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GOETHALS SAILS FOR PANAMA.

Canal Engineer Does Not Expect Completion Until 1914.—Insists That Lock Type Is Superior to Sea-level Plan—No Danger Will Confront Vessels.

New York, March 27.—Steeled for fresh endeavor in his gigantic task of wedding the oceans, Col. George W. Goethals, chief engineer of the board of construction of the Panama Canal, sailed today on the Steamer Advance for Panama. Two things serve primarily to buoy up the digger of the Panama Canal in the work before him: First, the patriotic interest which he has found since his return with the Taft party from the Isthmus; second, the assurances of support which he has received for his theories as to the work.

According to Col. Goethals, the excursion season incident to the completion of the canal will set in late in 1914 or early in 1915. He said it was his best judgment that the work would require five or six more years. No change in the present canal policy is contemplated as the result of his visit. As to his sentiment toward the canal work, Col. Goethals said:

"The first rainy season determined me as to the practicability of the lock canal plan. I had been a sea-level canal man, but I had never been able before to look into the canal proposition so thoroughly. I was soon convinced that a lock canal, particularly of the size proposed, was the practical proposition.

"While the opponents of the lock plan are concentrating their efforts in representations against drawbacks which they assert the locks will present, so far as actual navigation is concerned the locks will offer no impediments to passage, nor will they endanger vessels as much as the narrow channels of the sea level."

BENSON NEWS.

Rev. O. M. Marshall, of Henderson, preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning and night.

The Baraca and Philathea class of the Baptist church will have an Easter picnic at Parrish's pond on Monday, April 12. An interesting program will be rendered.

Quite a large crowd enjoyed the old maids' conference at the High School Auditorium on last Friday night. A handsome sum was realized for the improvement of the hall.

The boys of the Benson High school and the Kenly boys will have a joint debate at Kenly on Monday night of Easter. Messrs. Almon Parker and Arthur Goodrich will represent the Benson school. A large number of the Benson people expect to attend this discussion.

Of those visiting out of town recently we note as follows: Mrs. Luna Toler, Mrs. F. O. Driver and Miss Bertha Johnson at Dunn; Mrs. A. R. Evett, at Fayetteville; Dr. W. T. Martin at Oxford; Mrs. M. T. Britt, at Clinton. Of those visiting in town are: Miss Zola Duke, of Henderson; Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Royal, of Micro; Mr. Jarvis Stewart, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Mr. S. J. Stewart, of Red Springs; Father Irvin, of Newton Grove, and Mr. Giddings, of Clinton.

Beginning with May 1st the roads of Banner township will be worked by taxation. We hope to have better roads in the near future. Below is a copy of the road law.

An Act to Create a Board of Road Commissioners for Banner township, Johnston County.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That C. T. Johnson, N. T. Ryals and E. L. Hall be and are hereby created, declared and constituted a board of road commissioners for Banner township, Johnston county. The term of the office of the said commissioners shall be as follows: C. T. Johnson from the 1st day of May, 1909, one year; N. T. Ryals from the 1st day of May, 1909, two years, E. L. Hall from the 1st day of May, 1909, three years, or until their several successors shall be duly elected and assume the duties of their office. It shall be the duty of the said board of commissioners of Banner township, Johnston county, to meet on the first Monday in May in each year and

elect a successor to the retiring member who shall hold his office for three years. Should any vacancy occur in said board from death, resignation or other cause, the remaining members may at any time meet and elect some suitable person to fill such vacancy.

Section 2. That said board of road commissioners shall have complete control of the working of all public roads in Banner township and shall have power to change the location of any road or part thereof which they may deem necessary; to employ a superintendent and fix his salary; to employ necessary guards to keep in custody and work on the said roads all such persons as may be hereafter sentenced to work on public roads of Johnston county; to provide for the working of said convicts on said roads to the best advantage; to do any and all things necessary to be done for the maintenance and betterment of the public roads in said township.

Section 3. That the said board of road commissioners shall hold their meetings at a time and place designated by the chairman, or at the request of any two members of said board. The said board shall keep a full and true account of all its proceedings showing its receipts and disbursements, the number of persons employed and other matters in any way connected with or relating to the working of said roads, the said books shall be left with the treasurer herein provided for and shall at all times be subject to the inspection of any tax payer of Banner township.

Section 4. That the said board of commissioners at its first meeting shall appoint some person or corporation as treasurer of the Banner township road fund. The person or corporation so designated shall give a bond in such form and amount as shall be required by the said board payable to the said board for the faithful performance of his or its duties as treasurer and for the faithful holding and disbursing of the said funds in accordance with orders and directions of the said board. His compensation for his services shall not exceed five percentum of disbursement of the said road funds.

Section 5. That the members of the said board of road commissioners shall receive as compensation for their services not exceeding the sum of two dollars per day while actually engaged in the performance of their duty.

Section 6. That for the purpose of raising funds to carry the provisions of this act into effect, the board of commissioners of Johnston county shall at its meeting in April, 1909, and annually thereafter levy a tax not exceeding twenty-five cents on each \$100 worth of property in said township and 75 cents on each poll, said tax to be collected by the Sheriff of Johnston county as other taxes are collected and paid by him to the treasurer of said road fund without fees for disbursement.

Section 7. That it shall be lawful for the several Judges of the Superior court of the State; for the Justice of the peace of Johnston county, and the Mayor of the town of Benson to sentence persons convicted in their several courts to work on the public roads of said county, and when so sentenced such convicts may be worked on the public roads of Banner township in said county.

Section 8. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the fifth day of March, 1909.

REPORTER.

April 1, 1909.

OLDEST STEAMER NOW 87.

Built Shortly After Fulton's Original is Now Oyster Boat.

Providence, R. I., Mar. 25.—Only 13 years the junior of the Clermont, Robert Fulton's first steamer, the steamer James Morgan has just been under Federal inspection here. The Morgan is the oldest steamer in the country, having been launched at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 87 years ago. She registers 69 tons gross and hails from New Haven. She is used as an oyster boat.

You never know what you can do till you try.—German.

POU SPEAKS ON TARIFF BILL.

Representative From the Fourth District Shows Complete Comprehension of His Subject and in Frequent Interruptions Displays Perfect Grasp of the Question.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 26.—Representative Pou, a member of the Ways and Means Committee, spoke for an hour and ten minutes in the House this afternoon, critically analyzing the Payne tariff bill, which he characterized as "the worst tariff ever submitted for the consideration of an American Congress."

The Representative from the Fourth, who has given nearly all of his time for the past six months in the study of the tariff, had the whole subject at his finger's ends. He was interrupted scores of times such men as Boutelle and Hill, plying him with questions, but he more than held his own. Much applause greeted his remarks, and he was heartily congratulated by the Democratic side when he concluded Champ Clark declaring that he had made exactly the right speech. The North Carolina Senators heard Mr. Pou, and shared in these congratulations.

A feature of Mr. Pou's remarks that attracted much attention was his prediction that the President does not favor the schedules in the pending bill. In this connection the speaker said:

"If instead of lowering these ridiculously high schedules, you permit them to remain as they are, while you increase other schedules on the necessities of life. If you permit your Standard oil countervailing duty to remain. If you decline to change section 29, which nobody understands, but which may take millions out of the treasury, if you permit your direct inheritance tax, operating as a double tax in 38 states, to remain unchanged, if you insist upon taxing tea instead of beer, I predict that your own President will never sign your bill. Let us put aside all considerations of party policy and party advantage. It is all right to be a good Democrat; it is all right to be a good Republican; it is better still to be a good American."

Declaring that he hoped to see "the day when no American industry will need any protection," Mr. Pou said that this is a question which rises or ought to rise above party. He thought the question ought to be submitted to some non-partisan body of men sworn to adjust duties in the interest of all the people.

Concluding Mr. Pou said: "Shall we legislate, in behalf of special interests or for all the people of the nation. This is the question now submitted to every member of the sixty-first Congress.—Thomas J. Pence, in News and Observer.

ELDER HUTCHINSON KILLED.

Primitive Divine Met Death in Unusual Manner in Wilkes County.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Mar. 27.—At North Wilkesboro today, Elder J. Franklin Hutchinson of the Primitive Baptist church, one of Wilkes county's leading citizens, was killed by falling 20 feet through the approach to the bridge across the Yadkin river.

Two Stills Captured.

Last Friday, five miles east of Benson, Adams, Holland, Surles and Downing, United States Revenue officers, captured a 45 gallon copper still, 26 fermenters and 1500 gallons of beer. They found two white men at the still but the made their escape. One of the men left his coat at the still which he can get by calling on the revenue officers.

On Saturday, near Bentonville, another large still and 900 gallons of beer was captured by J. P. H. Adams, A. F. Surles, H. M. Earnes and K. W. Merritt. Four men were found at this still, two were captured, N. E. Lee and J. S. Adams, the other two made their escape. The captured men were brought to Dunn by Surles and they had a hearing before United States Commissioner, J. J. Wilson, who bound them over to the May term of the Federal Court—Dunn Guide.

NOTES FROM CHAPEL HILL.

Johnston County Boys at the State University and What They are Doing.

The students attending the University from Johnston county met on March 27, and organized a Johnston County Club. The following officers were elected:

President—E. W. Turlington. Vice-President—L. G. Stevens. Secretary and treasurer—J. H. Rand.

The following men are attending the University from Johnston County: C. W. Eason, J. H. Rand, L. G. Stevens, L. F. Turlington, E. W. Turlington, E. J. Wellons and G. F. Whitley from Smithfield; H. E. Austin, G. M. Baucom, J. P. Cordon and V. V. D. Duncan from Clayton; W. M. Brannan, M. Hinnant and J. H. Stancil from Selma; C. W. Johnson from Spilona; M. A. Peacock from Benson; and E. V. Woodard from Princeton.

Messrs. Eason, Peacock, Stancil, and Woodard are studying Pharmacy. Messrs. Austin, Brannan, and Hinnant are studying Medicine. Mess. Baucom, Cordon, Duncan, Johnson, Rand, Stevens, E. W. and L. F. Turlington, Wellons and Whitley are taking Academic courses.

The Johnston county boys are doing well and all of them think highly of the University and of the great work it is doing in preparing the young men of the State to become useful citizens. Two students from Johnston county graduated last year, each with high honor. The county is represented in Athletics as well as in other phases of college life. Duncan is one of the best players on the baseball team.

J. H. RAND. Chapel Hill, N. C., Mar. 31.

THE LATE GEO. T. ANGELL.

His Delightful Life Devoted to Bettering Condition of Animals.

In the death of George Thorndike Angell, the friend of our dumb friends, and publisher, and editor of a magazine, brought out in their interest, the humane world has met with a great loss. This much beloved Bostonian was the veteran leader in the humane educational work. He was gathered to his fathers at the splendid age of 86. In 1866 after seeing two horses run to death in a race, Mr. Angell became interested in humane work for dumb animals and prompted by the action of Henry Bergh, who in that year started the New York society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, Mr. Angell established the publication of "Our Dumb Animals."

Since that time Mr. Angell has been actively engaged in the interest of his chosen life work. He traveled many times throughout the United States and in scores of other countries in pursuance of that work and caused to be established more than 70,000 bands of mercy in America and England. One hopes the good work will not lag.—Philadelphia Record.

Lived 109 Years.

Lila Mitchell, a colored woman who lived at Steele Creek in Mecklenburg county, died one day last week at the age of 109 years. Her memory was active and she recalled easily things of long ago. One of the occurrences which made a vivid impression on her mind was the notable fall of stars in 1833, when her race thought the judgment day had surely come—but the old woman lived 76 years after that and probably at the close of her career she had ceased to expect to witness the dissolution of the material creation.—Waxhaw Enterprise.

The Laetere medal which has been conferred by popes of Rome since the 13th century upon members of the laity that have performed signal service to religion and humanity, is to be given by Notre Dame university this year to Christian Reid, a novelist, whose home is at Sallabury, N. C. Christian Reid is the penname of Frances Christian Fisher Tiernan. She has published 40 novels since 1871.

The man who is always complaining that life is a grind doesn't furnish much of the grist.—Dallas News.

KITCHIN FOR FREE LUMBER.

With His Colleagues Lined Up Against Him the Tar Heel Representative Takes the Floor and Champions the Cause of Free Lumber—His Speech Forceful and Entertaining.

Washington, March 30.—Far and away the best speech of this Congress was made by Representative Claude Kitchin this afternoon. It was able, clear-cut and entertaining from first to last. Newspaper men and members of the House conceded him first place. The lumber schedule of the Payne bill was his subject and he spoke for free lumber. Every man who interrupted him was bowled over. Fordney, of Michigan; Graham, of Pennsylvania; Miller, of Kansas, and others went down under his fire. His readiness, his good-natured manner and his assurance made him formidable.

At the close of Mr. Kitchin's remarks, which continued through two hours, Democrats and Republicans congratulated him. Judge DeArmond of Missouri, said that it was one of the ablest speeches made in Congress in a number of years and that seems to be the consensus of opinion. It required courage to do what Mr. Kitchin has done. He stands alone in his own delegation for free lumber. He told his Tar Heel colleagues to-day that the lumber tariff proposition was no better than when Tilden denounced it as the masterpiece of injustice, in equality and in equity; no better than when the Cleveland platform of 1892 denounced it as a fraud and a robbery for the benefit of a few; no better than when the Parker platform of 1904 denounced it.

"I desire," declared Mr. Kitchin, "to remind my Democratic friends from North Carolina that the proposition to put a duty on lumber is no better now than it was when North Carolina's two immortal statesmen Vance and Ransom, thundered against it at the other end of the Capitol, and voted against it three times. If you protect your home district you must protect the other fellows. The principal is wrong. You won't hold any protectionist by voting for the duty on lumber. The man who desires protection will go to the protection party, the Republican party, which is schooled in protection. He will not turn to a party that is trying as it is an experiment."

Mr. Kitchin made Mr. Fordney, the arch-protectionist, admit that the South would not benefit by the Payne schedule. Maine and the Pacific coast alone would be affected.—H. E. C. Bryant, in Charlotte Observer.

Algy—"Myrtle, what are your objections to marrying me?" Myrtle—"I have only one objection, Algy, I'd have to live with you."—Chicago Tribune.

TO REDUCE SALARIES.

Mr. Edwards, of Georgia, Introduces Bill to Put it at \$5,000 a Year.

Washington, March 27.—Representative Edwards of Georgia, is tired of drawing \$7,500 for his services as a member of Congress. He is willing to hold the job for \$5,000 a year. Accordingly he today introduced a bill to reduce the salaries of members from \$7,500 to \$5,000.

Getting Close to the South Pole.

The polar regions are gradually yielding up their secrets to human perseverance and determination. Lieut. Ernest H. Shackleton, of the British navy, who left his permanent quarters last autumn for a dash to the South Pole, has succeeded, after an arduous sledge journey of 1,708 miles, which occupied 126 days, in getting within 111 miles of the pole, or 354 miles nearer than the point attained by the Discovery expedition, of which he was an officer.

As the expedition was undertaken rather for the purpose of geographical survey than with the object of reaching the pole itself, it may be said to have succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations.—London Dispatch.

Virtue that parleys is near a surrender.—French.

State News Items.

As the result of the coroner's inquest and preliminary hearing before a Justice of the peace in Columbus county last Friday, Cleveland Russ, 21 years old, said to be a rejected suitor of Miss Squires, of Bladen county, was committed to jail without bond at Whiteville, N. C., for trial in the State Superior Court next month on the charge of having murdered Jerry Bigford, a well known young farmer and merchant, who was shot to death through a window in his home, near Freemans, Tuesday night of last week and who was to have married Miss Squires the night following the finding of his body in his home, where he resided alone.

Prof. Charles Alphonso Smith, head of the department of English at the State University, has been elected professor of Teutonic languages in the University of Virginia to succeed Jas. A. Harrison, who has resigned on account of ill health.

President Taft will be the main feature of the 20th of May celebration in Charlotte this year. A delegation of Charlotte citizens called on the President last week and he accepted the invitation to attend the celebration.

Rev. W. M. Curtis, secretary and treasurer of Greensboro Female College, who has devoted much time as financial agent in raising the \$100,000 endowment fund for the college, says that only \$4,000 is now necessary to reach the point where the whole amount will be available by the offer of Mr. Carnegie to give \$25,000 when 75,000 was secured, and since that offer B. N. Duke has guaranteed \$10,000 when \$65,000 was raised.

After seeking in vain for a pardon from the Governor, or for his sentence of four years in the State Prison to be changed to four years on the roads, A. W. Aman, former Republican sheriff of Sampson county, convicted of embezzling county funds, has been taken to the State Prison. Deputy Sheriff Whitfield Tart, of Sampson, took the prisoner to Raleigh and the two walked from Union depot to the State's Prison. Deputy Tart bid him good-bye at the entrance, but waited to get Aman's Citizen's clothes, which he took back to Clinton with him, Aman changing to the prison garb.

The new Erwin cotton mill and the greatest of the Erwin chain of mills is to be built in West Durham. This was decided at a meeting of the directors of the Erwin Mill Company held in Durham last week.

Governor Kitchin has accepted the invitation of the J. E. B. Stuart Chapter, U. D. C., to deliver the Confederate Memorial address in Fayetteville May 10th.

Short Items of Interest.

Director North, of the Census Bureau, has withdrawn his request for an appropriation of \$14,117,000 for the next census and has substituted a request for \$10,000,000.

The world's commerce was considerably lower in 1908 than in 1907, according to a statement issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Gen. William Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, is at present in St. Petersburg, Russia, and is negotiating with the government for permission to establish a branch of the Salvation Army in Russia. He is being strongly opposed by the Holy Synod.

Fanny Crosby, the blind hymn writer, observed her eighty-ninth birthday when she was a guest at a reception given in the home of Mrs. Orville Rector by the Fanny Crosby Circle of King's Daughters in Bridgeport, Ct., recently.

Senator Shiveley, of Indiana, and his colleague, Beveridge, are rivals for the title of the handsomest man in the Senate.

Martin N. Johnson, the new senator from North Dakota, was three times a candidate for this place before being elected.

One-cent postage is provided in a bill which Representative Bennett of New York has introduced. The measure provides that beginning January 1, 1910, the rate of postage on all letters mailed within the United States for domestic points, including drop letters, shall be one cent per ounce or fraction.