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COME TO THE JOHNSTON COUNTY HOME COMING AT SMITHFIELD, N. C., MAY 16-21, 1910.

QUAKE DEATH ROLL 1500.

Many More Persons Injured in Ancient Capital of Central American Republic. Another Town Believed To Have Been Destroyed by The Same Disturbance.

San Jose, Costa Rico, May 7.—The list of dead at Cartago now numbers not less than 1500. The city was destroyed by a single earthquake, which lasted four seconds. It was a tremendous movement, which followed a few minor shocks during the course of the day. It occurred at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, and no one had time to run out of the houses, which fell crashing to the streets. Had the great shock come during the sleeping hours hardly any could have escaped.

At least 1000 more were injured, and the only buildings left standing were two wooden houses. The work of removing the bodies is impeded by the heavy character of the fallen walls, combined with unsanitary conditions resulting from the rapid decomposition of the corpses.

Whole families perished while dining or engaged in their ordinary vocations. The excavators tell pathetic stories. The ruins of homes when explored reveal parents clasping in lifeless arms the bodies of their little ones.

The devastated territory, as well as this city and the smaller towns nearby, has been rocking like a cradle for nearly a month, until the nerves of the people are thoroughly unstrung. Hysteria has seized many and is accompanied by the usual manifestations. The superstitious find a relation between the seismic disturbance and the appearance of Halley's comet.

Immense crevasses have opened in the earth at Oshomogo. Although San Jose suffered slightly as compared with Cartago and the small neighboring towns, the people here are very nervous.

Dr. Becanegra, Guatemalan Magistrate to the Central American Court of Arbitration, escaped with three of his children, but his wife and their youngest child perished. The demolished buildings include ten churches and the municipal palace, in addition to the Pease Palace.

Parties headed by President Viquez and President-elect Jimenez are working valiantly but under tremendous difficulties to restore the injured and recover the bodies of the dead.

EIGHTY-FIVE DEAD AT PALOS.

Seventy-Seven Have Been Removed Six More Located.

Palos, Ala., May 9.—The number of dead in Palos mines disaster is now definitely established at eighty-three instead of one hundred and thirty-five as first reported. Seventy-seven have been removed and six more located from Sunday noon until three o'clock this morning. Half of the whole number of bodies were taken from the mine and it was necessary to bury them practically as fast as they were gotten to the surface.

ENTHRONEMENT IS PROCLAIMED

George V to the Throne of England Announced in Every City.

London, May 9.—With medieval rites shaped by a thousand years of precedent, the accession of George V was to-day proclaimed to the empire. The chief ceremony was in London, heart of the empire but in every large city of Great Britain and Ireland and in the main centers of the colonies, in every clime, the proclamation announcing the death of Edward VII and the succession of his son "The Sailor Prince" was heralded.

King George V was formally proclaimed as successor to the throne at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The ceremony was an impressive one occurring in the throne room in the presence of the privy council under the presidency of the Earl of Crewe.

The proclamation of kingship was a sonorous document conferring upon the new sovereign all the attributes of a ruler which his father had possessed. The response of King George was marked by deep emotion as he solemnly affirmed his purpose to fulfill to the best of his abilities the great trust reposed in him.

In 300 balloon ascents there is, on an average, one fatal accident.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

Burlington has voted \$60,000 of bonds for street and sidewalk improvements.

The next session of the North Carolina Association of Funeral Directors will be held in High Point in 1911.

The board of aldermen of the town of Dunn have raised the near-beer license to two thousand dollars a year.

Lieut. Gov. Newland announces that he will likely be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor two years hence.

Work has begun on the Federal postoffice building at Henderson. The contract price is \$54,450 and the work is to be completed by next February.

John K. Tew, a policeman who killed George Jones at Clinton, Sampson county, while trying to make an arrest, was acquitted in Sampson Superior Court last week.

At Granite Falls, a village in Caldwell county, the issue in the municipal campaign last week was "pool room" or "no pool room," and the "no pool room" folks won.

Governor Kitchin has appointed Henry C. Brown corporation commissioner to succeed the late B. F. Aycock. Mr. Brown has been clerk to the commission for 18 years.

Alexander Thompson, a farmer of Clay county, committed suicide last week by hanging himself. His mind was impaired and he had planned self-destruction for some time.

There are in Guilford County 129 automobiles according to the State registration law which applies to all counties except New Hanover. There are 1420 registered in the entire State.

Andrew Carnegie has agreed to give \$825 for a pipe organ for the Morgantown Methodist church when the congregation raises a similar amount. The congregation has \$300 to start on.

It is reported from Waynesville that James Ward shot and probably fatally wounded his cousin, Perry Ward, near Waynesville a few days ago. Cause: Whiskey and a discussion of the stock law.

Richard Bivens, who killed Vassar Fowler in Granville County some time ago, was tried at Oxford last week and submitted to manslaughter and was sentenced to a term of five years in the penitentiary.

In Greensboro last week Mr. John A. Young sold a herd of registered thoroughbred Jersey cattle—80 cows, heifers, calves and bulls—and prices ranged from \$12 for calves to \$185 for cows. The herd brought \$5,000, an average of \$62 per head.

Judge Jones held his last court in Charlotte last week, his resignation as Superior Court judge taking effect Saturday, 7th. Judge Pell, his successor, took the oath of office in Winston Saturday and began a term of Cabarrus Superior Court Monday.

A special to the Wilmington Star says that a cyclone passed through the Taylor's section of Sampson county at a late hour Sunday afternoon, demolishing the residence of Preston Bryant, a white farmer, seriously injuring his wife, and doing considerable damage to standing timber and crops.

The Democratic congressional convention of the fifth district has been called to meet at Greensboro July 5th. Four or five candidates are in the field for the nomination—among the number Dr. Mebane of Rockingham county, Judge Jones of Forsyth, Col. Royster of Granville, and Major Stedman of Guilford.

The Governor has commuted the sentence of John Shepherd, of Wilkes county, under a sentence of a year on the roads for selling liquor, to a fine of \$50 and costs. In stating his reasons for the commutation the Governor notes that \$350 had already been paid in Shepherd's case on account of a bond forfeiture.

A 500 pound blast of stone from an overcharge of dynamite used in blasting at the Evans quarry, 6 miles from Murphy, on the Louisville and Nashville railroad, landed on the roof of Charles Guthrie's dwelling Thursday, crashed through the light roof and instantly killed Mrs. Guthrie and her 8 year old child.

Rome, May 8.—Mgr. Bevilacqua has discovered a diary in the archives of the cathedral at Viterbo containing an entry dated April 5, 1066, recording the appearance of a comet.

ENGLAND'S KING IS DEAD.

Edward VII. Died at Buckingham Palace Last Friday Night. Was Sick Only a Few Days. Sketch of the King's Life.

London, May 7.—King Edward VII., who returned to England from a vacation a few days ago in the best of health, died at 11:45 o'clock last night in the presence of his family after an illness of less than a week, which was serious hardly more than three days.

The Prince of Wales succeeded to the crown immediately, according to the laws of the kingdom, without official ceremony. His first official act was to dispatch to the Lord Mayor the announcement of his father's death, in pursuance of custom.

Pneumonia, following bronchitis, is believed to have been the cause of death, but the doctors thus far have refused to make a statement. Some of the King's friends are convinced that worry over the critical political situation which confronted him, with sleepless nights, aggravated if it did not cause the fatal illness.

Besides the nearest relatives in England, the Duke of Fife and the Archbishop of Canterbury were in the death chamber. The King's brother, the Duke of Connaught, with his family, is at Suez, hastening home from Africa. The King's daughter, Queen Maud of Norway, will start for England tomorrow.

Within a few minutes after the death of the King the Home Office was telegraphing the intelligence to the heads of other governments and the British diplomats and colonial offices throughout the world. All who knew the King anticipated that his death would be sudden, and it would not have caused great surprise if it had occurred without warning at some social function, as a result of heart trouble. Almost to the end he refused to take to his bed, and was sitting up yesterday in a large chair, so the palace stories go, corroborating the description of him as an unruly patient, which Dr. Ott gave to a Vienna interviewer last evening. One of the last utterances attributed to King Edward was:

"Well, it is all over, but I think I have done my duty."
He seemed then to have reached a full realization that his end was fast approaching.

Sketch of King Edward.
Born in Buckingham Palace on November 9, 1841.

Christened in St. George's Chapel on January 25, 1842, and baptized Albert Edward.

Created Prince of Wales and Earl of Dublin when four weeks old.

Studied at Edinburgh University, Oxford, and Cambridge.

Visited Canada and the United States in 1860.

Betrothed to Princess Alexandra of Denmark on September 9, 1862; married on March 10, 1863, in St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

Ascended the throne on the death of Queen Victoria on January 22, 1901, and was crowned in Westminster Abbey on August 9, 1902.

Died on May 6, 1910.
Reigned nine years, three months, and fourteen days.

Negro Sees Comet and Dies.
Views the Wonderful Wanderer in The Heavens and Then Drops Dead.

Elizabeth City, May 10.—Much excitement and consternation was caused among superstitious and ignorant negroes in the lower part of the county, about four miles from the city, by the sudden and so-called mysterious death of Henry Johnson, aged and highly-respected negro. This morning at 3:30 o'clock Johnson arose to view Halley's comet about which he had read and studied considerably of late. After gazing at the wonderful spectacle for a few moments he turned to go back in the house and fell dead.—Charlotte Observer.

Father of Forty-Six Children.

Charlotte Court House, Va., May 8.—Abraham Brown, a negro, seventy-six years old, who is the father of forty-six children, and who has lost count of his grandchildren, has applied to the county clerk here for a license to marry his fourth wife, who is thirty-five years old. The cost of the license was defrayed by citizens present.

HALLEY'S COMET IN HISTORY.

Some of the World's Events That Happened Along With the Recurring Visits of the Wonderful Wanderer of the Skies.

Halley's comet has a history which is intimately related not only to the history of Astronomy, but also to the history of civilization itself. In these twentieth century days it is difficult indeed to realize how fear-inspiring was this famous wanderer in the sky. In B. C. 11, it hung suspended over the city of Rome, and the startled populace interpreted its apparition as a warning of the impending death of Agrippa. Josephus saw it like the luminous blade of a gigantic sword, held menacingly over the doomed city of Jerusalem in 66 A. D. When it flared up again in 141 A. D., a plague was decimating China and also Europe. In Naples alone four hundred thousand perished from the scourge. In 218 A. D., Halley's comet was again a badge of war, for it marked the murder of Emperor Macrinus of Rome, whose death had been foretold so accurately by the augurs, because of the comet, that their hand in the assassination was only too apparent. Dion Cassius saw the comet in that year and described it "as a very fearful star with a tail stretching from west toward the east."

Attila, self-styled "Scourge of God," must have seen Halley's comet in 451 A. D., and marvelled at its meaning, just before that famous battle of Chalons in which his headlong career of destruction through Central Europe was checked by the Romans. Merlin, the famous wizard of King Arthur's court, was inspired by the comet in 530 to prophesy the succession of Uter to the throne occupied by Ambrosius. Moreover he saw in certain rays that were thrown off by the comet signs of the birth of a mighty Prince and of a mighty Princess.

When the comet flared up in 684, the Black Plague was ravaging the world. In France, the appearance of Halley's comet in 837 was firmly believed to have presaged the death of Louis le Debonnaire. The king himself was of the same opinion for, according to Eginard, when he first saw the comet he said to the historian: "go up on the terrace of the palace and look. Then come back at once and tell me what thou hast seen?"

To William of Normandy Halley's comet blazed like a guiding star, a harbinger of the victory with which his invasion of England in 1066 was to be crowned. Perhaps the oldest picture of any celestial apparition is that of Halley's comet embroidered by Matilda, William's Queen, and her ladies, on that Bayeux tapestry which is the pictorial record of the Norman triumphs. Thus the comet ushered in a new era for England. In 1845, (1222, 1301, 1378 Halley's comet alarmed humanity, for it seemed to have some connection with the disasters of those years.

Most startling must its appearance have been in 1456 during the terrible war which raged between the Turks and Christendom. The Moslems saw it in the sky, a luminous scimiter, whose crescent shape augured well for the Mohammedan cause. Christianity was so alarmed that the Pope Sixtus ordered prayers to be said and bells to be tolled. It flashed on the world in 1607 when Jamestown was settled, and thus ushered in the birth of a mighty nation. Shakespeare and Galileo must have beheld it and wondered at it in their different ways.

Whenever it appeared, nations were at war, plagues were disseminating mankind, prices were dying and floods were raging. Is it any wonder that its past history has been a history of blood, pestilence, famine and death?

If the comet holds no terror for us now, if, as we now know, there is absolutely no connection whatever between its past appearances and the terrible events with which they were associated, it is because Edmund Halley subjected it to the rigorous test of the law of gravitation. When he discovered that the comet of 1682, the comet which we now call by his name had also made its appearance in 1607 and 1531, he dispelled forever the frightful divinity with which comets had been hedged and added a new class of bodies to the solar system. Since his day comets have become the objects of dispassionate scientific study, and their movements present neat problems for the solution of the mathematical astronomer.—Waldemar Kaempffert.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

President Taft will deliver an address before the National Educational Association in Boston on July Fourth. Speaker Joe Cannon celebrated his 74th birthday last Saturday. The members of the Illinois delegation presented him with 74 American Beauties, one for each year of his life.

Representatives of more than 800,000 club women of the world are holding their biennial session in Cincinnati this week. Every state is represented and there are many delegates from foreign lands.

Estimating that the population of the United States on May 2 was 90,123,000, the Treasury Department figures that the per capita circulation of money on that date was \$34.45. Amount of money in circulation May 2 was \$2,104,547,273.

John Huff, of Letcher county, Ky., a hopeless paralytic, unable to move hand or foot, has been committed to the Kentucky penitentiary to serve eight years for manslaughter. Huff was partially paralyzed during the trial at which he was convicted and later suffered a second stroke, which rendered him helpless.

An explosion which late Sunday afternoon wrecked the plant of the General Explosives Company of Canada, situated a mile from Hull, Quebec, and four miles from Ottawa, Ont., killed 15 persons and injured 50 others. The force of the explosion was terrific. The country for miles around was laid waste.

The United States Steel Corporation announces that it has established a fund of \$8,000,000 for pension purposes and will consolidate this fund with the \$4,000,000 fund heretofore created by Andrew Carnegie. This joint fund will be administered for the benefit of employes by a board selected jointly by the corporation and Mr. Carnegie.

A bronze statue of Samuel Spencer, the first president of the Southern Railway, will be unveiled at Atlanta, Ga., on the 21st of May. The statue is the gift of thirty thousand employes of the Southern Railway, and is the work of Daniel Chester French, perhaps the most famous of the living American sculptors. The statue will be placed in the great station at Atlanta.

Irving Hanchett, a fifteen year old Connecticut boy, was hanged at De Land, Fla., last week for the murder of a twelve year old girl. The boy was an inmate of a reformatory and getting away from there he came South and murdered the girl for which crime he paid the extreme penalty. He went to his death with no concern and those who had charge of him during his last days were convinced that he was a moral degenerate.

Last Saturday morning near Sharon, Pa., Samuel Winterburn got up early to see the comet. He soon discovered that he was not the only inmate of the house up early. His 17-year old daughter was getting ready to take her departure, having her suitcase packed. At first she would not tell her father what her intentions were. About this time a faint "hello" from outdoors revealed her lover who had come for her. Of course the old man put a stop to the whole proceedings and thanked the comet for being able to prevent his daughter from eloping. What the love-lorn couple thought of the comet was not ascertained.

GAY BIRTHDAY PARTY AT 109.

Feature of Revels is Phonograph Concert by Lad of 101.

New York, May 8.—Mendel Diamond, known to the inmates of the home of the Daughters of Jacob on East Broadway as "General Bull" and "Santa Claus," to-day celebrated the one hundred and ninth anniversary of his birth.

The aged inmates of the home all gathered for dinner, and a cake occupied the center of the table. It had been planned to have lighted candles on the cake, but it was found at the last minute that if 109 wax candles were pushed through the frosting there would not be any cake. Still, the centenarian enjoyed the party. A lad of 101 years worked a phonograph and all joined in songs.—Philadelphia Record.

Salt works employes are said to be immune from cholera and scarlet fever.

PRINCETON COMMENCEMENT.

Very Interesting Programs Were Rendered. Prof. Carlyle Delivered Literary Address.

Princeton, May 10.—Annual Commencement of Princeton school was held on May 3 and 4. A ball game was played by Princeton and Rosewood on the afternoon of the 3rd, Princeton boys as usual, coming out ahead 7 to 8. Batteries:—Crumpler and Edwards for Princeton, Bass and Edwards for Rosewood.

On Tuesday evening the music recital was held in the hall of school building, opening with a chorus by the pupils,—morning song—then the following pieces were beautifully rendered.

Instrumental Solo—Lena Woodard.

Instrumental Duet—Flossie and Pearl Edwards.

Reading, "My Big Sister"—Lissie Woodard.

Instrumental Solo—Myrtle Edwards.

Play, "Woman's Rights"—Addie Hines, Myrtle May Holt and Jasper Stuckey.

Vocal Duet—Flossie Edwards and Julie Grantham.

Instrumental Solo—Myrtle May Holt.

Instrumental Duet—Myrtle Edwards and Patrick Barnes.

Vocal Solo—Hazel Edwards.

Instrumental Solo—Lissie Woodard.

Vocal Duet—Clara Finlayson and Rossie Hastings.

Instrumental Solo—Flossie Edwards.

Reading, "My First Engagement"—Clara Finlayson.

Instrumental Duet—Maude Hinton and Ethel Baker.

Instrumental Solo—Hazel Edwards.

Instrumental Duet—Myde Woodard and Rochell Hinton.

Instrumental Solo—Lida Holt.

Instrumental Duet—Lila Stuckey and Myrtle Howell.

Instrumental Solo—Elsie Holt.

Pantomime, "The Last Hymn"—Rosie Hastings.

The above recital was carried out to perfection by each pupil, showing that they had been trained properly by their teacher, Miss Neta Penny.

On May 4, at 10:30 A. M., was held a love feast of good things opening with: Song, "America" by the school.

Prayer, Rev. Jas M. Daniels, Selma, N. C.

Introduction, Geo. F. Woodard, Princeton.

Address by Prof. J. B. Carlyle, Wake Forest, N. C.

Selection by Kenly band.

Bible presentation by J. H. Kirby, Kenly, N. C.

Bible received by Superintendent J. P. Canaday.

Selection, "Nearer My God to Thee," by Kenly band.

Flag presentation by Dr. J. C. Grady, Kenly.

Flag received by S. S. Holt, Smithfield.

Selection, "Star Spangled Banner," by Kenly band.

Address on Principles of the Jr. O. U. A. M. by Hon. O. P. Dickinson, of Wilson.

Selection, "Dixie," by Kenly band.

Raising of flag, band playing Red, White and Blue.

Wednesday Evening.

Literary Department Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock opening with Tableaux, "The Old North State."

Song, "Come to the Gay Feast Song."

The play, "Striking Oil," was well gotten up and was highly enjoyed by those present. The following took part: Charley Gurley, John Taylor, Hortense Edwards, Sallie Wellons, Ora Smith, Lena Woodard, Iola Jones, Paul Boyett, Jasper Stuckey, Jimmie Joyner, Pat Ralford and Nerus Holt.

Following this was Instrumental Solo by Pearl Edwards.

Reading, "My Toboggan," by Maude Hinton.

The play "Jumbo Jum," was said to be by all the most laughable part given. The following pupils took part: Paul Boyett, Jasper Stuckey, John Taylor, Charley Gurley, Lela Benton, Flossie Edwards, Janafy Toler, Jimmie Joyner, Patrick Ralford and Nerus Holt.

The past session, from what we have seen, has been the most prosperous in the advancement of education of any school ever taught here. The teachers, Misses Pearl Aycock, Neta Penny, Mrs. Strachan and daughter, Miss Minnie,—not any too much praise can be said of them. They have done their duty and done it well.