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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.

Lightning struck and burned a stable on Col. J. S. Carr's Occaneechee farm in Orange county Saturday afternoon. The loss is said to be \$2,000.

The postoffice at King's Mountain was robbed Wednesday night. The safe was forced open and about \$75 in cash and \$700 worth of postage stamps were taken.

A man by the name of Williams stabbed to death Lafayette Ruth near Millboro, Randolph county, Wednesday evening. Williams made his escape. Corn liquor was the principal ingredient in the row.

Eighty-one applicants for license to practice medicine, two of whom are ladies and six are negroes, were examined by the State board of medical examiners at Wilmington last week. Seventy-two passed.

Wm. Harrison, a white farmer of Wake county, went to Durham Friday, tanked up and was killed Friday night by jumping off a fast moving street car. The car had stopped for him to get off but he refused to do so and made the fatal leap after the car started, turning several somersaults, and was instantly killed.

John Chamblee, white, of Wake county, has brought suit for divorce on the ground that he was an idiot when married, 15 years ago, and that his wife inveigled him into marrying to get his property; that he had been declared by the court to be feeble-minded. He also makes charges against his wife's character.

The President Friday granted a pardon to Judson Honeycutt, of Madison county, who was serving a twelve months term in a military prison on the charge of desertion. Senator Prichard secured the pardon of the young man at the urgent solicitation of Honeycutt's father, who is not expected to live and who wished to see his son before he died.

A correspondent of the Durham Herald says that 47 young men and four young women composed the graduating class at the University last week and that their denominational bias is as follows: Eighteen Methodists, 10 Presbyterians, 9 Episcopalians, 4 Baptists, 2 Moravians, 1 Christian and 1 Hebrew. Ninety per cent. are members of some branch of the Christian Church.

Friday night at Mt. Olive, in Wayne county, Frank Winn killed Chas. Winn, his cousin, by beating him on the head with a club. Both are colored and had borne good characters. The murderer was arrested. He is a man of property worth \$6,000 or \$7,000. The cause of the trouble was that Chas. Winn had made remarks about Frank which the latter resented.

Mr. Holland Thompson, of Statesville, who has been instructor in Columbia college, New York city, for more than a year, has, by a special vote of the faculty and trustees of the college, been promoted to be instructor of the first rank with quite an increase of salary. He has also been placed on the regular "increase salary" list, which means that his salary will be increased each year over the preceding year.

The Clinton Democrat says that Mr. W. S. Mathews, of Turkey, Sampson county, was "out looking for his geese" a few days ago when something suddenly pounced on his head with terrible force. He was frightened and dazed for a moment but when he recovered he saw a big hawk sailing off with his hat between its claws. The hawk had made a pass at his head and taken his hat. The bird was killed and the hat recovered.

Mr. Wm. Powell, a Wake county farmer, aged about 60 years, dropped dead Friday while plowing in the field.

Mr. J. D. Boone, who has owned and edited the Waynesville Courier for the past eleven years, has sold the paper to Mr. G. C. Briggs, of Asheville. Mr. Boone will enter the ministry of the Baptist Church.

So far as is known the only lady rural free delivery carrier is in Congressman Klutz's district. Miss Nicholson has been carrying the mail over a route from Statesville for some months and has given entire satisfaction.

Kenly Academy Commencement.

The Fifth Annual Commencement Exercises of Kenly Academy satisfied the hopes of the most sanguine. Large crowds, excellent rendition, almost perfect order were in evidence at every exercise. "The best commencement we have ever had," was the unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees and the patrons.

The commencement began with the annual sermon by Elder P. D. Gold, of Wilson, N. C. Mr. Gold took his text from Matt. 12:42—"Behold, a greater than Solomon is here." Mr. Gold handled his subject with consummate skill and inspirational ability. A more powerful sermon would be hard to recall. The large audience heard him with evident satisfaction.

At eight on this same day, June 3, the annual concert came off. The primary department, under the efficient management of Miss Myrtle L. Harper, gave its entertainment on this occasion. All agreed that they had never seen little children do so well. Miss Myrtle is deservedly popular with our people and it is pleasurable to her friends to learn that she will preside over her same department next year. Wednesday morning at 10:30 the following programme was rendered:

Salutatory Address—"The Open Door of Success," by Mr. J. M. Walker, of Union Ridge, N. C.

Literary Address—"Possibilities," by Rev. C. G. Vardell, President Red Springs Seminary.

Valedictory Essay—"The Strenuous Life," by Miss Lily Helen Pair, Kenly, N. C.

The address of Mr. Walker and the essay by Miss Pair were very highly praised. The literary address by Mr. Vardell was pronounced one of the finest addresses ever delivered in these parts. Mr. Vardell's theme was "there is more possibility locked up in the young people present here than in all the rivers, fields, mines and forests of North Carolina." In the course of his address he was very liberally applauded. When he said that "the new morality will demand the same purity of men as it does of women," he stated a subtle truth and stamped his prophetic ability on the heart's tablet of every one present. His delineation of the organic differences between the civilizations of the North and the South was scholarly, statesmanlike, and impressive. His definition of education was as interesting in its exposition as a modern love-story and as inviting in its development as the unfolding of the lily. Mr. Vardell impressed our people as a man who has done things.

Wednesday at 3 p. m., the society representatives acquitted themselves with credit. Following was the programme:

Oration—"Dives and Lazarus," by L. Z. Woodard.

Essay—"Victorious Defeat," by Miss Maude Edgerton.

Oration—"America, a Factor in Civilization," by D. H. Rose.

Essay—"A Perfect Woman, Nobly Planned," by Miss Annie Aycock.

Oration—"The Hero of Santiago," by J. B. Barnes.

Essay—"The Coming War Between Japan and Russia," by Miss Sadie Richardson.

Wednesday night at 8:30, the annual recital of the music and elocution departments came off. The programme consisted of in-

strumental solos and duets, vocal solos, recitations, and tableaux. No musical entertainment given here was ever so thoroughly enjoyed as this one.

Thus closed the most eventful commencement of this most eventful institution. We can not attempt to give an extended or even a partial list of the prominent visitors. Never less than 2,000 people were in the building and around the grounds. Fully 3,000 were present the last night.

Mr. D. B. Sasser, Goldsboro, N. C., won the Mathematics medal. Miss Lily Helen Pair, Kenly, N. C., won the scholarship of free tuition for one year at Kenly Academy. Miss Sadie Richardson won the Essayist medal; Mr. J. B. Barnes the Orator's medal, and Miss Leone Edgerton the Music medal.

There were two games of baseball. Kenly Academy was victorious in both instances.

Kenly, N. C., June 10, 1902.

POLENTA NEWS.

The sermon preached by Rev. W. G. Hall, the pastor, at Shiloh last Sunday morning, was indeed a very strong one, so says all who heard it.

Messrs. W. T. Johnson, Bartlett Johnson, Babe Coats, Chas. Johnson and A. Woodall, all have extra fine crops of tobacco. Hard to tell which is best.

From the present outlook the woods will be full of political aspirants this year. Some of them have already written to their "dear friends." Some of these must of necessity be disappointed as there is not enough offices to go around.

The continuous dry weather is damaging the oat crop. Early corn begins to need rain. The cool nights have somewhat checked the growth of cotton, and have caused the cut worm to do considerable harm to tobacco and corn.

Miss Addie Barber has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Lee, who lives at Benson.

Mrs. Telitha Parrish, of Elevation, visited friends in this neighborhood last week.

On the day of the picnic, she was sick, and remained at home, consequently "Sol" could not, as pre-arranged, take her to the picnic in his new outfit; the boys say he was very much worried at his disappointment, and was only consoled by seeing she was well supplied with ice-cream, lemonade and other goodies of the occasion, notwithstanding she was five miles or more distant from the scene of action. He says he means business this time.

Mr. T. J. Lassiter and Rev. W. G. Hall were in the community Tuesday.

The harvesting of wheat will begin soon. In some instances the crop is fine, in others it will not be so good.

Miss Bertha Jones spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Hattie Coats, near Clayton.

Sorry to report that Mr. J. W. Yelvington is confined to his bed with measles.

Miss Lizzie Tomlinson, who lives in the Preston section is confined to her bed with measles. Hope for her speedy recovery.

TYPO.

ROME RIPPLES.

Last Saturday morning Mr. John Wood's turpentine distillery caught on fire while in operation. His loss is estimated at \$300.

Arthur Lee does not believe in hauling tobacco flues with wild stock, since he recently lost part of his load four times in going a distance of two miles.

We are glad to note that Mr. Claude Lee has recovered from his recent illness so as to be able to look after his farm affairs.

A host of friends sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker, in the death of their daughter, Miss Sarah, which occurred last Saturday morning after a brief illness.

HERBERT L.

The Senate has decided to vote on the Isthmian canal bill June 19.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Regular Correspondence.

Washington, June 10.

"Once we get this Philippine bill out of the way I will be able to give you some definite information," remarked Senator Allison some time ago when I asked him of the probable date of adjournment, but the Senator is more at sea than ever now, and so is everyone else at the Capitol. Representative Payne who, in his capacity of chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, should introduce the adjournment resolution, assured me yesterday that he had not even given the matter any thought and Representative Cannon stated that "no one had the slightest idea when they would get through." The fact is that the Republicans are badly divided and there is almost no prospect of harmony. The consideration of the Philippine bill in the House is a source of grave concern to the party leaders but the Cuban reciprocity bill is causing even more anxiety.

The Republican leaders in the House are meeting with unexpected resistance to their wishes in regard to the Philippine bill. It had been their intention to report a rule which would compel the adoption, with comparatively little debate, of the Lodge bill in place of the bill framed by the Insular Committee but these representatives who became awakened to the realization of their power by the beet sugar revolt have given notice that they do not intend to be coerced and the leaders are none too confident of their own strength. The Speaker has set the consideration of the Philippine bill for June 18th, in hope that the lateness of the date will make the majority more supine as a result of their anxiety to adjourn, but there are a number of members who, having once felt their power, propose to exercise it. The House bill is by no means as autocratic in its provisions as the Senate measure. It provides for a Philippine congress, the upper house to consist practically of the Philippine Commission and the lower house to be elected by the people; whereas the Senate bill, as I have before pointed out, simply continues the present autocracy of the President. The House bill also provides for the establishment of a gold basis for the currency of the islands, whereas the Senate measure continues and extends the currency on a silver basis. The differences in the House bill have strong advocates and it is doubtful if they will yield even to the scourging of the party whip.

During the final hours of the Philippine debate in the Senate, Senator Culberson presented some official papers, the most important being the letter of a private soldier, Andrew K. Weir, formulating charges against one Lieutenant Arnold. This letter had reached the War Department a year ago, and there had followed an investigation which resulted in a report from Captain P. W. West, who stated that "a thorough investigation would substantiate Weir's charges," that Arnold had at least condoned cruel and inhuman treatment of prisoners. On receipt of Captain West's report, General Miles recommended that Arnold be court-martialed, but evidently his recommendation was ignored for nothing further transpired until the 22nd of May when Senator Culberson introduced a resolution calling on the Secretary of War for a copy of Weir's charges. This resolution resulted in the announcement that Arnold had been ordered before a court-martial, after having continued in the exercise of his official authority for a full year after the filing of Weir's charges. Why Secretary Root had failed to act on General Miles' recommendation and court-martial Arnold is not disclosed.

There is, however, a sequel to the tale. Senator Culberson, by some unknown means, secured a copy of Weir's charges, West's report and Miles' recommendation and read them in the Senate

on June 2d. Root is, of course, intensely angry at this exposure of the workings of his department and is conducting an investigation to ascertain how copies of these papers were obtained and Senator Beveridge, by a remark which he considered he had best have eliminated from the Congressional Record, directly implicated General Miles by asking Culberson if he obtained the papers from Miles. Culberson denied that he had done so but it is known that every effort is being made by Root to implicate Miles and if he succeeds the President will doubtless immediately retire the General. It may be that such Star-chamber proceedings are necessary concomitants of an imperialistic policy, but the suppression of the facts, the ignoring of the General Commanding the Army and the failure to act on the confirmed charges of brutality and inhumanity against an army officer will inevitably incense the people and disgust them with the present administration of the War Department.

The past week in the Senate has been devoted to the consideration of the Nicaraguan canal bill in the House to the discussion of the bill for the protection of the President. The latter will be followed by Representative Lacey's bill, transferring the custody of the Forest Reserves from the Department of the Interior to the Department of Agriculture and it is expected that it will be followed by the Irrigation bill, which has already passed the Senate.

Sheriff Ellington Calls on President Roosevelt.

Our readers will be interested in the following item which appeared in Mr. Thomas J. Pence's Washington letter in Tuesday's Raleigh Post:

Sheriff J. T. Ellington, of Johnston county, whose record is such that he is known as the model sheriff in North Carolina, was presented to the President this morning by Congressman Poin. After waiting at the White House some time both gentlemen decided to leave with the expectation of calling again to-morrow. By the time they had left the building they were overtaken by a messenger from Secretary Cortelyou who informed them that the President was ready to see them. The interview with the President was a most pleasant one. Sheriff Ellington proceeded to put himself on good terms with the President at the start. "I want to tell you," the sheriff said, "that your description of a populist in American Ideals is one of the very best things you have ever written." No sooner was this said than the President extended his hand and said "Let's shake again."

ATFA NOTES.

We are glad to see cotton and corn looking so promising throughout this section.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stephenson spent last Saturday and Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. W. P. Creech in the Banner section.

Mr. W. H. Stephenson, who has been attending King's Business College at Raleigh, has returned home to spend vacation. He will return to the college in September to complete his course.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Z. L. Coats has lost his horse.

R. B. C.

Saved From an Awful Fate.

"Everybody said I had consumption," writes Mrs. A. M. Shields, of Chambersburg, Pa. "I was so low after six months of severe sickness, caused by Hay Fever and Asthma, that few thought I could get well, but I learned of the marvelous merit of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, used it, and was completely cured." For desperate Throat and Lung Diseases it is the safest cure in the world, and is infallible for Coughs, Colds and Bronchial Affections. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Hood Bros.

SELMA SOCIAL CHAT.

Mrs. J. P. Winston of Lonsburg, spent Monday in the city on her way to Morehead City.

Quite a number of young men spent Tuesday at Holt's pond fishing, but, came back empty handed.

Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Noble returned Sunday from New York where they spent a very enjoyable week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Winston and Miss Margaret Etheredge left Monday for Morehead to spend a week or two.

Miss Mary Hatcher returned home Friday from Durham where she has been attending Trinity Commencement.

T. O. B.

SELMA NEWS.

Selma will have the best ball team this summer she has ever had. Work has already begun on the grounds and the players are practicing faithfully. Selma wishes to make dates with some of the good teams of the adjoining counties. Some of the players who have given in their names as desiring to play are: G. D. Vick, R. P. Noble, E. H. Parker, J. S. Lee, "Bunk" Hood, Robert Gibson, S. B. Lee, William Richardson, Jr., A. M. Noble Jr., Capt. Fowler, Morton, and several others.

Mrs. Mattie Holder and Miss Julia Richardson who have been visiting Mrs. R. B. Whitley went to Durham Thursday to visit friends.

Mr. C. W. Richardson went to Wake county on business Tuesday.

Our citizens met Monday and organized a furniture company. It is named "The Selma Furniture Company," and will make and sell furniture. They will build a two-story brick building near The Hardware Co., and hope to open in time to catch the trade when tobacco is sold. Our best merchants are backing it and it is bound to succeed.

Miss Annie Hood has returned from Greensboro where she has been attending the Normal School.

Miss Nannie Richardson left Thursday for Morehead City.

Miss Lona Williams returned to Clayton Wednesday.

Mr. Will H. McCullers spent Monday here.

Messrs. W. H. Call and Robert Millard Nowell and Misses Fannie Jackson and Julia Etheredge went to the ice cream supper in Smithfield Tuesday night.

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PERLINA NOTES.

(Too late for last week.)

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Coats and little son, of Harnett, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Coats' father, Mr. G. H. Stephenson.

Mrs. Wm. Carrell is spending this week with her son, Mr. Jas. Carrell, at Lunar.

Mrs. R. S. Parrish and children, Lena and Carl, of Smithfield, are spending this week with the parents of Mrs. Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnson.

Among those who visited in the neighborhood Sunday were Messrs. Walter Coats, Eugene Stevens, Robert Lee and Miss Bessie Coats, of Leachburg; Mr. Jas. Johnson, of Buie's Creek, and Mr. Herbert Austin, of Atfa.

We are glad to note the convalescence of Miss Nellie Lee, who has been ill with malarial fever for several weeks.

JACK AND GY'SY.

Perlina, June 5.

My little son had an attack of whooping cough and was threatened with pneumonia; but for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy we would have had a serious time of it. It also saved him from several attacks of croup.—H. J. Strickfaden, editor World-Herald, Fair Haven, Wash. For sale by Hood Bros., Smithfield, Cavenaugh and Benson, Benson, Hare and Son, Selma.