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## STATE NEWS.

Waynesville has voted \$50,000 of bonds for street improvements.

There are 15 or more cases of smallpox at High Point and compulsory vaccination has been ordered.

The safe of Rouse Brothers, bankers at LaGrange, N. C., was robbed by burglars Tuesday night and about \$3,500 taken.

Dan Teachy, who killed Robt. Rivenbark in Duplin county some weeks ago, escaped from Duplin jail at Kenansville Friday night.

A commercial and savings bank, with a capital of \$5,000 is to be established at Cornelius, the mill village near Davidson. J. B. Cornelius and others are the incorporators.

The Afro-American Advocate, a negro paper, has made its appearance in Wilmington. It will eschew politics and be devoted solely to the interest and the upbuilding of its race it says.

Bitter politics are stirring up Asheville, over the liquor question. The saloons are charged with having a corruption fund of \$8,000. Preacher Vines has received a threatening letter saying that he would be thrashed.

The barn of J. O. Wilson, about seven miles from Louisburg, was burned Friday morning. Two young mules, a good horse and a lot of food and two tons of guano were also burned. The loss is about \$1,000 with no insurance.

Mr. Wm. A. Gattis, a Confederate veteran and a well known citizen, died at his home in Raleigh Sunday. He was 60 years old, was a native of Orange county and a brother of Rev. T. J. Gattis, of the North Carolina Conference.

Prof. C. C. Crittenden, of the chair of pedagogy and assistant professor of English at Wake Forest college, died Thursday night of heart trouble. He was 31 years old and a son of Dr. Crittenden, of Crewe, Va., where his remains were taken for burial. The deceased once taught in Concord.

Governor Aycock has sent out 1,000 personal letters to prominent persons in all parts of the State, urging them to subscribe money toward a North Carolina exhibit at the St. Louis exposition, it being necessary that \$10,000 in private subscriptions be secured before the \$10,000 State appropriation is available under the act of the Legislature.

Miss May Guess, 18 years old and living near Sanford, Moore county, tried to commit suicide by taking laudanum, Thursday night, but her life was saved. It seems that Miss Guess was in love with one Dock Murdock, but her parents objected to the alliance and Murdock showed a disposition to drop out of the game. This brought matters to a climax and when the tragedy was enacted Murdock was summoned by the erstwhile objecting parents, by which token it is assumed that the young woman gained her point.

A mass meeting of the anti-saloonites was held in Durham Tuesday night and candidates named for the municipal election. Rev. R. C. Beaman opened the meeting with prayer and Mr. James H. Southgate presided. The resolutions declared that the open barroom was a menace to morality and good government and that elections should be held in the fall to banish the saloon from Durham, that they would not ask the aldermen not to grant the license to the saloon, but the people should vote out the saloon.

### Quick Arrest.

J. A. Gullledge of Verbena, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing 24 tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured it. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25c. at Hood Bros., Druggists.

## AN UNFAVORABLE WEEK.

Land too Wet for Plowing and Farmers Fell Behind with their Work.

The weekly crop bulletin of the North Carolina section of the Climate and Crop Service, issued by the Weather Bureau for the week ending Monday, was as follows:

"During the past week weather conditions have continued very unfavorable for both farming operations and growth of most crops. Rain fell nearly every day, the total precipitation for the week ranging from 0.40 inch at Asheville and 1.60 at Wilmington to 3.16 at Raleigh. Land was too wet for any plowing to be done except on hill tops, and farmers are much behind with their crop. A little frost, causing little damage, occurred in the eastern counties on the morning of the 22nd. On the morning of the 24th a heavy frost occurred in the central and western portions of the State, and killing frost in some elevated localities, the thermometer falling to 30 degrees at Asheville; wheat and truck in the west portion were somewhat damaged, and fruit entirely killed in some places. Hail storms occurred locally during the first part of the week and caused slight damage in scattered localities.

"Some cotton has been planted but the soil is too cold and wet for it to germinate. In the eastern and central portions the corn crop is partly planted, but young plants show a poor stand and some fields will need replanting. Tobacco transplanting has been completed at a very few points, the work being hindered by rain and lack of prepared land. Winter grain is doing well in some sections, but numerous complaints of rust, and a few of the hessian fly and chinch bugs, are received. Grass and clover, wherever reported, are doing well. In the eastern counties Irish potatoes present an excellent appearance, the fruit prospect is promising, and shipments of truck and strawberries continue."

### Crop Report of National Bureau.

Washington, April 28.—The Weather Bureau's weekly crop report says:

The drought in Florida and in the central and West Gulf States, especially in the last mentioned section, has grown more serious, and over large areas the ground is too dry for germination of seed.

As in the previous week corn planting has made slow progress, more particularly over the central and eastern portions of the corn belt and in the middle Atlantic States, but better progress has been made in Kansas and Nebraska, and preparations for planting have been vigorously carried on in Iowa and portions of Illinois. In the Southern States corn has suffered from low temperatures, and in the Central and West Gulf districts from drought, also east of the Mississippi River early cotton has been injured by cold and much replanting will be necessary. Planting in this part of the cotton belt has progressed rapidly, except in Mississippi, where, as in the districts West of the Mississippi, planting, although well advanced, has been largely suspended during the past week on account of drought. Warmth is generally needed throughout the cotton belt, and the Central and Western districts are in urgent need of rain.

Tobacco plants continue plentiful and healthy, though backward in Kentucky. No transplanting has yet been done, except in the Carolinas, but plants are ready for setting in Tennessee. In North Carolina the plants are not starting well, and in South Carolina stands are being impaired by worms and injury has been caused by hail storms.

Senator Simmons will deliver an address before the North Carolina Society in New York May 20. His subject will be "The Race Question."

## General News Items.

Gov. De Forest Richards, of Wyoming, died at Cheyenne, Tuesday.

The Southern Baptist Convention will meet in Savannah, Ga., May 9th.

Alexander Ramsey, first territorial governor of Minnesota, died at St. Paul last week.

East of the Mississippi early cotton has been injured by cold and much replanting will be necessary.

Three persons committed suicide in Washington city Tuesday. All used carbolic acid as a means of ending life.

William R. Hearst editor of The New York Journal was married in New York Tuesday to Miss Millicent Wilson.

Venezuela and the allies have agreed upon submitting the question of preferential treatment to The Hague tribunal.

Irving M. Scott, the Marylander who was general manager of the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, and one of the most noted snipbuilders in the world, is dead.

Fire at Columbus, Ohio, early Sunday morning destroyed property of the value of \$600,000. Daniel Lewis, captain of an engine company, was killed by a falling wall.

Andrew Carnegie, has given \$1,500,000 to build a Temple of Peace at The Hague, in Holland, wherein will be held the permanent courts of arbitration differences between nations.

Thomas F. G. Seixas, Joseph Travis and B. Frank Brown, school directors, convicted of trying to extort money from teachers, and David G. Johnson, who acted as go-between, have been sentenced in Philadelphia, to 18 months' imprisonment.

G. Hallman Sims pleaded guilty to the embezzlement of \$94,000 of the funds of the Capitol City National Bank at Atlanta Ga., and was sentenced to six years in the Federal prison. Sims was collection clerk of the bank, and was for sometime a prominent figure in the social world of Atlanta.

Last week W. A. Morgan, who lived near Pensacola, Fla., received a package of prepared food through the mails, ate some of it and died almost instantly. An analysis of the food showed it to be largely composed of strychnine. The motive for the crime or the criminal have not been revealed.

Twenty-five Jews were killed and 275 were wounded, many of them fatally, during antisemitic riots at Kishineff, capital of Bessarabia, Russia, April 20, when a number of workmen organized an attack on the Jewish inhabitants. The minister of the interior has ordered the adoption of measures to restore order in the town and district.

Eight masked men broke into a house at Blomington, Ill., Sunday and whitecapped Misses Rebecca and Ida Stephens, white, aged 18 and 16 years, and also whipped Joe Shiveley, a negro. She negro was whipped with barbed wire and was hit in the eye with brass knuckles. The older girl was whipped with wire and the younger with apple switches, but neither is dangerously injured. Many of the whitecapps were recognized and warrants will be sworn out for their arrest.

Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Ruthford, both of New York, were married in St. Mark's church, London, at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Mr. Vanderbilt is the oldest son of the late Wm. H. Vanderbilt and is 54 years old. He was divorced from his wife several years ago and the woman married soon thereafter. It was necessary to get a decree of the court before Vanderbilt could marry, as the original decree of divorce prohibited his marrying during the life of his former wife. The new Mrs. Vanderbilt has been twice married but both her husbands are dead. She was never divorced.

## LANDS LEASED FOR MINING.

New York Concern to Dig for Coal, Iron and Copper on Large Scale.

A New York syndicate, the Seaboard Steel and Iron Company, has secured a lease and option upon something like 2,500 acres of land in this county and in Johnston and Pender, for the purpose of prospecting and mining for coal, iron and copper.

The lease is for twenty years, and according to the terms of the deeds the company agrees to pay to the owners of the property one-quarter of the net profit arising from all iron ore, and ten per cent. of the net profit from all other minerals of greater value.

The first deed was made out to E. W. Lyon, of Guilford county. He transferred it to T. Darrington Semple, of New York, who conveyed it to the company named above.

The owners of the land are I. H. Rowland, S. W. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, K. B. Johnson, W. Z. Atkinson, A. B. Oliver, E. B. Gunter, D. H. Smith, H. H. Enns, Alex. Womack, T. W. Franks, and S. R. Lee, of Wake county; J. D. Dupree, D. W. Stephenson, C. B. Ogburn, W. G. Smith, Joseph Dupree, and J. J. Fish, of Johnston; and W. W. Miller, of Pender.

The Wake property comprises 1,879 acres, the Johnston property 637 and in Pender 151 acres.—News and Observer.

## BENSON.

Mrs. F. R. Hall, of Goldsboro, is visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Spence, of Buie's Creek, were here Sunday.

The fire here Friday night has put a boom on real estate and it is already out of sight.

Clyde Lucas, who was killed by a train at Enfield Saturday night, was buried here Tuesday.

Mrs. J. L. Ayres, whose life was despaired of on account of the shock from fire, is much improved.

Ayden creech is relieving R. S. Dickson, while Mr. and Mrs. Dickson are visiting in Robeson county.

G. M. Benson and E. J. D. Boykin are attending Federal Court at Greenville, S. C., to identify the bank robbers who also took in post offices when convenient.

## McKOY NOTES.

Dr. S. P. J. Lee who has been studying medicine in the Medical College at Baltimore has returned home.

Miss Alease Wagstaff returned home last Sunday after spending several days visiting friends in Dunn.

Messrs J. A. Johnson and H. M. Barefoot, of this section, made a trip to Sampson county Sunday.

Miss Minnie Smith, of Benson, spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives and friends in this section.

There is being a telephone line constructed from J. V. Johnson's across a large plantation to his father's home.

Mr. C. B. Johnson, one of our well known farmers, don't seem to be furious over the crows pulling up his corn.

After spending a few days with relatives in this section Mr. Geo. Jones and family returned to their home in the Seven Mile section Sunday.

## I. V.

The shipment of strawberries yesterday that passed through this city over the Atlantic Coast Line was the largest this year and amounted to 101 cars by freight and 3,057 crates by express, making a total of 33,357 crates, or 1,066,424 quarts. The prices ranged from 9 to 16 cents per quart on the Northern markets and by striking a general average of 11½ cents the shipments yesterday in money would amount to \$123,253.76.—Goldsboro Argus, 29th.

## CLAYTON.

Mr. H. W. Mitchell is at home. Mr. I. S. Bagwell went to Raleigh Sunday.

Mr. H. L. Barnes went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Messrs. Maja Jones and Hymen Dodd went to Raleigh Tuesday.

The Clayton school faculty are preparing a big commencement. Mrs. Riley Gulley went to Cary Wednesday to visit her grandparents.

Mrs. L. D. Debnam returned to Selma after several days' stay with her mother who has been sick.

Mr. W. A. Barnes is moving his stock of goods to Mr. H. L. Barnes' new brick store on Main street.

Mr. C. T. Young passed through here Saturday on his way to Raleigh where he spent Sunday and Monday.

Messrs. Ashley and Charles W. Horne spent several days in Raleigh this week. They report big preparations for the Carnival next week.

Mr. Will H. McCullers tells us of a freak. Some days ago, one of his cows gave birth to a calf having eight legs, four eyes, two tails and only one head.

The K. of P's had a strawberry festival Monday night. They had plenty of strawberries, ice cream from Dughi's and cake in plenty. They report a grand time.

On last Friday night the town convention was held here with very little excitement. The following candidates were nominated: For Mayor, E. L. Hinton, by acclamation. For Alderman, Lower Clayton, C. W. Horne; Middle Clayton, Dr. J. A. Griffin; Upper Clayton, C. M. Thomas. All were unanimously nominated. "YELIR."

## ARCHER DOTS.

Several of our tobacco planters have finished setting out their plants.

Our farmers are getting badly behind with their work on account of the wet weather.

Rev. A. A. Pippin filled his regular appointment at White Oak Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lessie Barnes who is attending school at Clayton spent Saturday and Sunday at her home.

Miss Joyce Barnes one of Clayton's most beautiful and accomplished young ladies spent Saturday and Sunday in this community.

We hope that every township in the county will in the near future be in territory in which the roads are worked as Smithfield and Clayton townships roads are worked—by taxation. Indeed we must have something better than what we now have.

With a few weeks of fair weather we will catch up and be ready to welcome the arrival of summer with a Masonic picnic. We have heard it rumored that Ex-Senator Mat W. Ransom will be the speaker of the occasion. The boys have cleaned off their base ball ground and will, we understand, organize and begin to play at an early date.

## B. X.

### A Sure Thing.

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. Van-Metre, of Shepherdstown, W. Va., says: "I had a severe case of Bronchitis and for a year tried everything I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It's infallible for Croup, Whooping Cough, Grip, Pneumonia and Consumption. Try it. It's guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggists. Trial bottles free. Regular sizes 50c. \$1.00.

The American Can Company, at its annual meeting in Jersey City, reported \$886,711 profit.

## EMIT NOTES.

Mr. Z. R. Hocutt is very sick. Mr. J. W. Narron lost his fine horse last week.

Mr. Y. E. Parker is very sick with the toothache.

Rev. Henry Rentfrow will preach at Friendship next Sunday.

Some of our people attended church at Stancil's Chapel last Sunday.

Now for singing, for the Antioch choir has received a quantity of song books.

Most of the farmers are done planting corn and now for their cotton and tobacco.

Miss Rosa Parker, of Turlington Institute, spent last Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Anna Raper.

Mr. R. P. Parker killed three snakes in his shack pen one day last week. The largest one measured five feet and five inches.

Mr. John Johnson and family spent last Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Narron. J. P.

## MICRO DOTS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Batten spent part of last week with relatives in Lucama.

Mr. and Mrs. James Boyette spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith.

We are very sorry to note that the little babe of Mr. Charley Batten is quite sick.

Mr. W. N. Barden and Mr. L. R. Batten went to Smithfield Monday on business.

Owing to the rain the Sunday school was not organized here last Sunday. But guess they will organize the first Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Blackman and Miss Mary F. Blackman were happily married Sunday p. m. at 5 o'clock, Mr. Julius Broadwell officiating. We wish the young couple a long and happy life together. Bob.

## PINE LEVEL DOTS.

Pine Level Oil Mill has closed for this season.

Mrs. W. H. Gurley spent Sunday with her mother.

The Pine Level Brick Co. is having a brick mill erected near this place.

Pine Level votes on dispensary next Monday. Town election will be held Tuesday following.

Mrs. B. L. Strickland, of Selma, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Aldridge.

Henry Westbrook and Chas. Thompson have been quite sick. We are glad to see them out again. Y. Y.

## Married.

On the 22d inst., at 4 p. m., at the home of the bride's father, Mr. John Lassiter, William Keen and Miss Bettie Lassiter were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, Alfred Keen, J. P. officiating. The attendants were David Sanders with Miss Sallie Keen, Rufus Johnson with Miss Bettie Lassiter, Junius Hobbs with Miss Minnie Keen, Daniel Keen with Miss Linnie Hobbs.

After the ceremony the bridal party returned to the groom's father's where a sumptuous supper awaited them.

They will make their home in Four Oaks where they are cordially welcomed by their many friends. REPORTER.

## The Blue Birds Victors.

The Smithfield Blue Birds defeated the Selma team at Selma Wednesday afternoon to the tune of 15 to 5. Ellington and Dickens battery for the Blue Birds. The Selma boys did not score until the 6th inning. Then they scored on errors. Howell played a pretty first, so did the second baseman. Cobb made pretty base hits. Barnes, Guill and Stevens did good work. Ellington did the twirling act O. K. and Dickens did extra work behind the bat. S. B. B.