

NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

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

Made Him Stop.

Wilson, Special.—Parties from Rocky Mount report a shooting in that town just before the shoo-fly started southward. The facts as gleaned are as follows: Mr. Matt Overman had just left his residence which is opposite the North Rocky Mount passenger depot, for his place of business, leaving no one at home but his wife and son Frank. The father had not more than left the yard before a white man, besotted with drink, stepped on the front porch and attempted to enter the door. Young Frank asked him what he wanted, but received no reply. He then ordered the fellow to leave the premises, but instead he drew a knife and again tried to enter the door. Once again the fellow was ordered from the premises, but paid no heed to the warning, and continued to advance. Then the young man, to save his mother and himself from harm, caught up a gun and sent a load of shot into the intruder's shoulder. When last heard from the fellow was unconscious.

Night Riding Threatened.

Raleigh, Special.—Because he threatened to form a band of night riders and burn the cotton gin of W. S. Adams in New Light township, this county, if Adams did not stop his cotton gin until prices advance, C. B. Thompson, a well known farmer, has been arrested and will be tried Saturday. Threats to burn a number of other gins and barns are charged against Thompson, who has retained a prominent Raleigh lawyer to defend him. In this connection it is of interest that Mr. Clarence H. Poe the editor of the Progressive Farmer having wide circulation throughout the South, has addressed letters a second time to all the Governors of the Southern States pressing upon them the idea that the better element of farmers throughout the country will back them in the most vigorous efforts to stamp out night riding wherever it breaks out. He says farmers in many sections of the South are really terrorized by this impending evil and the well-being of the country depends on the most summary justice being dealt out to every offender by the State authorities.

Debris of Old Mill Sold For Junk.

Concord, Special.—A large force of hands has been put to work between the walls of the old Odell Mill No. 4, which was destroyed by fire several months ago, removing the debris and getting the old iron and fixtures in shape for shipment, the stuff having been purchased by some Northern concern as old junk. The task of removing this great mass of iron will be an enormous one, but with the vim with which the force is now working, it will not take a great while to have the grounds clear of all of it. The bare towering walls will soon be the only remnants of the big fire to remain, and it is thought that when the mill property is sold, that a movement will be made at once to build a new mill on the old site.

Another Iredell Veteran Dead.

Statesville, Special.—Another of Iredell's loyal veterans of the struggles of the '60's passed away last week when Mr. Wiley Hamon, of Bethany township died. While Mr. Hamon had been in poor health for some time his condition did not become critical until Sunday evening. Funeral services were conducted at Friendship Methodist church, and the interment was in the churchyard. Deceased was a member of the Methodist church.

Negro Torn to Pieces in Cotton Gin.

Elizabeth City, Special.—A report was received here Friday that a negro, Will Gregory, was Thursday killed in the Cowell cotton gin at Shiloh. The negro, who was an old hand, got mixed up in the machinery in some way and was literally torn to pieces.

State Sabbath Convention.

High Point, Special.—The State Convention of the N. C. Sabbath Observance Association had its opening session here last Thursday in Washington Street M. E. church. The address of welcome was delivered by Mr. W. T. Parker, of High Point, and the response by Dr. S. B. Turrittine, of Greensboro. Dr. Wm. Duncann, of Charlotte Reformed church, made an address on "Modern Conditions Change Our Obligations to Observe Sabbath." After the address the enrollment of delegates followed. A very enthusiastic meeting was held.

Barn and Automobile Burned.

La Grange, Special.—The barn of Mr. Emmett Robinson with its contents, including an automobile and a quantity of feed, was consumed by fire Thursday night at midnight. The automobile had been used only about four months by Mr. Robinson, who is R. F. D. carrier. Mr. Robinson succeeded in saving his horse. There was some insurance on the barn and automobile.

Salisbury's Fair a Great Success.

Salisbury, Special.—Thursday was the closing day of the Yadkin Valley Fair, which opened here Tuesday. On account of rain no races were called at the grounds of the fair association here Thursday afternoon. There were, however, two thousand to three thousand people on the grounds, notwithstanding the adverse weather conditions. The day was spent in viewing the various exhibits and visiting the midway. A number of the fakirs pulled stakes and left the city when the rain began. The stake races will, according to the rules of the National Trotting Association, be made as soon as the track can be used even if the horsemen are compelled to remain here for a week.

Serious Affair in Caldwell County.

Hickory, Special.—As a result of booze and an old feud, John Hafer, living just across Catawba river in Caldwell county, was cut to the heart with a knife and left for dead, by an unknown would-be assassin supposed to be either Earl Brinkley or Frank Propst. The deed was committed Sunday, but full details unobtainable, except that Dr. H. C. Menzies was called and gave attention, Hafer's life, the physician stated, was hanging by a mere thread as it were, but after putting in an entire night with him, Dr. Menzies expressed a belief that he might be able to pull him through.

Site For Wilmington's New Custom House.

Wilmington, Special.—Mr. G. D. Ellsworth, an agent of the United States Treasury Department at Washington, arrived in the city Tuesday evening and spent the day in company with Collector of Customs B. F. Keith inspecting the number of available sites in the city for the new and handsome Custom House recently authorized by Congress for this port. It is understood that the sites considered most available are those at the southeast corner of Water and Princess streets and at northeast corner of Water and Market streets.

Finds 'Possum in Mail Box.

Wadesboro, Special.—Carrier Allen on Route 2, of Polkton, was much surprised one day last week when he opened a mail box, looking for letters, and found a big 'possum grinning at him. Mr. Allen is not quite sure whether the owner of the box was using it for a 'possum cage or that this is a new idea among patrons for showing favors to their carriers. Be that as it may, the 'possum was quickly dumped into a mail sack and experienced not a little mental anguish for several hours, fearing that he might be starting on a long and rough trip by way of postal route. Mr. Allen was grinning next day.

Two New Hospitals For Gastonia.

Gastonia, Special.—Gastonia will soon be well supplied with hospitals and they will be up to date. The city hospital will likely be occupied first. The painters are finishing up one of the T. L. Craig residences and the furnishings are being put in by Rankin Bros. The building is being renovated and an operating room built on the third floor in the rear of the building, with good skylight. Everything is being put in first-class shape. The rooms are large and airy and neatly painted. The building is practically a new one.

Items of State News.

Work is progressing rapidly on the concrete sidewalks which are being laid on the main streets of North Wilkesboro.

Upon the charge of pushing his wife from a moving train Tuesday night, J. W. Wells, of Rocky Mount, is being held without bail. Mrs. Wells' condition is still critical.

Seven Thousand Dollar Fire

Wilson, Special.—Thursday morning about three o'clock Middlesex citizens were disturbed from their slumbers by the cry of "fire." On investigation it was found to be the store and residence of Mr. B. F. Holland. The fire originated in the second story of the building, which is used as a residence by Mr. Holland and his family. The building, with stock of goods, furniture, etc., was completely lost. Loss about seven thousand dollars.

A Murderer Respited.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn last week granted a reprieve till Thursday, November 19th, to Henry Harvey, a negro murderer, who was to have been executed in Rockingham last week. It is understood that the counsel for Harvey will make application to Governor Glenn to commute the death sentence to life imprisonment on the grounds that the negro is of a low order of intelligence and half-witted.

HAINES PLEADS INSANITY

Capt. Peter C. Hains Will Plead That He Was Temporarily Insane When He Killed William E. Annis—Demurrer of Defense Overruled—Date For Trial to Be Set Monday.

New York, Special.—Temporary insanity will be the defense of Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., United States army, who killed William E. Annis at the Bayside Yacht Club's landing last August.

In the Supreme Court at Flushing, L. I., Judge Garretson overruled the demurrer entered by counsel for the defense in the case of Thornton Jenkins Hains, brother of the captain, which set up the claim that the indictment was defective in that it charged Jenkins Hains both as principal and accessory before the fact. Jenkins Hains was then called to the bar and pleaded to the indictment not guilty. J. F. McIntyre, of counsel for the defense, entered a plea of not guilty for Captain Hains, on the ground that at the time of the killing of Annis, Captain Hains was insane. District Attorney Darrin offered no objection to the plea so that the court could set a date for the beginning of the trial. This Judge Garretson said he preferred to leave to the judge who would preside at the November term of the court.

Mr. Darrin announced that he will go to the Supreme Court at Flushing next Monday and ask that the trial of Thornton Jenkins Hains be set for November.

He said it has not yet been definitely decided whether or not Mrs. Hains shall be called as a witness for the prosecution at the trial.

COTTON GINNING REPORT.

Census Bureau Says 6,283,780 Bales Have Been Ginned From Growth of 1903 Up to October 18th.

Washington, Special.—The census report on cotton issued Monday shows a total of 6,283,780 bales, counting round and half bales, ginned from the growth of 1903, up to October 18th, and a total of 25,440 active ginneries. This is as compared with 4,420,253 bales ginned for 1907; 4,931,821 for 1906; 4,999,566 for 1905, and 6,417,894 for 1904. The number of active ginneries in 1907 was 24,926, for 1906 was 26,125, and for 1905 was 26,577. Round bales included this year number 115,438, as compared with 97,797 for 1907; 132,144 for 1906, and 146,574 for 1905. Sea Island bales aggregate 32,462 for 1908; 18,775 for 1907; 12,091 for 1906, and 31,487 for 1905. The report by States, giving bales (counting round bales as half bales) and active ginneries, respectively, is as follows:

Alabama	690,788	and	2,205
Arkansas	347,108	and	1,934
Florida	34,577	and	231
Georgia	1,119,617	and	4,250
Kentucky and New Mexico	565	and	2
Louisiana	296,207	and	1,499
Mississippi	621,425	and	3,190
Missouri	20,234	and	66
North Carolina	276,173	and	2,443
Oklahoma	131,578	and	862
South Carolina	659,076	and	3,046
Tennessee	132,227	and	581
Texas	2,041,570	and	3,978
Virginia	12,816	and	63

The report also announces that the corrected statistics of the quantity to September 25th are 2,590,639 corrected bales.

Mrs. Magness Pleads For Clemency For Her Deserted Husband.

Washington, Special.—Assistant Secretary Newberry, of the Navy received a letter from Mrs. Magness asking clemency for her husband. Mr. Newberry said the letter was one of the kind that is constantly being received by him, that it will be replied to in the usual way, and the usual course will be taken in relation to the Magness case. He declined to make the letter public.

Dr. J. W. Moore Discharged From Paris Asylum.

Paris, By Cable.—Dr. John Miller Moore, of South Carolina, who has been confined here in an asylum for the insane, was discharged from the asylum Monday night and placed in the charge of his brother-in-law E. H. Fullenweide, who will take him back to the United States.

Cashier Found Guilty.

Pittsburg, Pa., Special.—William Montgomery, former cashier of the defunct Allegheny National Bank, which failed some time ago for over \$1,000,000, who was placed on trial last Friday on two indictments charging the embezzlement and abstraction of \$409,000, was found guilty as indicated by a jury in the United States District Court. Montgomery was immediately placed on trial on a third and last indictment, charging him with the misapplication of \$144,000 in bonds.

Rounding-up Prisoners.

Camp Nemo, Reel Foot Lake, Tenn. Special.—Fourteen more prisoners were brought into camp in connection with recent night rider outrages in this section. This makes a total of 61 prisoners now in custody here. Three mounted scouting parties went out and two of them returned. The detachment away is under command of Captain C. B. Rogan, United States Army.

PRINCE HENRY FLIES

Splendid Success Attained By Practical Airship

HIGHLY SATISFACTORY FLIGHT

Count Zeppelin Makes Ascension in Remodeled Airship With Prussian Royalty as Guest.

Frederichshafen, By Cable.—Prince Henry of Prussia spent several hours in the air as the guest of Count Zeppelin, who made an ascension in his remodeled airship. Not only did the Prince thoroughly enjoy his experience, but he sat at the steering wheel for many minutes of the flight guiding the movements of the craft and compelling it to execute all kinds of complicated maneuvers.

Prince Henry's satisfaction at the great flight was unbounded and he gave expression to it in a telegram which he sent to the Emperor. "Under Zeppelin's guidance I felt just as safe as on my own flagship."

The start was made in the direction of Ueberlingen, to the northward of Constance. With Count Zeppelin himself at the wheel, the airship rose to an altitude of 600 feet, soon disappearing behind a bank of clouds. Messages began to arrive shortly afterwards from the towns in the Rhine valley announcing the passage of the airship, but about 2 o'clock in the afternoon a sonorous sound from the sky indicated that the craft was returning. Soon it appeared above the thronged streets of Constance, where the Prince gracefully saluted in acknowledgement of the ovation from the crowds below.

After maneuvering above Lake Constance in full view of the city for some time the airship made its way towards the Swiss frontier, disappearing in the direction of Tyrol. It returned to its moorings about sunset.

The Associated Press' correspondent followed it in a racing motor boat, but was unable to keep the airship long in view, as it soon attained a speed of 37 miles an hour. Shortly, however, the airship reappeared above the lake, emerging from a cloud bank like some uncanny visitor from an unknown world.

Count Zeppelin evidently wished to show the Prince some maneuvering by the craft and he descended to about 300 feet from the surface of the water, turning from right to left and from left to right like a well drilled file of soldiers. Then suddenly it mounted a thousand feet and shot into the clouds, only the mighty hum of its propellers indicating the course it had taken.

Roosevelt 50 Years Old.

Washington, Special.—President Roosevelt observed his 50th anniversary Tuesday very simply. He attended to his executive duties as usual and except for the reception of a delegation from the Hungarian Republican Club in New York in the east room of the White House, and the reception of a large number of congratulatory messages, some floral tributes and gifts from the members of his family, the day was the same to him as any other day.

Late in the afternoon the President donned his khaki riding uniform and rough rider hat and went for a horse-back ride remaining out until 6 p. m. There was a jolly family dinner at the White House in the evening in honor of the President's anniversary. No guests were present.

King Edward, of Great Britain, sent one of the first congratulatory messages received. It said: "I request that you will accept my cordial congratulations upon the occasion of your birthday together with my best wishes for your welfare and prosperity."

A Satisfactory Year.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—A satisfactory year's business, considering financial conditions, has just been passed by the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Railroad, according to the annual report of the president, H. M. Atkinson, made here. All the old directors and officers were re-elected.

Convention of Coal Miners.

Pittsburg, Special.—A convention of delegates from all locals of the miners' union in the Pittsburg district was called here to consider the check system and other important matters. The action of the convention will directly affect 40,000 men, and may have an indirect effect upon coal miners throughout the country. While there has been no rupture of a serious nature between the operators and miners, it is claimed that the operators have not been living up to their agreements, especially in regard to the check-off system.

T. C. Trestle Burns.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.—A Tennessee Central trestle over Bush Creek, near Hickory Point, was partially destroyed Tuesday afternoon by fire. The blaze was supposed to have started from a spark from a passing train which passed about 10 o'clock. The trestle is about 300 yards long, and ten tents were destroyed. Traffic has been interrupted.

OLDEST EDITOR DIES

At theripe Age of Ninety-Four Years Col. Richard Benburg Creecy a Distinguished Journalist Passes Away—His Influence as a Writer Was Great and He Was a Terror to the State's Enemies During Reconstruction Days.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Special.—Deepest gloom is cast over the city in the death Thursday morning at 9 o'clock of her oldest, most honored and most revered citizen, Col. Richard Benburg Creecy. Colonel Creecy, while always bright, had been gradually falling away for months and his death was not unexpected. He was entering into his 95 year and would have celebrated the occasion on the 19th of December. Colonel Creecy was one of the State's most learned and beloved sons and had the distinction of being the oldest living editor in the world. He was also the oldest living alumnus of the University of North Carolina.

Colonel Creecy was born at Greenfield Chowan county, and was reared in Edenton. He moved to Elizabeth City in 1843 and began the practice of law. The year following he married Miss Perkins, daughter of one of the largest planters and slave owners in this county. Colonel Creecy won reputation as a writer by correspondence to different leading newspapers and during reconstruction days need for a strong newspaper was most apparent. Colonel Creecy, of this city; Edward Wood, of Edenton, and T. J. Jarvis, then of Tyrrell county, established The Weekly Economist and elected Colonel Creecy as editor-in-chief.

The great power and influence wielded by the brilliant writer's pen is now a matter of history. No man in the State did more for the South's cause and no man was hated and feared more by the carpet-baggers and sealawags of that day than he.

Colonel Creecy's wife died years ago but he is survived by five daughters: Miss Nannie and Henrietta; Mrs. E. F. Lamb, of Texas; Mrs. W. M. Lawton, of New York, and Mrs. D. C. Winston, of Edenton; and three sons: Joshua and E. P., of St. Louis, the latter chief of police of that city, and R. B. Creecy, Jr., of this city.

Firebugs Busy in Norfolk.

Norfolk, Special.—Incendiarism is still working in this city, three fires in the business district having been reported between midnight and 6 a. m. The first, at the wholesale notion establishment of L. S. Fine & Co., caused \$5,000. The second, at the office of the United States Express Company, and the third, at the City Hay and Grain Company's establishment, were extinguished in their incipency. The chiefs of the fire and police departments conferred with the Board of Control on the situation and heroic steps are to be taken to apprehend the incendiaries.

Governor's Life is Threatened.

Union City, Special.—Governor Rogers, surrounded by a personal guard of twenty-five, is in charge of the encampment of State troops at Samburg and will personally lead the hunt for the night riders, who hanged Captain Rankin. Detachments of troops are scouring three counties for the murderers. Fearing a possible raid by the night riders, the State troops are maintaining two lines of sentinels following the posting of notices that if the Governor did not discontinue the hunt he himself would be kidnapped.

Lost His Life for a Hoop.

Lynchburg, Special.—Hooprolling cost Walter Davis, a 7-year-old colored boy, his life in Amherst county Sunday. The hoop rolled into the river and the boy followed it, being unable to check himself. He has not been seen since.

Big Lumber Plant Burned.

Pensacola, Fla., Special.—News reached here of the destruction by fire Thursday of the lumber milling plant of the Salye-Davis Company, at Southport. The fire, of unknown origin, was fanned by a high wind and destroyed the entire plant, entailing a loss of \$100,000.

News Notes.

President Roosevelt in a letter to Senator Knox demands that Mr. Bryan state whether he is committed to Gompers' labor legislation program, and points to the Pearce bill as a dangerous invasion of property rights.

Explorer Evelyn Baldwin plans to float on an ice pack across the Polar sea from Alaska to Greenland.

The Pacific fleet is expected to reach Panama from its South American cruise the same day the Atlantic fleet reaches Hampton Roads—February 22.

Textile Workers to Hold Next Meeting in Charlotte.

Schenectady, N. Y., Special.—The eighth annual convention of the United Textile Workers of America, which has been in session in Cohoes, closed Friday. Charlotte, N. C., was selected as the place for holding the next convention. John Golden, Fall River, Mass., was elected president.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

CLEANINGS FROM DAY TO DAY

Live Items Covering Events of More or Less Interest at Home and Abroad.

Foreign Affairs.

The Duke of the Abruzzi is still at Turin and his marriage to Miss Elkins continues to be the chief subject of discussion.

The Formosan trunk railway was formally opened.

Capt. B. D. Manton, of Uruguay, aged 80, and very rich, eloped from Providence, R. I., in an auto with Miss Sarah E. Hartman, of Philadelphia, aged 40, and married her at Fall River.

National Affairs.

Paper is being made from lumber mill waste in Texas.

Cardinal Gibbons, in an interview in Washington, declared his opposition to woman suffrage.

Miscellaneous.

The Reel Foot Lake murder case will come up in court in Tennessee next week and militia has been ordered out as a guard.

Governor Wilson says he will order out troops and spend \$1,000.00 if needed, to furnish protection against Night Riders.

Miss Emma Nutter was ordained a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church, at Atlantic City.

A cowboy belonging to a Wild West show and a policeman shot each other dead in Gulport, Miss.

Twenty thousand sheep perished in a New Mexico blizzard and six sheepherders are missing.

All the members of President Roosevelt's Cabinet are to go on the stump next week.

Mr. Bryan delivered speeches in Wilmington, Philadelphia, Trenton, N. J., and other places.

Judge Taft received enthusiastic welcomes from great throngs in Indiana.

President Gompers, of the Federation of Labor, is preparing to answer Mr. Roosevelt's attack.

Comptroller Murray has adopted measures to increase the vigilance of bank directors in managing financial institutions.

The so-called "Pearre" Bill was introduced by request, the Record shows. It never passed either house of Congress.

An alleged social equality club in Richmond was broken up by the police.

The three-masted schooner Flora Rogers, from Georgetown, S. C., to New Haven, Conn., with lumber, was wrecked on Bodies Island.

The Winchester fair ended one of its most successful seasons.

Three persons broke jail at Lexington.

The suit of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad against the Berkley Springs branch of an accounting was heard at Martinsburg, W. Va.

A rejected suitor killed a young Louisiana teacher while he and his bride were on their way to board a train bound for New Orleans.

North Carolina cotton ginner are urging Governor Glenn to call out the militia to suppress night riders who threaten to burn gins.

The Ohio Valley Improvement Association will ask Congress for an appropriation of \$63,000,000 for a lock and dam system for the Ohio.

The Denver and Rio Grande or Gould lines have been merged under a \$15,000,000 mortgage.

Two children of Mrs. Roby Cunningham were burned at Kanawha Falls, W. Va., and their mother has disappeared.

Republican Congressional Candidate D. Lawrence Groner declined to enter a joint debate with Mr. Robert Withers.

Alabamian Mortally Wounded by Negro Eobber.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—J. A. Cummings, who conducts a store at a small settlement between North Birmingham and Sayre, was shot and fatally wounded by a negro who it is alleged was attempting to rob him. The negro entered the store and demanded Mr. Cummings' money. Mr. Cummings jumped into the next room, seized a pistol and re-entered the store. The negro fired upon him first and made his escape in the darkness.

Breakfast Food in Bankruptcy Court.

Chicago, Special.—Hearing in bankruptcy proceedings against the Battle Creek Breakfast Food Company, manufacturers of "Egg-O-See," was begun in the Federal Court making the third move against the company in four days. The proceedings revealed a condition of internal warfare between the stockholders and the officers of the corporation.