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PRINCETON LETTER OF MUCH INTEREST

Average School Attendance Increased; Important Community Meet

PRINCETON, May 31.—Mrs. C. M. Bynum and little son, Clarence, are visiting relatives at Bayboro this week.

Miss Bertha Woodard, from Selma, has been spending a few days with her brother, Mr. John Woodard.

Miss Dollie Scott, from Glendale, is visiting Miss Alberta Boyett.

Mr. Ray Whitley from Durham, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Whitley.

Misses Ethel and Sadie Morris from Kenly were visitors in town a short while Sunday evening.

Raymond Snipes won the scholarship offered by Mr. W. P. Sugg. There were five high school students working to win this prize. Raymond does not smoke cigarettes or use profanity.

Rev. N. H. Shepherd will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday morning and at night. The members regret very much that it has been necessary to change the services from the third Sunday to the first, but trust that they will soon be able to get a preacher for the third Sunday.

Mrs. J. Ira Lee is visiting her parents near Durham this week.

Mr. Cohen Tart, from Raleigh, was a visitor in town Sunday.

Miss Ellen Uzzle returned to her home at Wilson's Mills Sunday after teaching here the last winter.

Messrs Bill and Moulton Massey who are attending the Atlanta Dental College, Atlanta, Ga., are at home for the summer vacation.

There will be a debate in the school auditorium next Tuesday night between the High School and the Community. The subject for debate is: "Three Teachers for the High School."

Mrs. Jennie Strickland and daughter, Mrs. Arthur Counts, of Durham, are visiting relatives in this section.

Lonnie Rains died at his home near town Wednesday. Heart dropsy was the cause of his death. He was about 25 years old and leaves a young wife and one baby.

Miss Margaret and Frances Ledbetter have returned home from Louisburg school.

Mrs. H. P. Yelverton and little daughter, Jane Hall, from Fremont, are spending several days with Mrs. L. M. Edgerton.

Much favorable comment is being made of the excellent manner in which the young people acted their parts in the play, "The Fireside" at the school auditorium last Thursday night. While all did extra well, Leonard Talton receives the most favorable comment.

Commencing on the third Sunday night, the adult Bible class of the Baptist Sunday school will endeavor to conduct a service in the Baptist church.

Misses Virginia Woodard, Mildred Massey, Thelma Toler and Messrs Paul Armstrong and Joe Boyett attended the ball game at Kenly Tuesday.

The Ladies Missionary Society entertained the senior class and the faculty of the Princeton High School on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. D. Sasser. The guests were met at the door by Mrs. L. D. Grantham and ushered into the hall where they were served punch by Misses Edna Grantham and Clyde Mason. Mr. George Woodard made a very interesting talk to the members of the class and faculty. A musical program was then rendered, Mrs. I. A. Snipes, of Smithfield, and Miss Carrie Mae Hedgepeth, from Lumberton, furnishing the music. The gifts were presented to the class and to Miss Blanche Penny, the principal, by little Margaret Sasser and Mary Ida Edgerton. Sandwiches and tea were then served, followed by ice cream. Those present besides the members of the society were Misses Eula Boyett, Mildred Massey, Tempie Hinton, Thelma Toler, Ellen Uzzle, Blanche Penny, Ora Taylor, Annie Wester, Mae Nixon, Fannie Wellons, Elizabeth Hall, Ruth Tyler, Grace Jones, Carrie Mae Hedgepeth, Bertha Woodard, and Messrs George Woodard and Raymond Snipes.

The Ladies Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. T. D. Sasser last

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OTEEEN PATIENTS ARE ANXIOUS TO VOTE

Big Controversy In Buncombe County Because Democrats Register Them.

ASHEVILLE, May 29.—A controversy over the eligibility of patients at Oteen Hospital who were residents of a State other than North Carolina to register and participate in the approaching primary has arisen here. Legal opinion seems to hold that the hospital is on a government reservation and that the patients who are from other states have no right to vote in the State primary.

Allegations that the chairman of the county board of elections acted illegally in appointing Don Elias, who resides in Asheville, to act as register for Swannanoa Township one day in place of the regularly appointed registrar have been made, while the chairman, George Pennell, contends his actions were legal.

He appointed Mr. Elias, who went to the hospital at Oteen in Swannanoa Township, and is reported to be registered about a hundred patients, the great majority being Democrats. It is alleged he is in company with certain candidates for nomination in the primary influenced the soldier-patients in casting their absentee votes.

The controversy over Mr. Pennell's and Mr. Elias' action has brought on a stormy political fight in Buncombe, the end of which is not yet in sight.—News and Observer.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE MOST VITAL TO WORLD

French Savant Demands Country-men Learn It as Step to Mutual Comprehension.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(Capital News Service).—Maurice Donnay, French academician and savant, who has recently returned to his home country after a short visit in America, said:

"When one sets foot in America he is confronted by the fact that our country has not yet comprehended how indispensable it is to study the English language. I assure you that I felt this inferiority from the first day. It is what struck me most. Our professors and notables of all kinds have gone to America and have been invited to universities and clubs. They must have remarked on this inferiority. Why haven't they told us about it?"

"English is spoken in two-thirds of the civilized world. Why don't we speak it? What do we know of English literature? Who can read the masterpieces in the original? We must learn English. It is imperative and a patriotic necessity."

Foreigners generally believe that English is a difficult language to acquire. In its spelling, idioms, and slang, its complicated grammar (which at that is less cumbersome than German or French grammar) and its enormous range in synonyms it undoubtedly is. But a speaking and writing familiarity with its fundamentals is not necessarily a life study. If evidence were needed to prove it, one S. Dabinsky, a Polish immigrant can offer it. Mr. Dabinsky has been in this country one year. When he arrived he knew no English. The National Society of Colonial Dames has just awarded him its annual bronze medal for the best patriotic essay.

If a Polish immigrant can learn our language well enough in a year to win a prize, it is obvious that English cannot be considered to present insuperable difficulties for the average foreign student.

China's Rulers in Need of Cash.

PEKING, May 30.—The Peking government is facing a financial crisis. It announced that it is unable to meet its ordinary current expenses, and Finance Minister Tung Kang has appealed to the provinces to remit the revenues due the federal government which they have been retaining for local use.

Five million dollars is needed on the first of the month to pay the government employes, but it is explained that only a few thousands are left the nation's treasury. Unless the provinces extend help, which they have not done for years, the government says it will be embarrassed.

FUNERAL OF MR. F. H. PARRISH WEDNESDAY

Large Crowd Gathered To Pay Last Tribute; Interment in Old Cemetery

None but those who have sat in the shadow of a great bereavement can justly weigh such a sorrow as came to the family of Mr. F. H. Parrish who passed away at his home here Monday night after a lingering illness with heart trouble. Several months ago, Mr. Parrish became alarmed over his condition and went to Richmond to consult a specialist. He got better from that attack and was able to attend to his business for some time. In January he was stricken again and though he recovered from that attack enough to be out on the streets, his condition was seen to be quite serious. For several weeks prior to his death he was confined to his home, and though the end came as a shock, it was not unexpected.

Floyd Haywood Parrish was born in Johnston County in 1869, making him 53 years old. He has spent his life in his native county and was well-known even beyond its borders. In 1894 he was married to Miss Louise Grantham, and to this union were born twelve children, two of whom had preceded him to the Great Beyond. Those surviving, together with his widow, are Miss Eula Parrish, Mr. Kenneth Parrish, Mrs. D. G. Ridenhour, Leland, Carrie, Louise, Edward Lee, Russell, Floyd and Chas. Irving Parrish. Besides his immediate family he leaves six brothers: Messrs C. M. Parrish, of Greenville, Ala.; L. H. Parrish, of Tampa, Fla.; J. W. Parrish, of Benson, J. M. Parrish, of Clayton, J. E. Parrish, of Wilson's Mills; and D. W. Parrish, of this city and one sister, Miss Sarah Parrish of this city.

Mr. Parrish was a member of the Methodist church, having joined last Easter a year ago. He was one of those men who sow no wild oats. His record was always clean, and his walk among his fellow-men above reproach. He was a devoted husband and a kind and indulgent father. During his illness his words expressive of peace in God and though he wanted to live, he was ready to obey the summons.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist church by his pastor, Rev. D. H. Tuttle. His favorite psalm, the 103rd, was read and a hymn which he often repeated, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" was sung. Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar" was rendered as a solo by Mr. Paul Eason. Rev. Mr. Tuttle spoke fittingly of the life of the deceased, and repeated words of comfort for the bereaved. Interment was made in the old cemetery, and a profusion of flowers more than covered the newly made mound, expressions of sympathy of a wide circle of friends of the deceased and his family.

"The blossoms whispered of fadeless bloom,
Of a land where fall no tears."

EIGHTY BALES COTTON BURNED NEAR CONCORD

CONCORD, May 30.—Fire of undetermined origin Monday afternoon destroyed 80 bales of cotton at the Morehead Place, several miles west of Concord on the old Charlotte road. The cotton was not insured, according to reports reaching Concord.

The Morehead farm is operated by W. D. Harry and is owned by John M. Morehead of Charlotte.

The cotton was stored in a warehouse built for it, and was not located near any other buildings on the farm. How it caught has not been determined. The blaze was first seen shortly after 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and after Mr. Harry and members of his family and friends had done everything possible to extinguish the blaze without success, a call was sent to the Concord fire department, which responded. Chemicals were used but without complete success, and the entire lot of 80 bales was either burned completely or so badly damaged that it will be of little value.

The cotton was owned jointly by Mr. Harry and Mr. Morehead, it was reported.—Charlotte Observer.

REGARD TOBACCO CAMPAIGN SUCCESS

A Number of New Cotton Contracts Also Signed; Work Continues

The campaign for cooperative marketing of tobacco which began in this county Monday with speakings on the subject at four different points, is regarded by leaders in the work as decidedly successful. Following the address made on Monday, business men from Princeton, Selma, Four Oaks, Wilson's Mills and Smithfield, as well as farmers in the county, made an intensive campaign on Tuesday. It being Memorial Day, the stores in this city closed and the day was largely devoted to the promotion of cooperative marketing interests. A large section of the county has been canvassed and we are informed that over a thousand acres of tobacco have been signed during the week. A number of the large farmers who have heretofore held off are reported as signed up. The program made in Johnston county is not an exception. A message to Mr. T. S. Ragsdale from Mr. Charles A. Creech reads as follows: W. H. Widley says six hundred acres tobacco five hundred cotton signed May eighteenth to twenty-sixth in Robeson. Largest warehouse Fairmont signed Tuesday. Windley says Robeson will over in good style next ten days. Things look good here."

While the past week has been devoted largely to signing up tobacco growers, cotton cooperative marketing has not fared badly. Seventy-five new contracts ranging from ten bales to 300 bales have been signed and the work goes on. Mr. Austin tells us that new contracts are being signed every day. He also states that at an early date a special campaign will be put on to swell the number of signers to the highest possible figure.

A mass meeting was held at the opera house here yesterday afternoon at which Mr. Marvin, of Kentucky told how tobacco was sold in Kentucky under cooperative marketing.

SHELBY WOMAN MISER DIES AT HER HOME

SHELBY, May 29.—Mrs. Charlotte Bridges, 79 year old miser, was found in an unconscious condition on the floor of her small farm house Wednesday morning by neighbors who missed her periodical trips to their well, and becoming uneasy, went to the house to investigate.

"Aunt Charlotte," as she was called, lived a life of seclusion since the death of her father when she was a young woman in her teens. On her 17-acre farm, by hard work and good business judgment, she accumulated an estate worth \$10,000, although she contended that she was a "poor widow" and not able to pay the usual prices for the few things she bought. Her faithful gray mare was her only companion, and with this she ploughed her fields, growing cotton and corn and making food for herself.

When she died two days after she was found unconscious on the floor, she had right considerable money loaned out on interest, and when the cotton market was lower than she thought it should be, she bought cotton and held it for a higher price, always having a quantity on hand.

Aunt Charlotte is survived by one son, Seaton Bridges.—News and Observer.

METEOR PASSES OVER CITY OF ASHEVILLE

ASHEVILLE, May 30.—A brilliant meteor, described by eye-witnesses as about one-fourth the size of the full moon, floated over this city shortly after nine o'clock tonight and settled apparently several miles north of here. It was a greenish yellow in color, and had a distinct tail, which judging from reports was about two miles in length. It was visible for several seconds, having the appearance of floating rather than traveling at the speed usually attributed to such phenomena.—Charlotte Observer.

HE CARRIED MESSAGE TO GENERAL GARCIA

Man Who Performed Daring Duty To Receive Belated Recognition for His Service.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., May 30.—Lieut. Col. Andrew S. Rowan, retired, the man who carried the famous "message to Garcia" in 1898, during the Spanish-American war, will receive a belated recognition for bravery, if Senator Samuel F. Shortridge, of California, can bring it about. The senator has received assurances from Secretary of War Weeks that he will take up with the army board having jurisdiction the granting of a medal or of a distinguished service cross.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles ordered young Lieutenant Rowan to deliver a "message to Garcia." Discretion, initiative and bravery were required. Rowan did not ask who Garcia was, where he could be found, or how to get there. Instead he delivered the message to Gen. Garcia in the interior of Cuba, where Garcia with his little band of patriots was almost surrounded by Spanish forces. Rowan knew that if the message were intercepted by the Spaniards he would be shot or hanged as a spy.

Garcia, heartened by the promise of aid from the United States, just entering the war, with Spain fought on, and the foe was overcome.

Lieut. Rowan was cited by General Miles in dispatches to Washington as follows:

"This was a most perilous undertaking, and in my judgment, Lieutenant Rowan performed an act of heroism and cool daring that has rarely been excelled in the annals of warfare."

Rowan later was appointed lieutenant colonel of volunteers, and in 1908 was retired from the regular army with the rank of major. He resides in San Francisco.—Greensboro News.

FIGHT MADE ON THE NEW SELMA R. R. STATION

The Southern Railway served notice on the State Corporation Commission yesterday that it would go to the courts before it complied with the Commission's order to build new depots in Selma and Newton. Copies of the exceptions filed two weeks ago will probably be made the complaint in litigation to be started in Johnston and Catawba counties.

Exceptions were filed by the Atlantic Coast Line and the Norfolk Southern roads in the matter of new stations at Selma, Kinston and Plymouth, but as yet no notice has been made of an appeal to superior court. It is not yet known whether the Kinston and Plymouth stations will be held up by long litigation in the courts.

Insufficient funds was cited in the exceptions by the Southern in the Selma and Newton cases. The carrier contends that it is making no money, and has not the money to invest in Commission promptly over ruled the exceptions. Selma and Kinston have been endeavoring for seven years to get the railroads to build adequate accommodations for passenger trains.—News & Observer.

BRITISH HONORS AMERICAN DEAD BURIED THERE

LONDON, May 30.—Great Britain joined with the United States today in honoring the American soldier dead. At Brookwood, 28 miles from London, the great plot of ground in which rest 450 American soldiers and sailors who gave their lives in the allied cause was dedicated as a national cemetery for the American illustrious dead. The cemetery also contains bodies of soldiers from Great Britain's overseas possessions.

Most of the American dead are those who died in English hospitals from wounds received in France and whose relatives wished that they might rest in the soil of Britain.—Associated Press.

Piano With Two Keyboards Invented.

A new piano with two keyboards, one an octave above the other, has been invented by Emanuel Moor, of England. The keys on the double board are close enough for the fingers of one hand to play notes on both simultaneously.—Greensboro News.

CLARK WOULD NOT MOVE STATE FAIR

Thinks It Would Be A Big Mistake to Move From Raleigh to Method

The following letter from Mr. Walter Clark to Mr. Josephus Daniels, Editor of the News and Observer, as to the proposed removal of the State Fair from Raleigh to Method, will be of interest to our readers:

"I note your editorial of this morning and the interesting article in Sunday's issue by Col. W. M. Sanders, a public spirited citizen of the State and a successful man in business of Johnston county. Having been for years Trustee of the mortgage on the Fair Ground, I at once addressed a letter to the Secretary of the State Fair, asking a financial statement of the N. C. Agricultural Society. And have his reply before me.

"The suggested removal to Method would be high comedy if it were not that the tragical result will inevitably follow of the destruction of the State Fair if the proposal were successful.

The buildings on the grounds are insured for \$40,000 and it will take \$100,000 to replace them. It will be impossible to tear them down, haul them two miles and rebuild them.

The removal would mean the loss of \$100,000 in this way. The fencing and the like could not be replaced for \$10,000 and would also be junked and we have just completed a splendid new race track at a cost of \$18,000 and there is a debt on the society of about \$32,000, which is a lien on the grounds, making an outgo of \$160,000 total loss. Then the suggestion is that we buy 200 acres further out at \$60,000, though there are those who say we cannot get it for less than double that sum. Then on the new grounds the buildings would cost \$100,000, the fencing and race track not less than \$20,000 and against all this we have nothing to show but the suggestion of an enterprising real estate man that he can cut up and sell our present grounds for \$125,000—payable as the property is sold and of course at a profit to himself. There would be a loss and certain expenditures of more than \$340,000 against an uncertainty and slow receipt of \$125,000.

"To an ordinary business man and probably even to an extraordinary one, the addition of these figures will seem appalling for the Society which is to do all these things, in the language of its secretary in his letter which lies before me, will have in its treasury, "after all payments of overhead expenses, and final payment on the new race track, as estimated, approximately \$300 on 1 June 1922."

"Even if we had the money, or it were in sight, there are these further matters to be considered. Measured not by guess, but by millimeter on an automobile, it is a mile and 7-10 from the monument at the Capitol to the gate of the State Fair. Measured in the same way the distance from that gate to the nearest place at Method where the Fair could be placed, is just double this distance, i. e. 3 1-2 miles from the Capitol, and if it should go to the location of the Penitentiary Headquarters, would be 4 1-2 to 5 miles.

The enterprising real estate agent who has been urging the advantage of letting this property be sold—of course to his profit—deserves no criticism for he has been open and above-board in the whole matter. He stated in the last few days to a member of this Society that he had gotten options on all the property he could between the present Fair Grounds and the place to which he proposed to move it. This and the profit he will make out of the sale of the Fair Grounds he thinks will be "goot peesness" for him and for whatever financial interest, if any, which may be behind him. What we have to consider, however, is whether it will be to the best interests of the city and the State and of the Fair, which is a very different proposition. To the ladies we are indebted for the best building on the present Fair Grounds. That will have to be junked with the rest and it is more than doubtful if they will interest themselves to put up another building like it 3 1-2 or 4 miles from Raleigh when the street cars run only

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