of Professor Landes, the Governor went to St. Pierre and tried to allay the fears of its inhabitants. He ordered the Professor to say nothing about the conclusions reached.

The Governor said that if St. Pierre was destroyed he would remain to share the fate of the inhabitants. Professor Landes acquiesced, saying he, too, would remain. Both lost their lives May 8, though the Governor, it is believed, tried to escape when it was too late. The cipher message of warning sent by Professor Landes is still in existence.—By the Associated Press.

That Pain.

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Mont Pelee Still Active.

Fort de France, Martinique, May 28th, 5 p. m.—A tremendous explosion of very black smoke from Mont Pelee at a quarter before 9 o'clock this morning accentuated the fear entertained for the safety of George Kennan, the American author, who, with a land party, has been examining the northern part of the island.

At about 11 o'clock this morning Fernand Clerc, a wealthy landed proprietor of Martinique, arrived here and announced that Mr. Kennan and his party were safe on a plantation at the north end of the island.

Prof. Robert T. Hill, United States Government Geologist and head of the expedition sent to Martinique by the National Geographic Society, who left Fort De France Monday on horseback for the volcano, returned here this morning. He was completely worn out by his trip.

Speaking personally of his expedition to Mont Pelee, Professor Hill said:

"My attempt to examine the crater of Mont Pelee has been futile. I succeeded, however, in getting very close to Morne Rouge. At 7 o'clock Monday night I witnessed, from a point near the ruins of St. Pierre, a frightful explosion from Mont Pelee and noted the accompanying phenomena. While those eruptions continue no sane man should attempt to ascend to the crater of the volcano. Following the salvos of detonations from the mountain gigantic mushroom-shaped columns of smoke and cinders ascended into the clear, starlit sky and then spread, in a vast black sheet, to the south and directly over my head. Through this sheet, which extended a distance of ten miles from the crater, vivid and awful lightning-like bolts flashed with alarming frequency. They following distinct paths of ignition, but were different from lightning in that the bolts were horizontal and not perpendicular. This is indisputable evidence of the explosive oxidation of the gases after they left the crater. This is a most complete observation and explains, in part, the awful catastrophe. This phenomenon is entirely new in volcanic history.

"I took many photographs, but do not hesitate to acknowledge that I was terrified. But I was not the only person so frightened. Two newspaper correspondents who were close to Morno Couge some hours before he became scared, ran three miles down the mountain and hastened into Fort De France.

"The people on the north end of the island are terrified and are fleeing with their cattle and effects. I spent Tuesday night in a house at Deux Choux with a crowd of 200 frightened refugees.

"Nearly all of the phenomena of these volcanic outbreaks are new to science and many of them have not been explained. The volcano is still intensely active, and I cannot make any predictions as to what it will do."

Madrid, May 21.—The royal bull fight, which is the most typically Spanish feature of the festivities in connection with the coming of age of King Alfonso, occurred this afternoon in the presence of the king, queen mother, the royal family, the Spanish nobles and the special envoys.

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Chicago, May 20.—Daniel Costello, the veteran showman who at one time was the partner of P. T. Barnum, is dying in this city at the county hospital. He has been ill two weeks with pneumonia. At one time Mr. Costello's fortune was estimated at more than \$1,000,000, but he lost it all in a mining venture.

BENSON ACADEMY COMMENCEMENT.

Most Prosperous Term—Prof. Maddy's Address—Debate and Contest—Blounts Lecture—Ball Game.

On Friday last, May 23, the Annual Commencement of the Benson Academy took place. There were only day exercises by the school, Mr. Blount lecturing at night.

While the attendance during the school year just ended has exceeded by thirty per cent, that of any previous year the program at the close, though a good one, was not so long as usual.

Heretofore preparations were made for "big commencements" and for the past two years when the event occurred the crowd was immense, numbering from two to three thousand. Among this crowd there was ever present a number of "toughs" or "rowdies" who made it disagreeable for the better class of people.

The moral tendency of the old regime was doubted, and it was determined to start out on new lines. The long list of entertaining plays usually rendered at night was omitted; the contest in declamation, recitation and debate took place as usual. The desired result was secured as the very best order prevailed in the town and at the academy.

The following programme was rendered by the smaller pupils of the primary department:

Welcome—Two Little Girls. Spring—Vada Stewart. The Country Girl—Lillie Woodard.

Occupations of Girls—Six Girls. Throwing Kisses—Vada Boone. Not So Easy—Ernest Hutchings.

The Nut Party—Six Boys and Girls.

The Bluebirds' Return—Christiana Holmes.

Wash-day—Beatrice Goodrich. When I'm a Man—Ten Boys. A Little School (with dolls)—Maude Hall.

Hippity—Hoppity—Ho!—Six Boys.

The Minuet—Nora Hawley.

The Sick Baby—A Boy and Girl.

The way in which these pieces were rendered spoke well for the teacher, Miss Mary E. Thornton. The music accompanying was fine.

HIGHER DEPARTMENT.

At 11 a. m. the debate began. The Query—Should Girls have Better School Training than Boys? was discussed in the affirmative by W. M. Woodall and W. Royal, and in the negative by S. T. Hodges and C. R. Young.

The debate was excellent and was listened to with more interest perhaps than any ever witnessed here. As the debate was in progress an alarm that fire had broken out in town only caused temporary panic; the people at once reassembled and the discussion was resumed. Woman as a "help-mate," as a teacher (both in the family and school), as house-keepers, rulers, authoresses, inventresses, a strong intellect to make up for weak bodies, etc., men made by the Creator the natural head; figured through Holy writ as patriarchs, prophets, apostles; built up civilizations, made discoveries, sought out inventions not only for men's benefit, but for women's as well; developed the sciences and established governments.

After hearing the discussion the committee decided that the negative won, and that W. R. Royal made the best speech.

THE ADDRESS.

The first to be heard in the afternoon was the very able address by Prof. Chas. E. Maddy, of Orange county. His theme—North Carolina and her Public Schools—was handled in a masterly way. He held it to be true that the special tax plan was the only hope for North Carolina. Larger districts would help. With more money, better school-houses, better desks, and apparatus and better teachers all would result. He spoke of our obligations made by adopting the Constitutional Amendment, and as a

consequence the great educational awakening over the State. He spoke feelingly of our great Governor, how hard he was laboring in the cause of public education, how with him the greatest educators in the State assembled and addressed the people in North Carolina showing the illiteracy. Prof. Maddy is Superintendent of the Public Schools in Orange. His speech here was pronounced one of the best educational speeches ever delivered here.

CONTEST IN RECITATION AND DECLAMATION.

Prof. Canaday gives a gold medal to the best reciter, and the society gives another to the best declaimer. There were fifteen of the girls and young ladies, and fifteen of the boys and young men who contested. A complete list of all the names and subjects would take up much space so they are not given. Suffice it to say that this part of the program was the best ever witnessed here.

The committee decided that Miss Esther Thornton, of Sampson county, was best reciter and Mr. S. T. Hodges, of Harnett, was best declaimer. Medals were awarded these.

All then repaired to the baseball ground and witnessed an interesting game, it being a contest between married men and single ones. This resulted in a victory for the married nine.

At night a large audience re-assembled at the academy to hear the inimitable lecturer, Henry Blount. His lecture "Beyond the Alps lies Italy" was both entertaining and fitting to boys and girls going out from school to climb the mountains for success.

The names of pupils who made the greatest progress for the whole term were read as follows: Herman Boone, Lettie Ryals, Julia Canaday, Ed. Holmes, Eva Maddy, Beatrice Goodrich.

The same faculty will be continued and the next session will open August 4th. There may be one month summer training school. J. L. W.

A Republican's Estimate of a Republican Administration.

"This war, if you call it war, has gone on for three years. It will go on in some form for 300 years unless your policy be abandoned. You will undoubtedly have times of peace and quiet, or pretended submission. You will buy men with titles or offices or salaries. You will intimidate cowards. You will get pretended and fawning submission. The land will smile and smile and seem at peace. But the volcano will be there. The lava will break out again. You can never settle this thing until you settle it right."

"You have wasted \$600,000,000. You have sacrificed nearly 10,000 American lives—the flower of our youth. You have slain uncounted thousands of the people you desire to benefit. Your generals are coming home from their harvest, bringing their sheaves with them in the shape of other thousands of sick and wounded and insane, to drag out miserable lives, wrecked in body and mind. You make the American flag in the eyes of a numerous people the emblem of sacrilege in Christian churches. I know that, in general, our officers are humane, but in some cases they have carried on your warfare with a mixture of American ingenuity and Castilian cruelty."

—Senator George F. Hoar, of Massachusetts, (rep.)

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.

SELMA NEWS.

Mrs. C. J. Owens, of Weldon, is visiting Mrs. Etheredge.

Mrs. C. W. Richardson went to Raleigh Thursday to visit relatives.

Mrs. J. A. Spiers, Jr., spent a few hours in Raleigh Wednesday shopping.

Miss Julia Robertson, of Clayton, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Hare.

Mrs. Rozetta Vick returned home Monday from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Alex. Martin, of Summerville, S. C.

Miss Mattie Ellington, who has been visiting Miss Fannie Jackson, returned to her home in Manchester, Va., Saturday.

Miss Rosa B. Richardson, who has been teaching at Yadkin College, and Wm. Richardson, Jr., who has been at the A. & M. College returned to Selma Wednesday.

The Trustees of the Selma Graded Schools have re-elected Prof. T. T. Candler as Superintendent, Mr. C. N. Peeler as Principal, re-elected Misses Nannie E. Richardson and Marion Preston as teachers and also elected Miss Mamie G. Tuck as a teacher of the white school, and Wilhe S. King, Principal and Laura J. Atkinson teacher of the colored school. The next session will open on Monday, August 18th, 1902, and continue, with a week for Christmas, nine months.

SENEX.

Pou at Front Royal.

We clip the following from the Raleigh Post, indicating that our townsman and congressman is appreciated away from home as well as in his own district.

Front Royal, Va., May 23.—Special—Representative E. W. Pou delivered the memorial address here today before an audience of fifteen hundred people. The eloquent young North Carolina audience on the historic battle ground, where Jackson won notable victories. His tribute to Lee brought tears to the eyes of many of the old veterans.

Judge Cook, who introduced Mr. Pou, arose at the conclusion of the speech to express his appreciation of the effort which he declared to be the best memorial address ever delivered here. A delegation of veterans waited on Mr. Pou for the purpose of securing the manuscript so as to publish it in pamphlet form.

While in Front Royal Mr. Pou was the guest of the town, and he expressed himself as delighted with his reception.

This was the anniversary of the battle of Front Royal which is celebrated as memorial day.

BEASLEY NOTES.

Miss Parker left for her home near Benson the 24th.

Mr. Sam Hudson, who has been in school at Preston Academy, left for his home at Turkey, Sampson county, the 24th.

Rev. Crumpler, the great sanctificationist, preached at St. John's, the New Holiness church, near here last Saturday and Sunday. He organized a church there Sunday.

The school at Preston Academy taught by Miss S. Anna Parker, closed the 23rd. We did not have any commencement exercises but Miss Parker took the school over to Blackman's pond to spend the afternoon fishing and boat riding, which was enjoyed exceedingly by all present. The fish were not caught in large numbers, but the boat races were just fine.

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