

NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

TOBACCO FARMERS IN CLOVER.

The Crop this Year is Very Good and the Prices Exceptionally High—Great Breaks on Warehouse Floors of Twin City.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Hundreds of farmers in their schooner wagons, loaded to capacity, were in the city last week, the tobacco warehouses being filled long before daylight, so that hundreds of wagons actually filled the streets in the vicinity for many blocks. It looks certain that the local market will see records smashed this week.

Prices ruled high and firm, the buyers of the many firms showing eagerness to swell the volume of big stocks that they have been already buying. The leaf offered ranged from ordinary to good, as a rule. The tobacco has been brought from several adjoining counties besides Forsyth, among them being Surry, Stokes, Rockingham and Yadkin.

The good tone at which the local market has held since the season started is making the farmers rush their crops to the buyers as fast as they can strip the weed. A tremendous crop is reported throughout this section, yet many of the best-posted men maintain that good prices will prevail right along till next spring.

The panic did not effect the consumption of tobacco, except to increase it, manufacturers say, for a man may economize on other things but not on the weed. In consequence, the big manufacturers here are looking for the biggest sales in their history; in fact, they have been doing a big business all along already. Whatever hardship may have been felt from the panic, the tobacco farmers of this section are free of such. They are in better condition, financially, than ever, it is said by men in a position to know.

Verdict For \$20,000 Against A. C. L.

Goldsboro, Special.—In Superior Court the jury returned a verdict for \$20,000 damages to John E. Walker, of Mount Olive, against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad for the loss of both arms in an accident occurring in the company's yards at Rocky Mount. The amount sued for was \$50,000. The plaintiff was represented by Aycock & Daniels, W. T. Dortch and J. D. Langston.

Durham Lady Found Dead in Bed.

Durham, Special.—Mrs. Cornelia Evans was found dead in bed at the county home. The night watchman built the fires as usual in the morning and one of the inmates reported to him the death of Mrs. Evans. She had been entirely well all day and death was unexpected. She had been in the county home fourteen years and never gave trouble, though afflicted with a mental trouble.

Robbed by Negro Youth.

Charlotte, Special.—D. M. Beattie, living twelve miles west of the city was knocked down by a fifteen-year-old colored boy, Jim Boulware, near the Battie home, Thursday afternoon and robbed of about twenty-five dollars. The negro was later arrested in Charlotte. He is absolutely indifferent about his apprehension and admits taking the money.

Looks Like Patricide.

Kinston, Special.—Thursday morning Abe Mason, a young negro man while in a drunken condition slipped up behind his aged father and struck him a violent blow with a brick. The old man fell unconscious and has not yet recovered sufficiently to give any account of the difficulty. Young Mason was caught by the police.

Safe Carried Off and Blown Open.

Burlington, Special.—Thieves entered the store of L. C. Crater, colored, in the suburbs of Burlington last week and removed from the building a small iron safe, taking it to a nearby field, where they knocked out the bottom and escaped with the contents, which, according to Crater's statement, was \$300.

Found Man's Body.

Saturday night, while out possum hunting near King Creek, Caldwell county, a party of men found the body of a man named Bunk Saunders, who had been missing several days. The deceased had had a slight stroke of paralysis and partially recovered and it is supposed he had another attack while out walking alone in the woods. He was about 45 years old and well to do farmer and a good citizen. The coroner's jury returned a verdict to effect that the deceased came to his death from natural causes.

Dead Body Found in Yard.

Durham, Special.—News reached here of the finding of the dead body of Charles Latta in the yard of Stephens Faucette, who lives two miles from Hillsboro, Sunday morning. The man was in Hillsboro Saturday and started home, his body being found next morning. The matter was investigated, but there was no evidence of foul play.

The Festivities Are Over.

Greensboro, Special.—The Greensboro centennial and home-coming festivities are over—they closed Friday night; thus does Greensboro step from one great event to another. The week has been one of gayety, good cheer and mirth. Saturday was a day of politics. A large crowd gathered here to see the leader of the Republican forces and hear him speak.

For six days—Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday—the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the historic old town continued. For more than a week the glad hand was extended and the latch string left hanging out, in easy reach of all who would take it. Everywhere and all the while it was "Howdy-do, we're glad to see you. Make yourself at home and stay as long as you like." The crowds were large, sober and orderly, but spirited and fatally bent on taking chances—chances on the street cars, chances with the fakirs and chances at the race track.

One accident—a fearful one—came to mar the merriment of the occasion. Thomas Dalton, the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dalton, was dashed headforemost against a stone curbing and perhaps fatally injured. Young Dalton, just coming to manhood, was a handsome, vivacious, gallant boy, lovable, promising and the darling of his parents.

Barring this sad accident all went well. Two of the best parades and one of the best fairs ever seen in the State were given during the week. Everything, even the elements, combined to make the days glorious. There were receptions and receptions but it was almost impossible to get about unless you happened to own an automobile or a carriage. The girls of the Greensboro Female College were at home for several hours in their respective reception rooms and the Merchants and Manufacturers' club played host. It was a gay night socially. The men in silk hats and dress suits and the ladies in evening gowns were fitting about until 1 o'clock. The marshals' ball, in Neese Hall, closed the celebration.

The morning was devoted to the City of Greensboro and the old veterans. Marchants and manufacturers' floats and Confederate soldiers formed a long and spectacular procession and paraded through the streets.

Bi-Shipment of Tobacco From Surry

Elkin, Special.—This has been the greatest week for shipping tobacco from this section ever known. Twenty-four solid carloads of leaf tobacco have been shipped from here and points this side of Donaha to Winston this week. Monday there were ninety-seven pieces weighing upwards of 50,000 pounds packed and shipped from this place. The crop is unusually good this year and the farmers are getting good prices.

Sheriff Howard Dead.

Oxford, Special.—E. K. Howard, sheriff of Granville county, died at his home in Oxford Wednesday night. He was buried at Elmwood cemetery Oxford. He had been in feeble health for several months and his death was not unexpected. He left a widow and six children.

Mother of Editor Stevens Dies.

Wilmington, Special.—Mrs. E. E. Stevens, mother of Editor C. L. Stevens, of Newbern, died suddenly at the family home at Southport, aged 74 years. She is survived by her husband, five sons and two daughters.

North Carolina State Items.

A charter was issued to the Bonies & Western Railroad Company, principal office Causey, Chatham county, to extend fourteen miles through Chatham and Randolph counties to a point on Deep River. The capital is \$150,000 and the incorporators C. C. Burris, J. H. Dunlap, W. T. Brooks, C. M. Andrews and others.

Japanese Held Without Bail.

Charlotte, Special.—Henry Yamaguchi, the Japanese acrobat and manager of Haw Bids, London show who murdered a fellow countryman at Newton, this State, confessed his crime to the authorities, declaring that he killed Kinsuchi because the latter had mistreated two little Japanese girls connected with the show and for whose safety he was responsible. After shooting his victim five times he beat his head into a jelly with a stone. Following a preliminary hearing Yamaguchi was held without bond for the next term of Catawba superior court.

Incorporations.

The Boykin-Townsend Realty Co. of Wilson, with \$2,000 total authorized and \$2,000 subscribed—capital stock, was chartered, the incorporators being D. S. Boykin, M. J. Boykin and R. E. Townsend, of Wilson. A charter was issued to the Louisville Hospital (inc.) of Louisville, with \$25,000 authorized, and \$3,500 subscribed capital stock. The incorporators are: W. J. Pate, J. F. McNair and K. A. Blue, of Louisville.

ROOSEVELT TO GO ABROAD

The London Times Learns That the President Will Lecture at Oxford and Receive a Degree After His African Trip—Will Also Visit Paris.

London, By Cable.—The Times is informed that President Roosevelt will visit England after his African trip early in 1910. He will deliver the Romanes lecture at Oxford, and, on the occasion of the university commemoration, will receive the honorary degree of D. C. L., which Oxford already has bestowed upon Emperor William.

According to The Times President Roosevelt also will visit Paris and deliver an address at the Sorbonne. Neither the dates nor the subjects of the lectures are yet known.

The Times further states that according to the present plans Mrs. Roosevelt will join the President at Khartoum on the journey northward.

Alleged Lynchers Dismissed.

Washington, Special.—On motion of Solicitor General Hoyt the Supreme Court of the United States ordered the discharge from custody of seventeen of the twenty-seven defendants in the proceeding charging Sheriff James F. Shipp, of Hamilton county, Tennessee, and twenty-six others with contempt of the Supreme Court because of the lynching in 1905 of a negro named Ed Johnson after the court had taken cognizance of his case. Most of the dismissals were based on the failure of the testimony to identify the defendants with the crime. Following are the names of those who profit by the court's order: Paul P. L. T. B. Taylor, William Beeler, John Jones, Marion Perkins, C. A. Baker, Claude Powell, Charles J. Powell, A. J. Cartwright, R. F. Cartwright, John Varnell, Joseph Clark, Fred Franley, Paul or "Sheenie" Warner, Alfred Hammond, William Marquette and George Brown. In the case of Pool it was stated that he had disappeared from Chattanooga immediately after the lynching and had never since been heard of. The court also ordered the publication of the testimony in the case taken by Commissioner Maher.

Status of Foreign Missions Shown in American Board's Meeting.

New York, Special.—Reading of reports showing the work done at home and abroad during the year and the appointment of committees and nominations and business, took up the first day of the ninety-ninth annual convention of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions in Brooklyn. Frank H. Wiggins, treasurer of the board, submitted a report showing the financial condition at the close of the fiscal year. The general maintenance of missions, it appears from the report, involved an expenditure of \$881,254, or \$2,075 more than during the previous year.

Declines Call to Washington.

Washington, Special.—Giving as a controlling reason that his work in Boston, Mass., is unfinished, Rev. Dr. Alexander Mann, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, of that city, has declined the position of bishop of Washington to succeed the late Rt. Rev. Henry Y. Satterlee. Dr. Mann's declination was communicated in a letter received from him. Another convention will be called to fill the vacancy.

Gets Life Sentence for Killing Woman.

Opelika, Ala., Special.—The jury in the trial of Uhlund Culpepper, charged with the murder of Mary Elvin Hader, who was shot and killed near Phenix City several weeks ago, by a bullet believed to have been intended for her father, returned a verdict of guilty. Culpepper was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Wed at 102; Died at 110.

Seneca Falls, N. Y., Special.—Mrs. Charlotte Decker is dead here. She was 110 years old. Her father, Godfrey Reals, was a volunteer in the Colonial army and served until the colonies were free. She remembered the year 1813, when no grain could be raised and it was sold for \$5 a bushel. In June 1900, Mrs. Brainard was married to Samuel Decker, her third husband, the other two being dead. He was then 62 and Mrs. Decker 102. She had but one child, which died in infancy.

Bids for Savannah City Bonds Opened.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—Bids were opened for \$2,610,000 of city of Savannah bonds, bearing interest at 4 1/2 per cent. and maturing in 1959. Thirty-four bidders subscribed for \$2,269,000 worth of bonds. The award of the issues will be made this week. The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York will probably get \$1,000,000 of the bonds.

FOREST FIRE DEATHS

Forty-One Known Victims and Probably Many More

ENTIRE LILLAGES WIPED OUT

The Death List Now Stands at 41—Other Bodies Recovered—Several Persons Reported Dead Have Been Found—No Town in Imminent Danger.

Bay City, Mich., Special.—A dispatch to The Bay City Tribune from a staff correspondent at Alpena says: The certified known death list resulting from forest fires in Presque Isle and Alpena counties, stands at 41, with several people still reported missing and a growing probability of severe loss of life in northern Pulawski and Krakow townships in Presque Isle county, the first indication of which came with the reporting of six dead bodies in Pulawski including those of Mrs. Herman Erke and children. Two woodsmen found the skeleton of Mrs. William D. Rose, living near Ocoquee. The woman's husband was away working and she was alone in her home surrounded by the forest.

At least sixty families were living near the shore of Lake Huron in the northern half of Pulawski and Krakow townships and practically nothing has been heard from them since the fires. It is difficult to get into this district as the country is cut up by many streams and the bridges have been burned while fallen trees block the roads in every direction. It is said that the flames swept all through this district to the water's edge and it is feared more bodies will be found. Christ Criger, a fisherman, escaped in an open boat badly scorched.

At Grand Lake, a farmer and wife and four children are known to have taken refuge in a boat, and nothing has been heard from them since. A dozen school children sent home by teachers have not been heard from. Near Posen Mr. and Mrs. Hines are still missing. Of those previously reported killed the following were found in the woods or at their friends' home.

John Kmieczyn, who was reported dead with his wife and children in the gondola car at Metz.

Three Nowicki children and Mary Nowicki, their aunt.

Anthony Wagner, Mrs. Charles Leihke, Mr. and Mrs. Pachinski and five of the Duest children, only one of the latter being killed. The Duest children fled through the woods while their parents were fighting the flames and one dropped behind and was overtaken by the flames. The others reached a farmer's home in the clearings.

Thaw Again Summoned.

Fishkill Landing, N. Y., Special.—Harry K. Thaw has again been summoned to Pittsburg to appear in the bankruptcy proceedings pending in that city. An order from the federal court at Pittsburg was served upon the authorities of the Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminal Insane, commanding Thaw to appear in the Pennsylvania city. The order is similar to that served recently upon Sheriff Lane of Westchester county, which the sheriff declined to honor on the ground that Thaw was in the custody of the New York courts. Judge Archbald, however, held that the jurisdiction of the United States over Thaw could be exercised as soon as the habeas corpus matter was disposed of. Thaw is now in the hospital at Matteawan.

Tornado Visits New Mexico.

Clayton, N. M., Special.—Four persons were killed in and near Clayton as the result of a tornado and cloudburst. Twenty persons were injured, three of whom may die. The new Union county court house, which cost \$40,000, was wrecked and a score of houses were demolished or torn from their foundations.

Presbyterian Synod of Virginia Adjourns.

Roanoke, Va., Special.—The one hundred and twenty-first annual session of the Presbyterian Synod of Virginia, which embraces the States of Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland and the District of Columbia, adjourned Monday. The next meeting will be held October 14th of next year at Elkins, W. Va. The only other town that made a bid for the 122d meeting was Danville, Va.

Battleship North Carolina Accepted

Washington, Special.—"Ship and machinery satisfactory" was the message received at the Navy Department Friday from Captain Thomas C. McLean, the president of the naval board of inspection and survey, regarding the final acceptance trial of the first-class battleship North Carolina which was finished as the vessel dropped anchor at the Norfolk navy yard. The North Carolina is a 22-knot ship.

2 BATTLE SHIPS RETURN

After Making a Circuit of the Globe the Maine Arrives at Portsmouth, N. H., and the Alabama at New York—The Vessels Covered More Than 35,000 Miles in the 303 Days Consumed in the Voyage.

Portsmouth, N. H., Special.—The United States battleship Maine, after making a circuit of the globe, arrived here Monday. As the battleship was warped into the dock the "jackies" on board and those stationed in the yard gave vent to prolonged cheers.

The battleship Maine on swinging to anchor at the Portsmouth navy yard ended, together with the battleship Alabama, which arrived at New York, the most spectacular "around-the-world cruise ever made by a first-class modern warship. During the voyage, which was started from Hampton Roads and which consumed 308 days, the two vessels covered more than 35,000 miles.

The battleship will remain at Portsmouth 26 days for docking and will then further demonstrate her seaworthiness by going on the North Atlantic station as the flagship for a month or two. Following this she will go out of commission after three years of arduous service.

Delight over the home coming was expressed on the face of every "jackie" seen. A clever machinist's mate has prepared a history of the cruise. It was in the form of a blue covered pamphlet, giving complete data of the battleship's performance. It appeared that the battleship had steamed a total of 36,111 miles although the aggregate distance from port to port was 33,292 miles. She burned about 22,000 tons of coal and her engines had made approximately 13,000,000 revolutions. The pamphlet notes that in passing the 22,000 tons of coal more than 250 shovels were worn out.

The Maine brought home before the mast a large number of short time men from the other vessels of the fleet. Seventy of them left as soon as possible after the ship docked.

While nearly two hundred of the men before the mast made the entire world run, only twelve of the officers were with the battleship from the start. The Maine went out from Hampton Roads under command of Captain G. B. Harper. At Manila Captain Harper relinquished command to Captain Porton, who brought the ship home.

Fatal Row in Restaurant.

Washington, N. C., Special.—News was brought to this city of a shooting scrape resulting in the murder of one man and the serious wounding of another Sunday night at Greenville, about twenty-five miles from this city. The shooting took place in the Palm Garden Cafe run by J. B. Harper. It seems that A. B. Kittrell and a Mr. Starkey were seated at a table in the restaurant when C. F. White, who had been drinking, attempted to enter the cafe, stumbled and fell. Starkey laughingly told him to get up and White mistook Starkey's voice for that of Kittrell and thinking that Kittrell was ridiculing him attacked him with a knife. Kittrell defended himself with a chair and White then drew a revolver, remarking, "I can reach you with this," and fired three shots at him. Two of them took effect in Kittrell's body, one just above the heart and the other in the abdomen. Kittrell then dropped the chair and, rushing upon White, snatched the revolver and fired one shot into White's abdomen. White fell but recovered and walked to a doctor's office. Kittrell is reported to have died shortly afterwards. Sheriff C. W. Tucker, of Pitt county, arrested White and arrived in the city with him, taking him to the Washington Hospital, where he is now held under guard appointed by Sheriff Ricks, of this city, who has him in custody.

Volcano Begins Raining Ashes.

Basse Terre Gadeloupe, By Cable. A rain of ashes falling here Tuesday from one of the volcanoes of St. Vincent Islands has thrown the people into a panic for fear of a repetition of the Mont Pelee eruption of six years ago, which destroyed Martinique.

Tries to End His Life.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—Will Burnett, a well-known young man who was arrested several days ago on a charge of riot in taking part in the mob that attempted to lynch John Irby, the negro charged with making an assault upon a young lady, attempted to commit suicide Sunday at his home in the suburbs of the city by shooting. He fired a pistol ball into the right side of his head, inflicting a wound that may cause death.

Last of Notable Family Dead.

Galipolis, O., Special.—Mrs. Ruth Early Nash, sister of Gen Jubal Early, of the Confederate army, died here last week. Mrs. Nash was the wife of the late Gen. Samuel S. Nash and is the last of the Early generation of the famous Virginia family.

TENNESSEE TRAGEDY

Two Lawyers Murdered By a Band of Night Riders

A VERY DEPLORABLE AFFAIR

Prominent Tennessee Attorneys Called From Their Rooms in a Union City Tenn., Hotel by a Band of Masked Men and Carried to the Banks of a Lake, Where One is Strung Up and His Body Riddled.

Union City, Tenn., Special.—Col. R. Z. Taylor, aged 60 years, and Capt. Quinten Rankin, both prominent attorneys of Trenton, Tenn., were taken from Ward's Hotel at Walnut Log Tenn., fifteen miles from here Tuesday night by masked "night-riders" and murdered. Captain Rankin's body was found Tuesday morning riddled with bullets and hanging from a tree one mile from the hotel. Colonel Taylor's body was later found hanging to a tree.

Sheriff Eastwood and a posse of armed men left Union City Tuesday morning for the scene of the murder. If they meet any of the "night-riders," it is expected that a pitched battle will be fought. Sheriff Haynes of Lake county, is also on the way to the scene with a posse from Tip-topville. The trouble which resulted in the death of Captain Rankin and the probable murder of Colonel Taylor was caused by the passage of an act by the legislature regulating fishing in Reel Foot Lake a short distance from Walnut Log.

A "night-riding" disturbance over the same matter occurred over a year ago. Ever since then Colonel Taylor and Captain Rankin have been in constant receipt of threatening letters, to which they paid little heed.

Mr. Ward, the manager of the Ward Hotel, at Walnut Log, telephoned Sid Waddell, a stockholder in the West Tennessee Land Company, stating that about twenty-five masked "night-riders" came to his hotel at midnight Tuesday night.

According to this report the "night riders" lined up outside the hotel, pulled out their revolvers and called Colonel Taylor and Captain Rankin. The two men did not suspect trouble and came down immediately.

As the attorneys passed into the front yard of the hotel the "night-riders" covered them with revolvers. Before Captain Rankin and Colonel Taylor had an opportunity to retire they were surrounded and seized. They were put on horses behind "night-riders" and carefully guarded.

The "night-riders" then quietly took up their march from the hotel, turning down the road toward Reel Foot Lake. Proceeding to the edge of Reel Foot Lake the "night-riders" pulled out a rope and placed the noose about Captain Rankin's neck.

Captain Rankin was strung up from a limb on the bank of the lake for the fishing privileges of which he had contended with the "night-riders." The masked men then stepped back and opened fire on the swinging body, riddling it with bullets. Leaving the corpse of Captain Rankin hanging on the bank of Reel Foot Lake the "night-riders" took Colonel Taylor to another spot. Search near Rankin's body has failed to reveal a trace of the murderers.

R. Z. Taylor was the father of the Vanderbilt football star, Hillsman Taylor, who was married to Miss Katherine Taylor, the daughter of Senator Robert L. Taylor last fall.

Captain Rankin was a prominent lawyer of Trenton. He was captain of a military company in the Spanish-American war and served in the Cuban campaign.

The trouble between inhabitants on the banks of Reel Foot Lake and Colonel Taylor and Captain Rankin originated several years ago when the two latter men organized the West Tennessee Land Company, bought Reel Foot Lake from non-resident property owners and made regulations of their own concerning fishing privileges.

Atlantic Coast Line Surgeons Meet.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.—The fourth annual meeting of the Association of Surgeons of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company was held in Jacksonville Tuesday, about sixty members being in attendance. Some interesting papers were read, and at 3:30 o'clock the physicians accompanied by their wives and daughters left on the steamer City of Jacksonville for Sanford at which place the convention adjourned Wednesday morning. A meeting will be held on the boat at which the new officers will be elected.

Furniture Dealer Shoots Fireman.

Albany, Ga., Special.—George Sullivan, a member of the local fire department, was shot and probably fatally wounded by C. C. Smith, a furniture dealer. The shooting occurred on one of the principal streets of this city and is said to have been the result of a business misunderstanding. Smith has been placed under arrest pending the outcome of Sullivan's injuries.