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A BIG DAY FOR SELMA.

A Melon Fair, A Re-Union of Old Veterans and Speeches by the Four Senatorial Candidates if Confined to The Subject. "What I Know About Farming," Growing and Eating Melons. Everybody Invited.

It has been suggested that at a date to be announced later between the 20th of July and the first of August that a Melon Fair be held in our town. To be confined to water-melons, muskmelons, cantaloupes and tomatoes—melons for a feast and tomatoes for a source of novelty. Thousands of cans are shipped into this county every year. No necessity for that. It is a big source of income for many to grow and can tomatoes to ship. Why not do it in Johnston? A liberal cash premium list for the above can be and no doubt will be raised here by our business men; say \$10 for 4 of the largest watermelons; \$5 for 3 next largest or heaviest; \$3 for 3 next best. The first prize melons to be given one to each U. S. Senatorial candidate, if present, and will "tote" it to the depot. Liberal premium for the best large muskmelon, best cantaloupes, best wagon load water-melons, muskmelons and cantaloupes. Best display of tomatoes not less than three to five bushels. At least one melon must be contributed by each exhibitor (not the best however) to the old soldiers' dinner; that's the only admission fee.

It is well known that the Henry L. Wyatt Chapter of the U. D. C. will be prepared to feed the old vets. All others can bring well filled baskets and all have an open outside dinner. Business for two or three hours can be entirely suspended and a day of enjoyment be had by all. I make the motion; can I get a second? Amendments in order. Get your seed, prepare the ground. I see in the distance the melons coming. My mouth is filling with water. My curiosity is up at a high pitch to hear what Judge Clark, Gov. Kitchin, Ex-Gov. Aycock or Senator Simmons knows about farming. We can have the biggest meeting ever held in Johnston by starting now and keep moving. Give a second and amendments to the motion. Again get your seed, prepare your ground and meet together in Selma the last Thursday in July, 1912.

JNO. A. MITCHENER.
Selma, February 21, 1912.

BLIZZARD IN THE SOUTHWEST.

Railroad Traffic Demoralized and Losses Will Be Heavy.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 20.—Ushered by a windstorm, varying at different points from 90 to 70 miles an hour, the most severe blizzard of the winter is sweeping the Southwest to-night. Railroad traffic is demoralized, wire communication is hampered, and meager reports from outlying districts tell of damage to property and cattle.

In north Texas the temperature fell from 70 degrees this morning to freezing to-night. In the Panhandle to-night the snowfall reached a depth of 4 inches.

At Hobart, Okla., buildings were unroofed by the storm.

HOUSTON TEXAS FIRE-SWEPT.

Loss Runs Into Millions—More Than a Thousand People Homeless.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 21.—In the wake of the most destructive fire in the history of Houston, smouldering wreckage tonight covers an area about one and a half miles in length and varying in width from two hundred yards to half a mile in the northeastern section of the city. More than a dozen of the city's most important industrial enterprises are in ruins; two hundred or more dwelling houses and store buildings are in ashes and approximately one thousand persons are homeless. The most conservative estimate is that the monetary loss will reach at least \$7,000,000. The insurance carried will not exceed forty per cent. No casualties attended the fire.

"One-half the world doesn't know how the other half lives," quoted the Wise Guy. "I never knew there were so many people to mind their own business," murmured the Innocent One.—Puck.

EIGHT KILLED BY TORNADO.

Occupants of Cabins on Outskirts of Shreveport Are Sufferers.

Shreveport, La., Feb. 20.—Eight persons are dead and about 50 injured as the result of a tornado which swept through the western outskirts of Shreveport late to-day. All the dead are negroes, with the exception of the 2-month-old baby of A. J. Manheim, whose home was demolished. The baby's body was found a block from the Manheim residence. A number of negro cabins were destroyed in the outskirts of the city and on nearby plantations.

The tornado approached Shreveport from the Southwest, sweeping a path through the negro sections, and crossing Red River struck two plantations, where negro cabins, barns, and outhouses were destroyed. In the city proper no damage was done.

North Carolina Child Labor Committee.

The following gentlemen make up the North Carolina Child Labor Committee:

Chas. B. Aycock, Raleigh; J. W. Bailey, Raleigh; Jos. Blount Cheshire, Raleigh; Robert F. Campbell, Asheville; J. J. Hall, Fayetteville; Thos. J. Jarvis, Greenville; Julian S. Carr, Jr., Durham; Henry A. Page, Aberdeen; William L. Poteat, Wake Forest; Hubert A. Royster, Raleigh; A. M. Scales, Greensboro; W. E. Stone, Raleigh; R. T. Vann, Raleigh; Heriot Clarkson, Charlotte; Julius I. Foust, Greensboro; Robert Strange, Wilmington.

These names, within themselves, give assurance that the Committee is engaged in work that is not only good, but needful. It may be well, however, to explain to the State at large just what this Committee feels should be done.

The Committee is a sort of self-constituted guardian of the childhood of the State. There are defects in the present child labor laws which permit the employment in factories of children at ages when they should be either in school or out in the open air, and which also permits the employment of children at night. The North Carolina Child Labor Committee believes that the time has come when the State should say that her innocent children should not be employed at work which will be hurtful on the one hand to their physical growth and which will prevent their mental and spiritual development on the other; and especially that children should not be made or allowed to work during the night hours at the very time that nature has provided for their rest and growth.

The Child Labor Committee further believes that in addition to placing upon the statute books the proper sort of laws for the protection of children, machinery should be created for the inspection and for seeing that the law is obeyed.—W. H. Swift, Field Secretary.

Must Look to the South for Meat.

It is apparently a vain expectation to suppose that we may hereafter get an increased beef supply from Canada. Canada cannot help to swell our supply of breadstuffs indefinitely. It has, untouched, great areas of wheat lands, but the Dominion does not raise enough cattle for home supply. Its export trade in meats has dwindled to the vanishing point. It is pointed out that more cattle might be raised in lower Canada with advantage to producers sure of fair markets for their surplus, both in the United States and Great Britain, but the severe winters are a drawback. The farmers find other products more profitable. There is a lack of a corn supply. The beef centers of this country must look southward for a replenishment of the meat supply and future deliverance from the extortions of the organized monopolies now in control of the trade.—Philadelphia Record.

Twenty-Five Dead in Blizzard.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 21.—The worst blizzard experienced in this State in years, was responsible for the deaths to-day of possibly twenty-five persons. Steam and electric railroad traffic is paralyzed. Several trains are buried in snowdrifts.

Kenly High School Has An Inter-Society Debate.

Kenly, Feb. 20.—At no time in the history of the Thalian and Philologist literary societies of Kenly High School has enthusiasm reached such high pitch as it did on last Friday evening. The occasion was an inter-society debate.

A few weeks prior to the debate the managers of the societies arranged the debate to be given on some Friday afternoon at the time for the regular session of the societies. When the arrangements had been completed, however, and much interest had been manifested it was decided that it should be given on last Friday evening instead. The change was for the better. The largest audience of the entire school year assembled for the occasion. And in this audience were sympathizers for either side. They caught the spirit of the evening and manifested it very heartily at opportune times.

Enthusiasm was first injected into the debate by the girls. A few days prior to the debate the girls, under the direction of Misses Hunter and Kelter, arranged yells and toasts suitable for the occasion. The boys in the meantime made no arrangements; their yells and applause, however, were not surpassed.

Every feature of this little debate was interesting and many times humorous. Each debater manifested "nerve" and tenacity. Even the rejoinders were spicy with irony and sarcasm. The most amusing feature, however, was the placing on the rostrum in front of the debaters a chair draped in black to resemble an electric chair used for executions. On the chair was a placard to this effect: "For Justice and Humanity." The audience yelled. The gruesome chair was dragged from its position by a Thalian sitting near by, but not until its purpose had been accomplished.

The question discussed was: Resolved, "That Capital Punishment Should Be Abolished."

The following Thalians discussed the affirmative: Gladys Kirby, Faye Barnes, Mattie Pierce, and Annie Edgerton. The Philologist society was represented by the following individuals who discussed the negative: Zeb Atkinson, Harvey Pittman, Fred Wellons, and Jim Stallings.

The judges, Messrs. Zeb V. Snipes, J. W. Hooks, and Dr. Grady, decided the question was won by the negative.

INDIANS IN UNITED STATES.

Census Bureau Places Number At 265,683, With 193,811 Taxed.

A statement giving for the United States, exclusive of Alaska, the whole number of Indians enumerated at the thirteenth decennial census, together with the number and proportion of the Indians who were taxed, was issued Monday by the bureau of the census.

The total number of Indians in continental United States in 1910 was 265,683, as compared with 237,196 in 1900 and 249,253 in 1890.

The number of taxed Indians was 193,811, or 73 per cent of all Indians, in 1910, as compared with 107,706, or 40.4 per cent, in 1900; 58,806, or 26.3 per cent, in 1890, and 66,407, or 21.7 per cent in 1880.

From 1890 to 1910 the Indian population increased 17,430, while the number of taxed Indians increased 135,905.

Taxed Indians now constitute twenty-one one hundredths of 1 per cent of the total population of the country. The number of voters has not been calculated.

Must Not Be Overlooked.

About eight hundred thousand women will have the privilege of voting for President this year, in the States of Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. As all these States went Republican four years ago, the opportunity to set their 37 electoral votes right is one which should not be overlooked.—Charlotte Observer.

If Not Put Out She's Safe.

When a woman gets married she has made a home run.—Atchison Globe.

PAY OUT MORE THAN WE GET

We Pay Into Uncle Sam's Money-Chest Each Year Nearly Seven And Half Millions, and Get Back From It Less Than Two Million Dollars.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—In response to a request from Senator Overman for information as to the amount of revenue paid by the State of North Carolina to the Federal government and the amount of revenue received by the State of North Carolina, from the Federal government for the fiscal year 1911, the Treasury Department furnished the Senator with the following figures:

Receipts from customs, internal revenue and corporation tax (paid by North Carolina) and miscellaneous receipts, (not classified) amounted to \$7,316,977.18.

Disbursements made by the Federal government for North Carolina, public buildings, customs service, internal revenue service, life saving service, revenue cutter service, public health and marine hospital service, assay office (Charlotte) rivers and harbors amounted to \$1,354,100.58.

Amount paid by North Carolina to the Federal government for the fiscal year 1911 exceeded the amount of revenue received by North Carolina from the Federal government \$5,962,876.60.

Platform of Walter Clark, Candidate For U. S. Senate.

The following, taken from Judge Clark's letter to Hon. A. Hall Johnston, 17 May, 1911, accepting the invitation of friends to become a candidate for the United States Senate, expresses objects for which he will work, if chosen to that body:

1. Adequate and unequivocal legislation that will destroy the Trusts.
2. Tariff for Revenue only. Protection levies tribute, in favor of a class, upon all other classes. It is unjust and undemocratic.
3. Election of U. S. Senators and U. S. Judges by the people.
4. Election of Postmasters by the people of each locality.
5. The adoption of the Initiative, the Referendum, and the Recall—the latter for such officers, State, County or town, as may be designated by law.
6. State-Wide primaries for U. S. Senators and all State officers.
7. A Parcels Post for the country districts.
8. Public regulation of Railroads and other common carriers, but operation of the Telegraph and Telephones by the Post-office, as in all other countries. This will give lower rates to the public, with shorter hours and better pay to employees.
9. Extension of Public Schools and Good Roads.
10. Enforcement of laws regulating hours of labor, prohibiting child labor and requiring safety appliances.
11. He advocates the destruction of corrupt methods by Strict restriction of the purposes and amounts for which candidates, or others for them, can expend money at elections and in Primaries, and Full publicity of all such expenses, before and after each primary and election.
12. He also favors putting Confederate soldiers on U. S. Pension List, not only in justice to them, but to stop the financial drain from the South, which has already paid to Federal Pensions more than the War Indemnity (1,000 millions dollars which France paid to Germany).
13. Execution in good faith after election of all pledges made before.

BAPTIZES 12 THROUGH ICE.

Mennonites Pastor's Faith That None Will Take Cold.

Shamokin, Pa., Feb. 18.—After a big piece of thick ice had been cut from Edgewood Park Lake a large crowd assembled there to-day, when Rev. George F. Yost and his flock of Mennonites appeared with 12 converts. As they sang and prayed the preacher led the converts into the chilling waters and immersed them. The pastor said they were in no danger of contracting colds, as the Lord protected them.

There are many ways of doing most things, but there is only one best way.—Manchester Union.

STATE NEWS.

The Yadkinville Buggy Company has been chartered at Yadkinville, by J. H. Dobbins and others, with an authorized capital of \$25,000.

New Hanover Democrats usually get into the game early. They have called a primary for March 27 to nominate a legislative and county ticket.

James Houchins, 40 years old, was killed Friday by the fall of an elevator in the leaf tobacco warehouse of the Whitaker-Harvey Company at Winston.

Charity and Children, the paper published in the interest of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, has 15,000 subscribers and a campaign has begun to give it 20,000.

J. D. Misenheimer, aged 35 years, a farmer of the Rockwell neighborhood, Rowan county, died Saturday from the bursting of a blood vessel in his head during a fit of coughing. He had been sick several days with grip.

Drug store liquor license has been abolished in Greensboro. Only two drug stores had license to sell liquor on prescription, but as the druggists violated the law the municipal authorities decided to cut out the whole business.

Mrs. Charlotte Gamble, of Benham, Wilkes county, is 84 years old and never took but one dose of medicine in her life—that to allay pain when a tooth was extracted. A few weeks ago she walked a distance of six miles and didn't complain of fatigue.

The Raleigh Times says so far none of the State officers have any opposition for renomination except Mr. E. L. Travis, who is filling an unexpired term on the corporation commission. The friends of S. G. Daniel, of Warren county, have announced Mr. Daniel a candidate to oppose Mr. Travis.

The sentence of P. H. Thrash, of Asheville, sentenced to 20 months' imprisonment by Judge Long for violation of the prohibition laws, was changed to a fine of \$2,000, defendant to give \$2,000 bond to appear at every criminal term of court for 12 months to show good behaviour, and to serve 30 days in jail unless the county commissioners accept a fine of \$500 in lieu of the jail sentence.

At New Berne last week Baker Bryan, white, was acquitted of the murder of a young white man. The verdict was generally denounced. Solicitor Abernethy presented affidavits charging two of the jurors with improper conduct. The affidavits were not sustained but when the solicitor denounced the verdict as "one of the grossest miscarriages of justice ever perpetrated in North Carolina" the spectators in the court room applauded.

John Ross, colored, who was to have been electrocuted in Raleigh Friday for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, in Cleveland county, was respited until April 12. Ross still sticks to his story that the murder of Mrs. Dixon was committed by Frank Gladden, a white man, who was tried on the charge and acquitted. While this story is not believed the respite was granted in the hope that Ross may later tell the whole truth or that there may be new developments.

The counties of Martin, Greene, Lenoir and Duplin have made provision during February to have the State and County Dispensaries for the free examination and treatment for hookworm disease. These additions bring the total number of counties making such provision to thirty-one. The work has been completed in twenty counties. The work is carried on simultaneously in five counties. Up to this time the records show that about 60,000 people have been treated. Many of the results of cures may be seen in each county and are truly remarkable.

She Brings Two to Jail.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 16.—Sheriff Nancy A. Williams, of Laclede county, the first and only woman Sheriff in Missouri, to-day brought two prisoners to the State Penitentiary here.

Love makes the world go round too fast sometimes and we get dizzy and cannot see straight.—Manchester Union.

CUTS FOR HIS OWN APPENDIX.

Surgeon Begins Operation on Himself, but Others Finish Work.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—Dr. Bertram E. Alden, chief surgeon of the French Hospital here, carried out in part last Sunday his theory that self-operation for appendicitis is not impossible.

On diagnosing his symptoms Dr. Alden called in his professional friends as witnesses. In the operating room he injected the spinal anesthesia which left his mind clear and gave him the control of his arms.

He made the necessary abdominal cuts, but at this point the matter was deemed too serious for experiment, and two fellow surgeons completed the operation, removing the appendix while Dr. Alden remained an interested witness of their manipulations.

Dr. Alden is reported to be rapidly recovering.

FOUR OAKS NOTES.

Four Oaks, Feb. 21.—Mr. Ebb Lamb, of Fayetteville, was here Sunday the guest of his sister, Mrs. T. H. Sutton.

Mr. Paul Johnson, of Polenta section, was here Monday, on his way to Bules Creek, where he is in school.

Miss Nan Hollowell, of Goldsboro, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. R. Adams.

Mr. C. F. James, of Florence, S. C., was in town Sunday.

Mr. J. M. Scott, of Fayetteville, has taken Mr. Clarence Pearson's place as operator for the Western Union Telegraph Company. We welcome Mr. Scott to our little city, although we regret very much to lose Mr. and Mrs. Pearson. Mr. Pearson goes to Sharsburg, N. C., as agent for A. C. L.

Mr. Hunter Creech has been attending school at Bules Creek, was home last week visiting his mother, Mrs. Laura Creech.

Mrs. E. P. Baker went to Smithfield Wednesday to visit her brother, Dr. N. T. Holland.

Rev. E. J. Rodgers, pastor of the Missionary Baptist church, was here Sunday and preached an able sermon.

Mrs. N. Y. Scarborough, of Fayetteville, spent Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. D. W. Adams.

Mrs. Cora Creech Stanley, Miss Golda Creech and Mr. Ira W. Keene went to Smithfield Tuesday night to the play "Little Minister."

Mr. Johnson, representing the Austin Stephenson Co., of Smithfield, has located here, buying cotton, cotton seed and delivering fertilizer. We welcome Mr. Johnson to our town.

Mr. Burwell Temple passed away at his home at Duke. He was formerly of Four Oaks. Mr. Temple had been suffering a good many years with rheumatism. He was brought to Four Oaks Monday and buried in the family burying ground.

BENSON NEWS.

Benson, Feb. 22.—Miss Janie Oates and Mrs. J. H. Godwin spent Sunday in Kenly with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McLamb left Sunday to visit near Clayton several days.

Mrs. J. R. McLamb left Monday for Jacksonville, Fla.

Senator O. A. Barbour is in Raleigh this week assisting Solicitor Norris in the investigation of the deaths of Porter, Johnson and Jernigan, who died in Raleigh.

Mr. Will Weeks was in Smithfield Tuesday on business.

Mr. Jno. Stewart was taken to Fayetteville Sunday, where he was operated on for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Grant left Monday for Florida, where they will make their home.

Mr. C. G. Jernigan was married at Wilson to Miss Deans. They will make their home here.

Mr. Dallas Langdon was married yesterday afternoon to Miss Robt Morgan, daughter of Mr. J. D. Morgan. These young people are both well known in our county.

President Taft's implicit confidence that he will be renominated and re-elected merely shows that the politicians who have been misinforming him for three years are still at it.—Kansas City Times.