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MORNE ROUGE ANNIHILATED.

Mont Pelee Sends Forth Flame—Two Hundred People Perish.

Castries, Island of St. Lucia, B. W. I., Sept. 1.—The British steamer Korona arrived here yesterday evening from Fort de France, Island of Martinique. She reports that a terrible eruption of Mont Pelee occurred at 11 o'clock Saturday night and that the people who arrived at Fort de France from the northern part of the island reported that the village of Morne Rouge, near the district previously devastated, had been entirely destroyed and that Le Carbet, a village on the coast which was destroyed at the time of the great eruption had been swept by a tidal wave. About two hundred persons lost their lives.

A sloop from the island of St. Vincent, which reached here this morning, reports that Mont Pelee's crater is now quiet, but that the detonations during Saturday night were the loudest heard up to that time and that the inhabitants were terribly alarmed.

Mont Pelee has been in constant eruption since August 15. There was an enormous fall of ashes from the volcano the night of the 25th. There was a very severe eruption the night of the 28th, when the volcanic rumblings were heard at a great distance. The mountain burned fiercely that night and out at sea, passing vessels were covered with ashes. The night of the 30th there were three separate eruptions.

It is impossible to approach the ruined town of St. Pierre from the sea. The people of the village of Le Carbet, on the coast, are terror-stricken, and flying to the interior. Hot water is pouring down on Lorraine and Bass Pointe, villages to the northeast of the crater. Horrible detonations were heard, the ground rocked and quaked, and articles on tables were thrown to the floor.

In addition to the two hundred persons reported to have lost their lives at Le Carbet and Morne Rouge, many other persons are said to have been killed all over the northern districts of the island. The governor of Martinique is believed to have started for the scene of destruction.

When the steamer Korona arrived here yesterday she was covered with ashes and scoria.

Burned Herself to Death.

Word was received here last night that Miss Mary Passmore, of Cary, had burned herself to death yesterday.

She lived with her mother and yesterday morning was doing her domestic work as usual about the house. About 11 o'clock smoke was discovered in one of the out houses. Upon investigation Miss Passmore was found with all her clothing burned off and she herself horribly burned and unconscious.

Soon after being carried into the house she became conscious and said that she intended to kill herself. Dr. Boone, of Morrisville, was summoned, but could do nothing and she died at half past one o'clock. She was between 40 and 45 years of age. No cause is assigned for the deed. —Raleigh News and Observer, Aug. 31.

On rounding a curve on a high embankment near Berry, Ala., Monday the engine and four cars of an excursion train on the Southern Railway leaped from the track and rolled over and over down the incline, smashing the coaches into kindling wood and causing the instant death of 30 persons and the injury of 81 others. Physicians say at least 29 of the injured cannot live. With the exception of H. M. Dudley, trainmaster of the Southern Railway, and engineer J. W. Crook, living at Birmingham, and Roscoe Shelby, of Columbus, Miss., all of the dead and injured are negroes who had taken advantage of excursion rates from points in Mississippi to Birmingham.

General News Items.

Hester reports the cotton crop for the season ended September 1st, 10,680,680 bales.

In a battle between mine guards and strikers on Crane Creek, W. Va., last week men on each side were killed.

The Seaboard Air Line has given an order to the Baldwin Locomotive Works for thirty-one new locomotives.

A through train on the L. & N. Railroad was held up by two masked men near Nashville, Tenn. Monday, and the express safe robbed.

Labor day was observed generally throughout the country by suspension of business at many places and parades of labor associations.

The employes of forty different callings are on a strike at Florence, Italy, and it is estimated that 40,000 men are idle. Six thousand troops, in addition to the police, are on guard to prevent trouble.

Mr. Brewton, auditor of Spartanburg county, S. C., committed suicide at his home in Spartanburg Sunday morning by cutting his throat with a razor. His health is supposed to have been the cause of the deed.

The receipts of the Treasury Department for the month of August exceed the expenditures by \$5,955,812, an unexpectedly large surplus. The total receipts were \$48,605,812, the expenditures \$42,650,000.

President Roosevelt's carriage was struck by an electric car at Pittsfield, Mass., Wednesday. The President and Secretary Cortelyou were slightly injured. Driver Pratt was severely hurt and Detective Craig was instantly killed. Governor Crane escaped injury.

While in Vermont last week the President participated in a hunting expedition and shot a wild boar. Whether the boar was conveniently tied up for the occasion is not stated. The President will visit Chattanooga, Tenn., next Monday, 8th, and will be in Asheville on the 9th—next Tuesday.

A dispatch from Manila says the Sultan of Bincayan, who was held as a hostage by the American forces at Camp Vickers, Island of Mindanao, attempted to escape from his guards last Thursday and was shot and killed by a sentry. The Sultan had been arrested after the recent murder of an American soldier in Mindanao and was being held pending the surrender of the murderers.

Members of the Cotton States Association of commissioners of agriculture have made estimates of the growing crop of cotton. These estimates are of course subject to weather conditions during September and are based on the great deterioration that they believe has taken place in a number of cotton States during the latter half of August. The total estimate is for 9,713,394 bales, as compared with 9,952,762 bales ginned last year.

Manny Price, the murderer of W. F. Brunson, together with another negro named Bob Scruggs, were lynched near Newberry, Fla., Monday afternoon by a party of about 300 men. The negroes were being taken from Newberry to Gainsville by special deputies and the party overpowered them and took the prisoners away. They were given a chance to confess, which they did, and then strung up on a tree and their bodies riddled with bullets.

Cholera is on the increase in the Philippines. Saturday 340 cases were reported in the provinces. The total reported up to date is 27,929 cases and 19,640 deaths from the disease. As a result of the war, rinderpest among the cattle and the epidemic of cholera, agriculture is at present seriously depressed throughout the Philippine Islands. Governor Taft estimates the area under cultivation this year at half that of an ordinary year. Many districts are badly impoverished.

Superior Court Proceedings.

Johnston County Superior Court met here Monday, with Judge E. W. Timberlake presiding and Armistead Jones solicitor.

The following grand jury was drawn:

W. H. Hare, foreman, A. J. Starling, Jesse Brown, T. H. Atkinson, T. H. Whitley, G. W. Britt, M. F. Caudill, Eli Batten, A. W. Peedin, Preston Wallace, D. E. Wallace, W. M. Holt, B. F. Godwin, B. D. Wood, Z. B. Woodall, J. R. George, J. U. Oliver and Jethro Pittman.

N. R. Green was appointed officer of the grand jury.

Alter the Judge's charge to the grand jury the following criminal cases were disposed of:

State versus Dave Lane, assault with deadly weapon; four months on Clayton roads.

State vs. Si Dublin, Jerry Watson, Isaac Watson and Allen Watson, Jr., affray. Jerry Watson guilty, others not guilty. Jerry to pay all costs.

State vs. Hector Ogburn, assault; one year on Clayton roads.

State vs. Joseph Johnson, larceny and receiving; four months on Clayton roads.

Will Haywood, carrying concealed weapon; 90 days on Clayton roads.

Will Johnson, housebreaking; five years in the penitentiary.

Ed Durham and Bud Parker, a. d. w.; Parker guilty and fined \$5.00 and cost. Durham not guilty.

Charles Thomas, a. d. w. Eight months on New Hanover roads.

Asa Talton pleaded guilty to an assault and was sent to jail six months, with commissioners to hire out and pay costs.

Plenty Smith was found guilty of cruelty to animals and judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Gus Brooks, assault and battery; four months on Clayton roads.

John Winfield and Henry Smith were both found guilty of larceny and receiving and judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Rozell Fields, c. c. w.; four months on Clayton roads.

Thomas Sater, Frank Moore and Earl Jones were before His Honor charged with trespass. Sater had one-third of costs to pay; others went free.

Addie Haywood, cursing, 30 days in jail.

W. B. Pope, a. d. w., six months on New Hanover roads.

Luther Evans, l and r, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

James Randal Watson, l and r, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Ruben Weathers, l and r, four months on Clayton roads.

Grant Oneal, disposing of mortgaged property, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Willie Welborn, l and r, eight months on New Hanover roads.

Tom Hurst, a. d. w., six months on Clayton roads.

Lonnie Richardson, c. c. w., four months on Clayton roads.

Henry Stewart, c. c. w., fined \$5 and costs.

The civil docket was taken up. Some cases were disposed of and many continued.

Court adjourned sine die Wednesday afternoon.

A Buck's Stove Free.

The H. H. & B. Co. of our town will give another Buck's Junior Range to the girl under 14 years of age who makes the greatest number of words from the letters contained in the words, "Buck's Stoves and Ranges." No slang words or proper names will be counted. The singular and plural of the same word will not be counted. The range will be given away on Friday, October 31st. The contest is going to attract a great deal of attention as there is not a little girl in the county who would not like to have the range.

Hon. H. A. Gudger, United States consul general to Panama, is at his home in Asheville on a visit. He will doubtless take a hand in the Republican campaign.

THE SENATORIAL CONVENTION.

Richardson and Godwin Nominated by Acclamation.

The Senatorial Convention for the Fifteenth district, composed of the counties of Johnston, Harnett and Sampson, met in Dunn last Saturday. Our townsman Mr. James A. Wellons was made permanent chairman.

Mr. Clarence W. Richardson, of Selma, was placed in nomination on the part of Johnston and Mr. H. L. Godwin, of Dunn, on the part of Harnett and Sampson. Mr. M. F. Hatcher, of Harnett, seconded the nomination of Mr. Richardson and Mr. W. W. Cole, of Smithfield, seconded that of Mr. Godwin.

On motion they were nominated by acclamation.

The nominees, Messrs. Richardson and Godwin, are both sterling young Democrats who will carry the district by a handsome majority and represent us with credit and ability. Mr. Richardson is a successful young farmer and business man and Mr. Godwin is a young lawyer of talents who is fast taking his stand with the older lawyers of his section.

Congressman Pou was called for and made a ringing speech making an earnest appeal for Democrats to stand together.

CLAYTON NOTES.

Messrs. W. A. Barnes and W. E. Stallings are away at northern markets to buy fall and winter stock.

Miss Allene McCullers left Tuesday for Raleigh to attend the Baptist Female University.

Messrs. A. J. Barbour and Chas. W. Horne have returned from northern markets.

Rev. John Lewis of Clarksville, Va., spent several days here the latter part of last week and first of this. He preached two able sermons in the Baptist Church Sunday.

Jno. S. Barnes & Co. will have their opening sale Saturday, 6th of September.

Miss Pearl Robertson is visiting friends in Greensboro for a few days. She will go from there on an extended visit to friends in northern cities.

The fall term of The Clayton School opened Monday. The prospects for a successful session seem brighter than ever before. Sixty-five students were enrolled.

Messrs. M. G. Gulley and E. L. Hinton attended court two days this week.

Mr. B. M. Robertson and mother spent Sunday and Monday in Smithfield.

Our farmers are ahead on cotton. One man has picked and sold from a two horse crop 10 bales. This was done in August.

Mrs. C. W. Carter returned Tuesday from a visit to her relatives in Virginia.

The hearts of our people were saddened Sunday when they learned that Mrs. J. L. Johnson had died. She died a few minutes after 5 o'clock. She leaves to mourn her loss, two very little children, husband and a host of friends and relatives.

Misses Nannie Leach and Mabel Culbreth arrived Saturday to take their places as teachers in The Clayton School.

Mr. Asa Farmer left Thursday for a visit to relatives in Iredell county.

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FOUR OAKS ITEMS.

The Johnson Chapel Sunday School Convention, August 31st, was well represented by the young people of Four Oaks.

Mr. I. M. Massengill, who has been engaged in business with the firm known as Massengill Bros., has accepted a position with Mr. D. H. Sanders.

The young people of Four Oaks say that Mr. W. E. Massengill's scuppernon vineyard will be visited many times during grape season.

Misses Geneva Sater and Marie Eakins returned to their home in Raleigh Saturday after an extended visit to relatives and friends in Four Oaks.

Messrs. O. D. Stanley and E. L.

Creech, of Smithfield, were in our town Sunday.

Messrs. Charlie Creech and Albert Keen, who have been visiting relatives and friends in Four Oaks for the past few weeks, returned to their home in Maxton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Moore, of Benson, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eason Johnson, in the Spilona district Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Massengill visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Massengill, in the Ezra section Sunday.

We are glad to note that the Four Oaks String Band, one of the best bands of the county, has reorganized and equipped themselves for good music.

The protracted meeting is in progress at the Methodist church this week, the pastor, Rev. J. W. Fisher, conducting the meeting.

PENNY NOTES.

The farmers are very busy in our section with their tobacco and cotton.

Mr. L. F. Austin attended the convention at Smithfield last Thursday.

Miss Mary Dunn, who has been visiting her friend, Miss Alice Penny, left Saturday for her home near Bentonville. Miss Dunn made many friends while in our part of the country. Hope she will come again soon.

Mr. L. H. Adams, of Raleigh, visited his sister, Mrs. J. A. Sorrell, Sunday.

Messrs. Cleon Austin, from near Clayton and Ralph Stevens, of Smithfield, were welcome visitors in our section last Friday.

Mr. Ernest Jones sold a barn of tobacco at the barn door last week for \$150.

Miss Jeter Penny, who spent last week with friends at Wilson's Mills, returned Sunday. She reports a delightful time.

Mr. E. L. Sorrell, one of our most excellent young boys, left Wednesday for the A. and M. College, at Raleigh. His many friends wish him much success and progress while in school there.

Last Wednesday evening was very pleasantly spent at Mr. Gus Penny's. The occasion was a melon party. It was largely attended and all present seemed to enjoy the evening.

Misses Mary Booker and Myna Johnson, of Polenta section, are visiting Misses Julia and Lovie Austin this week.

Messrs. A. T. and F. T. Banks were visitors of their sister, Mrs. A. C. Penny last week. Mr. F. T. Banks leaves this week for Elon College where he will spend his second year in school.

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BLACK CREEK NEWS.

A Sunday School convention will be held at Elevation the 5th Sunday in November.

We are sorry to note that Miss Louise Hobbs continues sick.

Mrs. Patsy Canada of Polenta, died Friday and was buried at St. Mary's Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. R. U. Barbour spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Stephenson, of Smithfield.

Of the visitors in our section this week, we note the following: Miss Kittie Lassiter, of Benson; Miss Laura Williams, of Raleigh, and Mrs. J. T. Cole and children, of Four Oaks.

The Sunday School convention at Johnson's Chapel was quite a success. The program was as follows:

10:00 a. m.—Devotional Exercises by the pastor.

10:30 a. m.—Address by J. H. Boon, of Benson.

12:00 m.—Dinner.

1:30 p. m.—Address by Prof. J. P. Canaday of Benson. Subject, Correct Home Training and the Influence of Sunday School on the Lives of Children.

2:30 p. m.—Talk by Mr. L. E. Stancil on Why a Christian Should be a Member of Sunday School.

3:00 p. m.—Mr. J. R. Johnson made an interesting talk on What is the Sunday School to the World?

SELMA SOCIAL CHAT.

Miss Lula Tisdale, of Burlington, is teaching music in our graded school.

Mrs. Julia Seymour and daughter, of Little Rock, Ark., while on a visit to North Carolina, arrived Monday, guests of Mrs. Wm. Richardson.

Miss Rena Edgerton, of Kenly, is visiting her brother, Mr. N. E. Edgerton.

Prof. R. R. Eason, who has been spending the summer with his mother, left Tuesday for Elgin, Texas, where he resumes his duties as superintendent of the graded schools.

Miss Lizzie Ellington, of Raleigh, who is visiting Mrs. M. C. Winston, leaves to-day (Friday.)

Mrs. Alex Martin (nee Miss Dora Vick,) who has been visiting relatives in West Virginia, returned this week.

Misses Laurine and Mary Norris Richardson, of Greensboro, who have been visiting Mrs. J. W. Vick, left Friday.

Miss Madearris, of Winston, spent a few days of last week with Miss Julia Fuller Etherage.

Misses Lorraine and Annie Watson, who have been visiting Mrs. H. H. Preston, returned to their home in Fayetteville, Friday.

Rev. Mr. Adams, pastor of the Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Mr. Powell, of Mount Moriah, have been holding a series of meetings in the Baptist church here for the past ten days. These men of God labored faithfully and much good was accomplished through their efforts.

Mrs. J. H. Jackson returned a few days ago from a visit to relatives in Virginia.

Miss Fannie Jackson, one of the brightest and most beloved members of the Bachelor Maids' Club, will give a farewell reception to the T. O. B's. Friday afternoon five to seven.

Among those who have left us this week are Misses Cora Richardson and Rena Edgerton, who resume their duties at Louisburg Female College, Miss Mattie Robertson, who goes to Mount Moriah High school, and Mr. William Richardson, Jr., who left for the A. & M. at Raleigh.

Mr. John Edgerton and Miss Leonie Edgerton, of Kenly, passed through on their way to Tennessee Monday. Mr. Edgerton is a graduate of the Vanderbilt University at Nashville.

T. O. B.

ARJUND GLENMORE.

Mr. W. A. Sanders is attending court this week.

Mr. R. H. Allen, of the Four Oaks section was in our community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Sanders attended quarterly meeting at Ebenezer Sunday, near Bentonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Strickland attended services at Bizzell's Grove Sunday.

Miss Emily Smith returned home Monday, after an extended visit here to the Misses Sanders.

Rev. Mr. Jernigan will fill his regular appointments at New Hope Saturday p. m. and Sunday a. m.

Rev. J. A. Rouse will begin his revival at the Holiness church Sunday night.

The singing at Sanders School House is well attended. Mr. Eason is an excellent teacher and the children are learning fast. You see we have a "new attraction."

Most of our farmers have completed curing their tobacco. Messrs. A. L. Massengill and J. E. Mahler finished Monday and Tuesday and enjoyed an "hour's picnic" afterwards. Lemonade and watermelons were in abundance.

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Mary Jane Simpson, a colored woman who was with the family of Mr. W. R. Talianferro in Charlotte, blew out the gas in her room Thursday night and was found dead in bed next morning. She was 80 years old and was highly esteemed as a type of the ante bellum servant.