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## NEWS OF THE WEEK

### Taken From The Daily Papers.

**Did Not Wash Himself.**  
Akron, Ohio, May 28.—Mrs. Frank Porter yesterday sued for divorce. In her petition she alleges she lived with Porter from August, 1906, until April of the past year, and that during that time he never took a bath.

**Frost in Haywood.**  
Waynesville, N. C., May 28.—Frost a plenty this morning which did considerable damage to gardens and the sweet potato crop in Haywood. In the Hazlewood section it played havoc with crops.

**Seminary Unroofed by Wind.**  
Fayetteville, N. C., May 28.—A tornado accompanied by a heavy downpour of hail, swept over Red Springs yesterday afternoon, unroofing the Presbyterian Seminary and several other buildings, causing considerable financial loss and creating much terror in the community while the storm was in progress.

**Cold and Snowy.**  
Cumberland, Md., May 28.—Railroad men coming into Cumberland last night reported conditions similar to those of ordinary winter weather. For the past two mornings there has been snow throughout the state. At Sand Patch and in the gades of Garrett county snow fell yesterday. Leaves have dropped from the trees and conditions similar to those of late fall prevail.

**Splintered by Lightning.**  
Pensacola, Fla., May 28.—Information has just reached here from the navy yard of the sinking there yesterday during an electrical storm, of the schooner William Smith, bound from Key West to Pensacola. The vessel was struck by lightning, which followed one of the masts to the deck, tore the clothing from a member of the crew and passing down an open hatch, splintered the bottom of the vessel. The schooner sank at once, the crew escaping in life boats.

**About a Half Crop of Strawberries.**  
From present indications the 1907 fruit crop of strawberries will run anywhere from 1,200 to 1,500 car loads, which will really amount to about half a crop, possibly two thirds of a normal crop. Nothing is being permitted to rot in the fields for lack of harvesting, and possibly every berry that ripens will be saved and shipped. While the volume of money brought into this section will fall far short of previous years, it is stated that the net profits to the growers per acre will be very nearly if not quite up to the average of previous seasons.

St. Louis, Mo., May 22.—Wm. A. Smith and Richard C. Belle, who have accomplished several feats of pedestrianism, today started to walk from St. Louis to the Jamestown Exposition, which they expect to reach August 19.

**Wonderful Eczema Cure.**  
"Our little boy had eczema for five years," writes N. A. Adams, Henrietta, Pa. "Two of our home doctors said the case was hopeless, his lungs being affected. We then employed other doctors, but no benefit resulted. By chance we read about Electric Bitters; bought a bottle and soon noticed improvement. We continued this medicine until several bottles were used, when our boy was completely cured." Best of all blood medicines and body building health tonics. Guaranteed at Hood Bros. Drug store. 50c.

If you want the best Flour sold in town get a sack of Dan Valley at Trotter-Underwood Co's.

### Locked in Steel Vault.

Pueblo, Col., May 26.—A knowledge of the rudiments of telegraphy was the means of saving the life of George Stuart, a messenger boy employed in the Minnequa office building, who was accidentally locked up in a steel vault this afternoon, and who would have suffocated but for his ingenuity. Stuart accompanied a clerk into the vault to secure a book and was looking on the top shelf for it when the clerk discovered it himself and walked out of the vault, slamming the door behind him.

Young Stuart called for help several times, but received no reply. He turned on all electric lights in the vault to search for an object with which to pound the door, when he discovered a wire running around the ceiling, which he knew was connected with a telegraph instrument in the office. He knew that other instruments were stored in the vault, and in a short time he had tapped the wire and was telegraphing his distress to the operator in the office.

He began at first to repeat the word "help," and the operator could not understand whence it came. He answered the message, and Stuart then informed him that he was locked in the vault. The boy had suffered no ill effects from his experience, having been imprisoned only about an hour. He learned the rudiments of telegraphy from the operator to whom he sent the message.

### Summer is Not in Sight.

Washington, May 28.—Weather Bureau officials say that there is no immediate prospect of summer weather anywhere. The present cold wave, they add, has been running through most of the present month. Heavy frosts are reported to the bureau from Michigan and other States of the Lake Region. The cold wave is particularly severe in the Southwest, and is due, according to the weather experts to the heavy rains in that part of the country.

The indications in this section of the country are for a light fall of frost to-night. Forecaster Harry C. Frankfield, of the Weather Bureau, tonight said: "The reason for the cold weather we have had during the last two or three months is that the high areas of pressure have moved eastward from the northern portion of the country almost continuously, and these have caused cold north winds. As to what makes these high areas keep up all the season is more than I can tell."

Not since 1882 has the abnormal weather been approached in this part of the country. It is 5 below the normal temperature for the month. A temperature of 44 was recorded at the Weather Bureau early to-day and 59 at 8 o'clock tonight, and the mercury is expected to drop considerably during the night.

### Called to Door and Killed.

Raleigh, N. C., May 24.—A special from Mount Airy, N. C., to the News and Observer says: "In Carroll county, Virginia, in a section of the Blue Ridge Mountains, last night about midnight, Rev. Joseph Easter, a Dunkard preacher, was awakened, called into his front yard and shot and killed by a concealed person."

No motive is assigned except that Mr. Easter would have been an important witness in cases of illegal liquor selling now pending in court. Threats of violence are made in case the assassin of the minister is found."

Piles get quick and certa in relief from Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment. Please note it is made alone for piles, and its action is positive and certain. Itching, painful, protruding or blind piles disappear like magic by its use. Large nickel-capped glass jars 50 cents. Sold by Hood Bros.

Buy a sack of Dan Valley Flour sold at Trotter-Underwood Co.

### Closing Exercises of Turlington Graded School.

The closing exercises of this excellent institution began Tuesday night, May 21st. This was the children's night—the children of the first, second, third, fourth and fifth grades, and the beginners in Miss Hood's music class. The exercises consisted of songs, recitations, marches, dialogues and piano music.

The large auditorium of the school building was well filled and the close attention of the large audience and the almost perfect order that prevailed showed that the exercises were enjoyed and appreciated.

Misses Bettie Lee Sanders, Mammie Ellis, Katie Lee Banks, and Eula K. Hood and their pupils deserve the thanks of the community for this delightful entertainment.

On Friday night, May 24th, Miss Hood's advanced music pupils rendered the program published in last week's Herald which was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present as were the readings of Misses Eloise Martin and Irma Stevens.

Monday night, May 27th, the following program was rendered and was highly entertaining.

### CONTEST IN DECLAMATION AND RECITATION

George Ross Poon, The American Flag; Mary Rand Wellons, A Ghost Story; Parker Rand, How the Captain was Saved; Julia Ingram Rand, Mirandy on the College of Courtship; Robert Andrew Wellons, Kate Shelley's Brave Deed; Meta Earle Luncford, Mandy Bloom's Fate; Walter J. Alford, Opportunities of a Scholar; Lily Edith Barbour, Aunt Polly's George Washington; Hubert C. Woodall, A Scene on the Battle Field; Clara Wuitley, The Ride of Jennie McNeill; Elmer J. Wellons, The Murderer.

At the beginning of the exercises, Supt. Turlington announced that two gold medals had been offered, one to the best declaimer and one to the best reciter. The boys and girls acquitted themselves well. From the first to the last the audience gave careful attention. All seemed to be determined that each boy and each girl should have a fine chance to win. Almost perfect quiet prevailed in the crowded auditorium throughout the contest.

At the close of this contest Prof. Turlington announced that report of the judges' decision as to who were the winners in the contest would be made known at the closing of the final exercise on the following night. Prof. Turlington then read the honor rolls.

On Tuesday night May 28th the final exercises were held, and consisted mainly of the graduating class exercises, the address, awarding of diplomas and medals.

The following constitute the graduating class of 1907 with with acting class officers named first: Elmer James Wellons, President; Johnnie Cogdell Hood, Historian; Lucie Ethel Sanders, Prophetess; Edgar Willis Turlington, Orator. Emily Jane Canaday, Ruth McKelway Sanders, Dora Esther Coats, and Hubert Cogdell Woodall.

This class being well arranged on the beautifully decorated stage presented a lovely appearance. Since it is known that on receiving a diploma each member of this class has attended the school for the last time the scene is impressive. After the introductory remarks by the class president, the historian proceeded to read the class history. It is no flattery to Mr. Hood to say his historical work was well done. His record was very elaborate and reviewed back through the ten years work it had taken for the class to reach the point of graduation. He said the class of 1907 is the youngest class that ever graduated in the school, the average age being only sixteen years.

Next came the prophetess. This member of the class gifted not only with the power to look back through the past as others but also inspired to look in the future and see the fate and fortune of each member after

school life is over. Judging from the vivid description of each individual's future Miss Sanders had truly been inspired. This was interesting and pleasing. The class president next introduced the class orator, Mr. Edgar Turlington whose subject was "The Greatest Good." Edgar has borne himself well from childhood—a hard worker, an exact memory, strong reason—all these, with good training entitled him, as the class historian said to "Professor the second." It was no flattery when the Hon. T. W. Bickett said "that was the best speech I have ever heard from one of his (Edgar's) age. Edgar's speech should be in print for the public. It was the strongest ever heard."

### THE ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Mr. C. H. Martin then, in a very pretty and eulogistic speech introduced the Hon. T. W. Bickett, of Louisburg, as commencement orator. Mr. Bickett's reputation is so well established in North Carolina, as an able, original and attractive orator that all expected much. No disappointment was felt, but on the other hand the speech far surpassed the expectations. It was witty, serious, patriotic, enthusiastic, comprehensive, inspiring and deep. The people were stirred and thrilled and delighted—in short, spell-bound for more than an hour, though the time seemed only a few minutes. Mr. Bickett's part in establishing the hospital commission and other public services make him deservedly popular and he is a very able speaker.

### AWARDING MEDALS AND DIPLOMAS

Medals were awarded to the following by Prof. Turlington: The North Carolina History Essayist medal to Miss Dora E. Coats, Reciters medal to Miss Julia Ingram Rand, Declaimers medal to Mr. Elmer James Wellons.

As a pleasant surprise the following were made the recipients of nice presents: The tenth grade to Prof. Turlington, the Cicero Class to Miss Flossie Abell; the seventh grade to Miss Rena Bingham.

Lastly came the awarding of diplomas. This was done by Prof. Turlington. Thus closed a very successful year in the graded school. The large auditorium was filled and many besides were unable to get seats.

Respectfully,  
J. P. CANADAY,  
County Superintendent.

### Five Large Snakes in One Ball.

I was visiting Mr. J. L. Boyett near Moore's School house and going up the road on Sunday morning in about one hundred yards from his gate 1 and Mr. Boyette found five large highland moccasins in the fence jam all clustered together. Mr. Boyett went for his gun and we killed all five of them. They measured from three feet eight inches up to four and a half feet long.

Wiley T. Wellons,  
Selma, R. F. D. No. 4.

Let me mail you free, to prove merit, samples of my Dr. Shoop's Restorative, and my book on either Dyspepsia, The Heart, or the Kidneys. Address me, Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. Troubles of the Stomach, Heart or Kidneys, are merely symptoms of a deeper ailment: Don't make the common error of treating symptoms only. Symptom treatment is treating the result of your ailment, and not the cause. Weak Stomach nerves—the inside nerves—means Stomach weakness, always. And the Heart and Kidneys as well, have their controlling or inside nerves. Weaken these nerves, and you inevitably have weak vital organs. Here is where Dr. Shoop's Restorative has made its fame. No other remedy even claims to treat the "inside nerves." Also for bloating, biliousness, bad breath or complexion, use Dr. Shoop's Restorative. Write for my free Book now Dr. Shoop's Restorative sold by Hood Bros.

### Cold Weather.

Cleveland, O., May 27.—During last night the temperature here dropped 42 degrees or from 78 to 36 above zero. There were snow flurries in Cleveland during the day. According to the local weather bureau snow has never before fallen so late in this vicinity since the establishment of the bureau in this city.

### SNOW ALL OVER MICHIGAN.

Detroit, Mich., May 27.—Snow is reported from all over Michigan today with a veritable winter blizzard prevailing over the Saginaw valley, Cadillac reports that five inches of snow fell last night with more coming and six inches have fallen at Petesky.

### SNOW SQUALL IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Reading, Pa., May 27.—Flakes of snow fell in the Schuylkill valley last night and residents of Berks county report that a regular squall visited that section.

### KANSAS FROST BITTEN.

Kansas City, Mo., May 27.—Frost last night was general over Kansas with the temperature in many places in Kansas reaching 30 degrees.

### JACK FROST NIPS STRAWBERRIES.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 27.—Northwest Missouri was visited by a damaging frost last night. The strawberry crop particularly suffered.

### Not Guilty.

D. C. Downing and J. C. Stancil, the revenue officers who were charged with the murder of Watson Jernigan in Duplin county on the 25th of October, 1905, and who have been under bond since a true bill was found by the grand jury in the Superior court of that county soon afterwards, were, late yesterday afternoon, acquitted by the jury in the Federal court in Raleigh, after a hearing that consumed two whole days. The jury retired at six o'clock and was out twenty-one minutes when it returned with a verdict of not guilty, and the defendants stood acquitted. There were many who congratulated Downing and Stancil, and they seemed happy. However, they had appeared during the entire two days hearing to have no apprehension of conviction. It was learned from members of the jury, after the verdict had been rendered, that the vote was unanimous for acquittal on the first official ballot. An informal ballot was first cast, and only one jurymen failed to vote for acquittal, and he did not vote at all, giving as his reason that he did not think it proper to begin balloting so early.—News and Observer 29th.

### Bill Nye's Cow Advertisement.

Bill Nye, the humorist, once had a cow to sell, the story goes, and advertised her as follows: "Owing to my ill health, I will sell at my residence in township 19, range 18, according to the government survey, one plush raspberry cow, age 8 years. She is of undoubted courage and gives milk frequently. To a man who does not fear death in any form she would be a great boon. She is very much attached to her present home with a stay chain, but she will be sold to any one who will agree to treat her right. She is one-fourth Shorthorn and three-fourths hyena. I will also throw in a double-barrel shot gun, which goes with her. In May she usually goes away for a week or two and returns with a tall, red calf with wobbly legs. I would rather sell her to a non-resident. Her name is Rose."

### A Narrow Escape.

G. W. Cloyd, a merchant, of Plunk, Mo., had a narrow escape four years ago, when he ran a jimson bur into his thumb. He says: "The doctor wanted to amputate it out I would not consent. I bought a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and that cured the dangerous wound." 25c at Hood Bros Druggist.

You can get your harness mended right at The Ellington Buggy Co.

### Making Love by Mail.

Lexington, N. C., May 22.—A young lady of the county has received the following letter from a matrimonially inclined youth of Leflin, Alabama, having seen her name printed in the Lexington Dispatch at some time during a popularity contest:

"Dear Miss: I Wold Be Glad to Corry Spoud With you I have found your name in the Contest Papers & Picked you for My Better half So i Wont Worry you long So as I ame looking for some Girl that Wants to Marry & I Will Chang forter Grafts With you So I Can describ My Self I am 26 years of age 6ft tall Weigh 165 lbs dark complected Was Born in Mississippa & iff you Wold lik to Corry Spoud With Mea I Wold Be Glad So pleas ansWer Buy returned Mail & your Postage returned Pleas send your Pieter in first letter iff Convenyent. So I Will Clof hoping to hear soon  
"address Mea at Leflin P. O. Stat Ala. R. F. D. No. 6 Pleas excus Bad Riting So Good Buy"

### Airship Was Success.

Norfolk, Va., May 21.—A successful aeronautic ascension was made at the Jamestown Exposition in a new air ship this afternoon, navigating above the parade ground and over exhibit buildings with perfect ease and landing in the aeronautic concourse, with no difficulty. The ascension was witnessed by several thousand people, and was pronounced a success. The machine was in the air for over twenty minutes. The flight started from the concourse and the route steered was across the War Path to the parade. Under perfect control the air ship arose to a height of a hundred and fifty feet and steered up and down over the parade, crossed the Manufactures and Liberal Arts and Pure Foods buildings, soared over the War Path and in graceful circles came to rest just in front of the Aerdorm door within the concourse. It was the first time the new machine had been used, and it worked perfectly.

### Accident Near Benson.

Last week Charley Lee, who lives at Benson and has worked as a railroad hand for several years, happened to a horrible accident. He was on the hand car which was moving, being propelled by him and others. His back was toward the way the car was going when suddenly and unexpectedly the lever he was working broke off and he fell in front of the car, between the tracks on his head and back, and doubled up into a ball by the car before he could get out of its way or it could be stopped. He is still alive, but there seems to be but little hope for his recovery. He is a son of Mr. John Lee, who formerly lived at Holt's mill near Smithfield.

### Slain in Barber's Chair.

Luxora, Ark., May 28.—Dan Holden is under arrest at Hyde Park charged with the murder of Harry Davis. It is said that Holden, who is a barber invited Davis to a free shave in the town shop. Drawing the keen edge of the razor across his victim's throat he severed the jugular vein. He first asked Davis if he wanted a "light" or "close" shave.

Holden, it is said, does not deny his guilt, but maintains that his act was justifiable, asserting that Davis ruined his home, causing a divorce ten years ago when both were living in Springfield, Mo. Since then Holden has worn a heavy beard, and this natural disguise enabled him to mingle with Davis several days unsuspected.

### Progress.

Stella—Dont they put on style?  
Bella—Yes; its only a generation from elbow grease to elbow sleeves.—New York Sun.