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## STATE NEWS NOTES.

### Short Items of Interest Clipped and Culled From Our Exchanges.

The graduating class at Wake Forest commencement last week numbered 42.

Tyrrell county will soon build a new court house at Columbia to cost \$12,500.

Henderson voted \$40,000 in bonds for street improvements and a sewerage system Monday.

The first shipment of peaches was made from Southern Pines May 20th, nine days earlier than ever before.

The Farmers' Bank, with a capital of \$12,500, has been chartered to do business at Jefferson, Ashe county.

The Winston Sentinel has started a boom for Mr. R. B. Glenn for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

The commencement at the State Normal and Industrial College took place last week. There were 30 graduates.

John Cox, about 40 years old, was drowned Thursday while bathing in McCauley's mill pond, eight miles from Durham.

Frank Pate, colored, killed Link Barber, colored, at Spencer Sunday night. The men were engaged in a game of cards.

Before next September a smelting plant to cost \$150,000 will be in operation in Mecklenburg county within six miles of Charlotte.

Maj. P. F. Duffy, an editorial writer on the Wilmington Star, died Monday. He was one of the ablest paragraphers in the State.

The State Board of Agriculture at its meeting this week increased the salary of B. W. Kilgore, State Chemist, from \$2,500 to \$3,000 per year.

Col. Frank Coxe, proprietor of the Battery Park Hotel at Asheville, died suddenly Tuesday. He was one of the State's wealthiest citizens.

The Salisbury Sun says the Southern Railway has raised the wages of all the machinists in the shops at Spencer from 28 to 30 cents an hour.

The largest individual life insurance claim paid in North Carolina during the year, was upon the life of the late Preston L. Bridgers, of Wilmington—\$35,393.

The Southern Loan and Trust Company at Greensboro has increased its capital stock to \$200,000 and will establish a life insurance branch to begin business July 1st.

The governor re-appointed the State board of elections, composed of Wilson G. Lamb, J. R. Lewellyn and R. T. Claywell, Democrats, and Clarence Call and A. B. Freeman, Republicans.

While out driving with his brother, J. G. Shaw, Esq., at Fayetteville Sunday, Mr. D. S. Shaw was thrown out by the horse running away and died from his injuries a short time afterward.

The alumnae association of the State Normal College, has decided to raise a fund of \$7,500 to loan to worthy students. This amount will be supplemented by a fund of equal amount by the general education board.

No less than 21 new graded schools will open in this State next fall. It is not bad prophecy to predict that in a score of years there will be a graded school in nearly every township in the State and a county high school at every county seat.

J. H. Buis, of Salisbury, who died recently in New Jersey, left an estate valued at \$10,000 to \$15,000 and willed the bulk of it to the Catholic college at Belmont, Gaston county, for the education of young men of North Carolina for the Catholic priesthood.

Governor Aycock delivered the commencement address at Elon College this week.

Fireman Robert Burnett, of Asheville, fell from a rapidly moving freight train Saturday morning near Melrose and was seriously hurt.

W. M. Mitchell, a young white man, was convicted of bigamy in Mecklenburg Superior Court Tuesday and sentenced to seven years on the roads.

Col. D. Worthington, the author of "The Broken Sword," will deliver the commencement address at Haverhill College, New Hampshire, June 12th.

J. J. Oakey, of High Point, has constructed and put in operation what is said to be a high class automobile and one that gives perfect service, at a cost of about \$700.

While shooting frogs on Tar river, at Tarboro, Saturday, Lee Collins fatally shot Lizzie Battle. Both colored. The man claims that the shooting was purely accidental.

Dr. R. T. Vann, president of the Baptist Female University, delivered the commencement address at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., this week.

Friday night burglars entered the Avalon Cotton Mill Co.'s store at Avalon, Rockingham county, broke open the safe and stole about \$40 in cash. Some goods were also taken from the store.

A charter is granted by the State to the Farmers' Club, of Henderson, with \$125,000 authorized capital, the main object of which is stated to be the dealing in lands and aiding negroes in securing homes on easy terms.

The six men who have been held in jail for the murder of Percy Jones at Wilson have been allowed bail under habeas corpus proceedings. The amount of bond has been placed at \$5,000 each. Piver and Barnes are the only ones that have yet furnished bond.

The Southern Railway people profess to think that the wreck of the passenger train near Raleigh on the 19th was due to the placing of a spike or other obstruction on the track and a reward of \$500 has been offered for evidence to convict. The reward will probably not be claimed.

Dr. Richard H. Lewis, secretary of the State board of health, has completed his report for the twelve months ending May 1, and finds there were 4,400 cases of smallpox in North Carolina during that period and over 160 deaths from this disease. This is the largest number since smallpox appeared, five years ago.

State treasurer Lacy Thursday received from the takers of the special issue of \$300,000 of State bonds the money therefor and at once began the payment of the debts for which the bond issue provides. He first paid the \$200,000 borrowed a little over a year ago from the National Park Bank, of New York. In a week all the debts will be paid. The bonds are very handsome. Their engraving and printing cost \$1,700.

A special term of court for Wilson county has been ordered to begin June 15, Judge Shaw to preside. It is expected that the men who killed Percy Jones, the insurance agent in Wilson a few weeks ago will be tried at this term. People who hope that justice will be done in this case will be glad to know that Judge Shaw is to preside at this court. Efforts should be made to have counsel assist the solicitor in the prosecution.

Thousands suffer and hundreds die every year in this country from some form of Bowel Complaint. The best remedy for these diseases in children or adults is Dr. Seth Arnold's Balsam. Warrented to give satisfaction by Hood Bros., Smithfield, N. C. 3

## GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

### Some of the Week's Events Scissored and Condensed from the Press.

It is said there are no idle men in Kansas to harvest the wheat crop.

A Southern railway wreck in Alabama last week resulted in nine deaths.

More than 75,000 textile workers went out on strike in Philadelphia Monday.

A gale at Valparaiso, Chile, this week caused loss of life estimated as high as 100 persons.

J. D. Burke, a blacksmith, has been elected mayor of Burlington, the largest city in Vermont.

The Southern Presbyterian General Assembly asked for \$250,000 for mission work for next year.

United States manufactured exports in April last were valued at \$39,846,569, having been exceeded only twice before.

In New York City 8,000 iron workers have decided to stay out until they win or lose their strike. They spurn compromise.

Two young men were killed and another wounded from ambush by unknown persons in Laurel county, Kentucky, Monday.

It is estimated that persons seeking divorce in South Dakota spend, while gaining residence for that purpose, \$900,000 a year.

In Montreal, Canada, another large street car strike is on. About 2,000 men are affected. Public sympathy is largely with the company.

Ambassadors Joseph H. Choate and Robert S. McCormick and Senator N. B. Scott, of West Virginia, arrived in New York from Europe Tuesday.

Pennsylvania Republican State Convention Wednesday endorsed President Roosevelt to succeed himself and declared against any change in the tariff.

The number of persons certainly killed by the floods at Topeka, Kan., is now put at 34. At Kansas City also a considerable number of lives have been lost.

Another general strike in the anthracite region is threatened as a result of a dispute about the appointment of members of the board of conciliation.

Representative William Richardson, of Alabama, says he believes ex-President Cleveland's views will be sought in making the next Democratic Presidential nomination.

A cloudburst near Enid, Okla., Saturday night destroyed many homes and damaged property to the extent of \$300,000. Floods also did much damage in other portions of Oklahoma.

Fire at Lacona, N. H., Tuesday, burned over about 150 acres, destroying 100 buildings and making homeless about 350 persons. The loss is estimated at from \$350,000 to \$400,000.

Henry G. Morse, of Camden, N. J., president of the New York Shipbuilding Company, died suddenly in New York Tuesday, after being stricken with apoplexy in the offices of J. Pierpont Morgan.

The appointment of a negro postmaster at Gaza, a small village in Copiah county, Miss., has caused trouble. It is said the white patrons of the office will boycott it and have their mail sent elsewhere.

Twenty thousand homeless dogs are running at large in Chicago and placing citizens in danger of rabies, according to Chas. A. White; deaths last year in Chicago from that disease were unprecedented.

Out of the eighteen candidates voted for the judicial election in Cook county, Illinois, Monday, the Democrats elected fourteen and the Republicans four. The Democrats carried the county by 10,000 majority.

## KENLY ACADEMY CLOSE.

### Most Prosperous Session of this Excellent Institution.

We make the following extracts from the account furnished the News and Observer by Mr. W. A. Edgerton, Secretary board of trustees, of Kenly commencement:

"Kenly, N. C., May 29.—The most prosperous session of Kenly Academy came to a close on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, in a blaze of glory.

"The opening exercise was the annual sermon by Rev. J. J. Harper, Chancellor of Atlantic Christian College, of Wilson. The sermon is conceded by all to have been one of the best ever delivered in this town.

"The Literary address by Dr. B. F. Dixon, State Auditor, was a superb effort, and was so beautifully conceived and masterfully delivered that it touched a responsive chord in the breast of every auditor from the smallest child to the oldest Confederate veteran. A most chaste, patriotic effort.

"The Primary Department, under the direction of Miss Myrtle Harper, a teacher equipped and qualified for the special work by the omnipotent God, was especially good.

"The orations and essays were of a high order and evinced the best of training and no small degree of talent.

"The Music Department acquitted itself with angelic beauty, and precision. Too much praise cannot be given Miss Possie Harris, the music teacher, whose work has been fruitful of best result."

The Kenly academy has within the last few years done a great work in that section for the education of the people. It has constantly grown in numbers and influence. The resignation of Prof. Harper, regretted by the good people of that section will not retard the growth of the educational spirit in that community, for the enterprising board of trustees will endeavor to continue to run a school worthy of the support of the people.

## Terrible Cyclone in Georgia.

Gainesville, a thriving manufacturing town in Georgia, 52 miles northeast of Atlanta, was struck yesterday afternoon by a cyclone, which, it is estimated, left at least 100 dead behind it, besides 150 injured.

None knew that a calamity was impending before the great column of air rushed on the town with a frightful roar. The chief ruin was caused at the Gainesville cotton mill, three stories high. The second and third stories were carried away, and nearly all the persons working there, it is believed, were killed. Those on the first floor escaped. About 500 persons were employed at the mill.

Some buildings were torn to fragments; others were lifted from their foundations and carried intact for blocks. Many persons were picked up in the storm and hurled over trees and houses.

The storm passed almost in an instant. Then the work of relief was promptly and heroically taken up by the survivors. A fire, which started in the wreckage, added to the difficulties they faced.—Baltimore Sun, 2nd.

## Startling Evidence.

Fresh testimony of great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds to be unequalled. A recent expression from T. J. McFarland, Bentonsville, Va., serves an example. He writes: "I had Bronchitis for three years and doctored all the time without being benefited. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and a few bottles wholly cured me." Equally effective in curing all Lung and Throat troubles, Consumption, Pneumonia and Grip. Guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggists. Trial bottles free, regular sizes 50c. and \$1.00.

## PROSPECTS MORE FAVORABLE.

### Showers Visited and Re refreshed all Parts of the State—Planting Pushed.

The weekly crop bulletin for the week ending Monday, June 1, says that during the past week local showers occurred over a large portion of the state, which, though not general, caused marked improvement in crop conditions. The showers were irregularly distributed, chiefly at the beginning and end of the week, the largest amounts falling in northern counties, while along the southern border very little precipitation was received, and in that section crops are still suffering for lack of moisture. However, in a larger number of counties the drought was thoroughly broken, vegetation was much refreshed, and crop prospects, though not flattering, are more favorable. While the rainfall was of immense benefit in bringing up dormant seeds, in supplying the immediate needs of growing plants, and in placing soil in better condition for cultivation, there was not sufficient rain except in a very few places to thoroughly soak the ground or to soften unplowed land. Hail occurred in several eastern counties on the 24th, with some damage to crops. The temperature was moderately about the normal and favorable during the entire week, until Sunday, May 31st, when cooler weather with northeast winds set in. The sky was more or less cloudy during the week, even where no precipitation occurred. Though backward and generally with poor stands, crops are clean and are now being well cultivated.

Corn has not all been planted; a good deal was brought up by the rainfall this week, and that up grew nicely. Most of the corn has received first plowing. In counties suffering from drought much replanting will have to be done. The rains caused cotton to come up nicely, though all is not yet up. Planting is practically finished. Cotton plants are very small, but have improved; stands are better and chopping is under way. The weather was excellent for the work of transplanting tobacco in the northern counties where it progressed rapidly, while the crop shows some improvement. A number of crop correspondents state that wheat is better than expected, though the yield will be short. Harvesting early wheat and oats has just begun in a few places. Spring oats are not promising. Planting peanuts is well advanced and good stands have been secured. The yield of Irish potatoes in the east was reduced by the drought. Many sweet potato sprouts were set this week. Gardens were much benefited by the rains. The prospect for fruit of all kinds continues fairly favorable in the central-east portion of the state, and for apples also in the west. The blackberry and dewberry crops will be large. Grapes are blooming heavily. Meadows are much damaged by the drought and are poor.

## Earthquake Kills 2,000.

Constantinople, May 28.—News which reached here to-day from Asiatic Turkey shows that a terrible earthquake occurred April 29 at Melazgherd, in the Vilayet of Van, 80 miles southeast of Erzurum, on the Euphrates.

The town was destroyed with practically its entire population of about 2,000, including 700 Armenians, as well as the troops forming the garrison of Melazgherd. In addition over 400 houses in neighboring villages collapsed.

## That Throbbing Headache

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and build up your health. Only 25 cents, money back if not cured. Sold by Hood Bros., Druggists.

## CLAYTON HIGH SCHOOL.

### Splendid Entertainment Given by Elocution Class.

The entertainment given Tuesday evening by the elocution class was the greatest event yet witnessed in Clayton. The program was as follows:

Music—Alpenluhen, Op. 193 by Miss Ruby Penny. Miss Penny played with such ease and delicacy as to win the admiration of all lovers of music.

Pantomime—Swanee River by twelve girls. They showed themselves artists in that line; not a single gesture went amiss.

Reading—Zengarella, or the Gypsy Flower Girl, by Miss Ione Gulley. Miss Gulley's delivery was perfect. Every thought was clearly set forth and showed her excellent talent and the training of a first class teacher.

Tableau—Fall of Babylon—Misses Ellis, Sorrell, Mitchell, Penny, Parrish. This was a fascinating picture.

Greek Mirth Drill—Fourteen young ladies. Clothed in white Grecian gowns, the young ladies rendered one of the most fascinating plays of the evening.

Reading—The Shadow of a Song by Mr. W. D. Young. Mr. Young proved himself to be a speaker of no mean ability.

Song—Won't you tell me Why Robin, by Miss Daphne Williams. Miss Williams is about 13 years old and shows a talent for vocal music that can hardly be surpassed.

Pantomime—Searching for Happiness—Misses Gulley, Horne, Gower, Mitchell, Barnes, Sorrell, Barnes, Penny, Mr. Young and Master Ben Hilliard. This was a very interesting and instructive play, showing that religion is rather to be chosen than wealth, fame, painting, music, love, beauty, knowledge or power.

Reading—Jack the Fisherman by Miss Lessie Ellis. This was a touching piece, and was rendered in a way that softened all hearts present.

Tableau—Deborah's Song of Triumph—Misses Gower, Gulley, Barnes, Mitchell, Barnes. Words cannot express the beauty of this piece.

Music—Caprice Gavotte in Bb., by Miss Leta Cable. As is every one of Mrs. Thomas' music pupils, Miss Cable is in a fair way to a great success.

Play—Aunt Jerusha's Quilting Party. Jerusha Dow—Miss Ione Gulley. Hepzibah Spooner (deaf)—Miss Norma Sorrell. Hannah Pike (old maid)—Miss Christine Gower. Johannah Hines (widow)—Miss Lela Parrish. Patience Peabody (old maid)—Miss Swannanoa Horne. Rachel Gray (Quakeress)—Miss Lessie Barnes. Mrs. Stubbs (gossip)—Miss Emma Castleberry. Drucilla Thompkins (lecturer)—Miss Lessie Ellis. Charity Cooper (old maid)—Miss Ruby Ellis. Mrs. Simpkins—Miss Joyce Barnes. Mrs. Pride—Miss Claudie Mitchell. Phoebe Miranda Pride—Miss Ruby Penny. John Dow—Mr. Wilkes Barnes. Deacon Simpkins—Mr. Burlon Hall. Squire Pride—Mr. Roy Robertson. Rev. Lovejoy—Mr. William Young.

Each one rendered his part in a way deserving of credit. Further account will be given next week.

## Ladies and Children Invited.

All ladies and children who can not stand the shocking strain of laxative syrups, cathartics, etc., are invited to try the famous Little Early Risers. They are different from all other pills. They do not purge the system. Even a double dose will not gripe, weaken or sicken; many people call them the Easy Pill. W. H. Howell, Houston, Tex., says nothing better can be used for constipation, sick headache, etc. Bob Moore, Lafayette, Ind., says all others gripe and sicken, while DeWitt's Little Early Risers do their work well and easy. Sold by Hood Bros., Benson Drug Co., J. W. Benson, J. R. Ledbetter.

May there be behind us the power of an endless life, a power mightier than pen or sword, that creates about us the very atmosphere of heaven.—Ex.