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STATE NEWS NOTES.

Governor Aycock has commuted to life imprisonment the negro Powell, in Durham, charged with a capital crime on his own daughter. Judge Cooke and others petitioned for the commutation.

The A. C. L. has established the block signal between Richmond, Va., and Selma, N. C., on account of the heavy traffic over this part of the line. No train will be allowed within three miles of each other going in the same direction.

The reports of the sheriffs of the various counties to the corporation commission show that in North Carolina there are 828 lawyers; 1,278 physicians, 289 dentists, 116 photographers, 355 hotels, 9,132 merchants and 1,064 corporations.

Postmaster Bailey at Raleigh says the pay roll of the rural free delivery mail carriers will after July 1st be \$36,000 a month. The number of carriers today in the State is 576, who get \$60 a month. By July 1st, 24 more are to be put on routes.

Governor Aycock's engagements will make it impossible for him to attend the National Convention. It is a pity that the members of that great gathering will be denied the privilege of hearing the State's most eloquent Governor.

Boonville, N. C., June 20.—Green Holcomb was struck dead by lightning near his home, one mile from Long Town, Yadkin county, while coming from the harvest field, on June 17th, at three o'clock. Dan Vanhoy was within four feet of him, but shocked for only a few minutes.

Clinton Morris, a negro 20 years of age set fire to a merry-go-round in Durham Monday night which resulted in damage to extent of \$8,000 or \$1,000. He poured some five gallons of gasoline on the machine and then applied a match. He was committed to jail without bail.

North Carolina boys are making a record this year. At the National Military Academy at West Point they hold first and second honors in studies and in athletics. Robert Carr, son of Dr. Carr, of Durham, has graduated with the highest honors at the Richmond Medical College.

The Bown-Rodgers Company, of Winston-Salem, with \$100,000 authorized capital stock, of which \$10,000 has been paid in, was chartered Monday. The objects for which the company was formed are to carry on the business of jobbers, wholesale and retail dealers, and carry on a general mercantile business.

Adam Hunt, colored, was hanged at Roxboro Wednesday for the murder of Fleetwood Wilkins, white. Hunt beat Wilkins, who was delicate, so badly that the man died soon afterward as a result of the injuries. Hunt sang and prayed and made a silly harrangue on the scaffold, but there was neither plea of innocence nor admission of guilt.

Of the six "star" students graduated from West Point this year, one is from Virginia, one each from Tennessee, Mississippi and Colorado, and two from North Carolina—Mr. C. R. Pettis and Mr. R. P. Howell. They are all southern boys except one, and their records are good cause for pride in the section they have so well represented. It is really an unusual showing.

Cecil Rhodes' scholarship committee, having in charge awarding the scholarship for North Carolina for Oxford, England, awarded it last week to J. Horner Winston, of Durham, with Henry Trantham, of Wake Forest, alternate. The award, the committee announces, was made after careful, prolonged consideration. Others competing were Mr. Arrowood and Mr. Sprunt, of Davidson College. Horner Winston is a son of ex-Judge R. W. Winston, and a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

CROP REPORT.

Conditions of the Crop in State Fair and Work Well Advanced.

The Weekly Crop Bulletin for week ending Monday, June 20, 1904, says: During the first half of the week the weather over the entire State was too cool for the growth of all crops, and their progress was retarded slightly; but the latter part was warm, and all vegetation made a fresh and vigorous start. The amount of rainfall was deficient, especially in the eastern half of the State, where the crops in general are suffering for want of moisture. On the 17th and 18th local showers occurred in the western and central districts; the rains, however, were light, except in the vicinity of Greensboro, and in the extreme west. In Buncombe county the rain on the 18th was accompanied by hail, which in a few places was very damaging. While the week was not very favorable for the growth of crops, it was an ideal one for all farm work, especially for killing weeds. Farmers took advantage of the dry weather and pushed their work rapidly, which by the end of the week was well up everywhere. The wheat harvest is in full progress. About three-fourths of the wheat is cut, the weather being very much in favor of this work. The crop is excellent, and is considered the best for years.

Considering the cool and dry weather, cotton is doing very well. The plant is rather small, but has a good healthy color; chopping is about over, and complaints of lice are very few. The oat crop is fair in a few central counties, but in general it is not doing very well. Corn is being worked the second time, and is doing quite well in most sections.

Rather Bad Week for Cotton.

Washington, June 21.—The Weather Bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions says:

The favorable progress of cotton during the two preceding weeks has been checked during the past week in the central and eastern portions of the belt, where rain is generally needed and lice are extensively reported. In Tennessee and portions of the Carolinas and Southern Mississippi, however, the crop continues to do well, and throughout the cotton belt it is well cultivated except in northeastern Texas, where a few fields are still foul. In the last named State cotton has made rapid growth and is generally in fine condition, but boll weevils are causing damage in a greater number of counties than last week. Good growth is also reported from Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Arkansas.

Transplanting tobacco has been delayed in Maryland, Kentucky and Wisconsin, where considerable remained to be set, but is largely completed elsewhere. The crop is generally doing well.

SELMA NEWS.

Albert M. Noble is at Chapel Hill attending the summer school. Robert Millard Nowell, John H. Parker and some others went to Norfolk.

Mr. L. A. Creech, of Benson, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Stallings.

Miss Julia P. Winston, of Oxford, is visiting her cousin Miss Annie S. Noble.

Mr. L. D. Debnam is visiting her parents in Clayton and Loomis is keeping "bachelor."

Work on the new stores is being pushed as fast as possible, as is the work on the factory. It is impossible to keep lumber for the hands it seems.

W. B. Driver went to the congressional convention Wednesday and M. C. Winston, B. B. Whitley and Will Richardson, Sr., and C. W. Richardson went to the state convention Thursday. We know they will nominate the right man.

SENEX.

Number of Victims of Steamboat Disaster.

The most horrible accident of years occurred June 15th, with the burning of the steamboat General Slocumb which took place in East river, at the entrance of Long Island Sound, within a short distance from the New York Shore, within sight of thousands of people who were helpless to give assistance.

It developed that the disaster was on account of the unfitness of the steamboat and general carelessness. Its lifeboats were rotten and could not be unfastened, the life preservers unfit for use—victims being brought up with the preservers properly adjusted, a crew of raw and undrilled men with an unlicensed mate and apparently no element of danger unprovided for in bringing on the terrible disaster which has horrified the country.

If ever the groundwork were laid for such reparation as may be enforced by law and for such future security as may be provided by stringent inspection and regulation, this disaster, appalling in its needlessness, has furnished the frightful detail of particulars.

We clip the following from a New York paper:

New York, June 21.—Up to eight this a. m. eight hundred and fifty bodies of victims of the steamboat Gen. Slocumb disaster have been recovered. Of this number 720 have been identified. The recovery of a hundred bodies yesterday is due to the use of explosives which caused corpses to rise to the surface after several shots had been fired. Sixteen bodies rose almost simultaneously to the surface. In memory of the Slocumb victims the aldermanic chamber was draped in mourning yesterday and the entire city hall is draped today. Contributions to a relief fund now aggregate about eighty thousand dollars.

A severe storm accompanied by thunder and lightning passed over this vicinity early this morning and caused bodies recovered today to come to the surface. Eight bodies were found floating near the place where the steamboat was beached.

New York, June 21.—The first of the suits for damages for loss of life in the disaster was brought up yesterday, when Jacob Friedman, counsel for Mrs. Kate Matler, who lost four children, began an action in her behalf to recover fifty thousand dollars from the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company.

PINE LEVEL DOTS.

Mrs. F. B. Oliver is very sick with fever.

The little child of Mr. T. O. Wilkins died Saturday with cramp.

Mr. J. L. Davis and his little sister Lillie, went to Goldsboro Tuesday.

Miss Ella Strickland spent Saturday night in the country with her cousin, Miss Mamie Price.

Mrs. E. V. Peedin is spending this week in the country with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Peedin.

The Tuesday night cottage prayer meeting was held Tuesday night at the home of Mr. K. Korngay.

Rev. Mr. Bowen, of Four Oaks, filled his appointment at the missionary Baptist church at this place Sunday.

There was an ice cream supper given at Mrs. Flora Poole's Monday night, all who were present reported a nice time.

Miss Sallie Pittman, of Goldsboro, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Bettie Korngay left Monday for her home.

Y. Y.

The people of Oxford have voted in favor of bonds to be issued to supply the town with water works and electric lights, which will be furnished in the near future.

SHE GETS OVER \$250,000.

More Particulars of the Fortune of Miss Jessie Gregory.

The News and Observer published last week the story of how Miss Jessie Gregory has come into possession of a large fortune. The Salisbury correspondent of the Charlotte Observer gives some additional facts about what has in it no little romance. He writes:

"Several weeks ago Mr. Edwin C. Gregory went to Philadelphia on business which greatly concerned his sister, Miss Jessie Gregory, of Halifax. Although it was known that Miss Gregory had fallen heir to a very considerable fortune, it could not be learned just what amount. It leaks out in a State paper this week, but it is inaccurate. Mr. Gregory's Aunt, Miss Elizabeth Clarke, Miss Gregory and Miss Mary Miles set sail for Paris. The meeting of the three was casual. From this first acquaintance Miss Miles took a fancy to the young lady. The same party went abroad nearly every year. Miss Gregory was studying in Paris. The business of Miss Miles called her back often to Philadelphia, but the friendship of the two lasted until the death of Miss Miles. It became known then that she had willed the bulk of her fortune to the North Carolina lady, and she will make Miss Gregory sole executrix. When Mr. Gregory went to Philadelphia, he found that his sister had come into possession of a fortune exceeding \$250,000. Besides this, she obtains at the death of Miss Miles' brother, another sum, amounting to \$100,000. This property is situated in the heart of Philadelphia, and consists of the most valuable of real estate, stores, handsome dwellings, stocks and bonds and other things. This delayed account of a thing that must interest many North Carolinians, could have been given out long ago had it not been for Mr. Gregory's modesty. He talks now for accuracy only."

PRINCETON DOTS.

We have had a good rain at last.

Mr. J. M. Beaty, of THE HERALD, was in town Tuesday.

We understand that work on the new Methodist church will begin about the first of July.

Mr. Malcom McKinne is on a few days outing at Seven Springs. Hope he will have a good time.

Our farmers 3 or 4 miles south of here say that they had a very heavy rain with some hail last Saturday evening.

Mr. B. P. Parrish who has been in Goldsboro for treatment, has returned. He says he is much better and improving.

A series of meeting will commence at the Baptist church Monday night before the third Sunday in July. All are invited to attend.

We are in receipt of a card from Mr. Joseph Tonous and his nephew Willie Ellis, from Beirut, Syria in which they stated that they arrived home safely after 30 days having gone about 8000 miles. Joe and Willie desire to extend their well wishes to their American friends here in Johnston county.

J. T. E.

Mr. Stanford Pickett, of Durham, who went on the Norfolk excursion yesterday was brought back dead. He fell from a third story window of the hotel where he was stopping. He was a well-to-do farmer and leaves a wife and nine children.

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.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Short Items of Interest Clipped and Culled From Our Exchanges.

There is one weekly paper in Oklahoma to every 300 voters.

An anonymous donor has sent \$5,000 to President Butler, of Columbian University, New York to be used in assisting deserving and needy students in visiting the St. Louis Fair.

Frankfort, Ky., June 20.—The Court of Appeals today overruled the petition for rehearing in the case of James B. Howard, who is under a life sentence on the charge of murdering William Goebel. The decision of the United States Supreme Court will be considered by the Supreme Court on a writ of error.

After an all night session the National Executive board of United Garment workers decided to order twenty thousand members of the organization in greater New York on strike, completely tying up the tailoring business in the city. The strike is directed against the open shop movement.

Winnipeg, Man., June 21.—Adolph Tancob is under arrest at Port William charged with incendiarism. He has confessed to burning building valued at over \$2,000,000 including the city hall, the McDonald engineering plant, elevator "B," the Canadian Pacific stock yards and a large number of dwellings.

Prof. A. M. Soule, director of the Agricultural Experiment Station of Tennessee, has accepted an offer of the State experiment station of Virginia and dean of the department of Agriculture at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Blacksburg. To accept this place, it is said, he refused the position of president of the University of Tennessee.

Marion, Ill., June 21.—A pistol encounter between two gamblers fatal to both participants, has taken place here. Juer Meredith and John Barth, who had been quarreling, came upon each other in a saloon. Meredith began firing on Barth, three shots taking effect. Although in a dying condition Barth turned upon Meredith and fired three rounds. One shot hit Meredith in the mouth, one went through his head just above the eyes and another through his heart.

A catastrophe that might have been terrible in its results was narrowly averted at Americus, Ga., one day last week. The Americus theatre was packed beyond its capacity. Twelve hundred people, principally ladies and children, filled the building when an alarm of fire was given from without. Hundreds rushed for the single entrance, which is twenty feet above the pavement and reached by a single wooden stairway. Efforts of police and teachers upon the stage were unavailing until the orchestra, with its wonderful inspiration struck up "Dixie." This served to restore quiet. In the stampede on the outer stairway several women fainted.

The colored baptist church of Raleigh, East Main Street, was struck by lightning Tuesday night and was burned down.

Startling Evidence.

Fresh testimony in 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 as 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 bottle free, regular sizes 50c. and \$1.00.

KENLY NOTES.

Rev. B. E. Perkins, of Pikeville, was in our town for a short while Monday.

Mr. J. T. Howell left last Wednesday for Asheville, where he has accepted a position with a leading pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Gardner who have been visiting in Spring Hope, for several days returned home Wednesday.

Miss Annie Aycock spent a few days this week visiting friends and relatives in the Pinkney neighborhood, in Wayne county.

The tanners are putting on the tin roof on the new stores of Messrs. Bailey Bros. & Kirby, and the store and hotel of G. G. Edgerton & Son.

Mr. Chas. Gold, of Wilson, the special agent of Providence Saving Insurance Co., was here Tuesday assisting the local agent, Mr. J. R. Sauls, in writing up several policies.

Elder Troy Phillips, preached at the Free Will Baptist church Sunday and Sunday night, filling the regular appointment of the Pastor, Rev. W. H. Frost, who was unable to come on account of sickness.

Dr. J. T. Justice, formerly of Charlotte, has located here, and is now ready to serve the people. He will be found at Edgerton Hotel, until he has his office fitted up on North R. R. street near the drug store. He comes well recommended and has had two years valuable experience, as resident doctor in Charlotte Hospital.

Quite a number from here attended the closing exercises of Pinkney Literary Society last Friday and Friday night. The address in the forenoon by Gov. Aycock was grand. He made a strong plea for better education, and was greatly enjoyed by all who heard it. The exercises in the afternoon and again at night were very good.

Last Wednesday was a day of enjoyment for the members of class No. 2, of the Methodist Sunday School. Their kind teacher, Mr. L. Z. Woodard took them and a number of their friends in a wagon, on a picnic excursion to Front Sulphur Springs, where they spent the day in their own free way of enjoyment, playing many games, and running in the woods until late in the afternoon. They were chaperoned by Mrs. J. G. High and Mrs. R. T. Renfrow.

Mr. R. H. Alford happened to the misfortune of losing his dwelling by fire early Saturday morning. The fire was discovered in the roof of the kitchen, about six o'clock by the R. R. section force, who immediately made the alarm. A large crowd soon gathered, and made an effort to put the fire out, but soon saw it was impossible. Most of the furniture was saved except what was in the kitchen. Cause of fire unknown, but supposed to have been rats, as there had been no fire in the house for over a week. Mrs. Alford being away on a visit to relatives, and Mr. Alford boarding. Loss about \$800 or \$900, insurance \$500.

The birthday supper given Miss Ora Hooks, Thursday night of last week, by Mrs. J. Edgerton and Mrs. S. F. Hooks, at the Edgerton Hotel was highly enjoyed by a good number of Miss Hooks' friends, about thirty guests were present. The weather being warm, the large porch was well lit up and the young people gathered there and played Pitt, Dominoes, etc, until about 9:30 when they were invited into the large dining room, to partake of the good things found there. The table was beautifully decorated with flowers and fruit. Ice cream and cake was served in abundance. Miss Ora was the recipient of many handsome presents. The following out of town guests were present: Miss Rosa Lee Benton, of Wilson, Messrs. Geo. Evans and Thomas Creech of Selma, Miss Ada Aycock and Mr. W. J. Aycock, Kenly, R. F. D. No. 2, and Miss Martha Revell, Kenly, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3. Rex.