

TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

Railroad Laid by Night

High Point, Special.—Word from Troy tells of much excitement in that hitherto quiet town. The Durham and Charleston railroad, which has been in construction since the early sixties, took on new life Tuesday night and put on an extra force of several hundred men building its line of coal alongside that of the Aberdeen & Asheboro, on the latter's right-of-way, and when the people awoke Tuesday morning a new railroad had been born and was right up in town near the Aberdeen & Asheboro's railroad station. This thoroughly aroused this road and by 10 o'clock this morning the road had a train load of laborers on their way to Troy to tear up the tracks of the Durham & Charleston road, which had infringed on its right-of-way. Another special train soon left Biscoe with Vice President Page, of the Aberdeen & Asheboro road, and John L. Tull, of the Durham & Charleston road, was also rushed to the scene. President Henry A. Page, of the Aberdeen & Asheboro road, is in direct communication with Troy and interesting developments are awaited.

Negro Boy Meets Horrible Death

Charlotte, Special.—Death in its most fearsome form befell Rex McCree, a colored boy about 14 years of age, who works on Mr. Mot Bussell's farm, 8 miles north of the city Wednesday afternoon. The boy had been working in the field and had started home, riding his mule. At some point along the way, the animal became frightened, threw the boy, whose feet caught in a dangling trace chain, and then rushed down the road in the direction of Mr. Bussell's. When the mule pulled up in the yard, the boy was still hanging on, although life was fast ebbing away. He lived but a few minutes after the horse was reached.

Fatal Accident in Durham

Durham, Special.—Clinton M. Riggsbee, one of the linemen for Interstate Telephone and Telegraph Company, is in the Watts hospital as the result of an accident that was most unusual and will probably be fatal in its results. Mr. Riggsbee was riding on a wagon loaded with poles and with tools. Among the poles was a "digger's bar" and one end of this dropped from the wagon, causing the end to catch in the earth and hold it more or less firm, while the other end came up and caught Mr. Riggsbee. This bar of steel, about one inch in diameter entered the body of Mr. Riggsbee about seven inches. The bar of steel entered the lower stomach and came near coming through the walls of the stomach the print of the digger bar being left under the skin in his side.

Given Fifteen Years

Winston-Salem, Special.—Hardin Moore, colored, who shot and instantly killed William Christopher, a young white farmer, at Pine Hall on Christmas Day last, will have to serve a term of fifteen years in the State penitentiary for his crime. The case was disposed of in Stokes Superior Court at Danbury Thursday afternoon, counsel for the defendant agreeing to a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree, which was accepted by the counsel for the State. The presiding judge then sentenced the negro to a term of fifteen years. The case did not reach the jury.

Verdict Set Aside

Raleigh, Special.—On the ground that it was against the weight of the evidence and excessive, Judge Biggs has set aside the verdict of \$3,000 awarded Mrs. Virginia G. Eatman, for the death of her husband. The death was alleged to be due to negligence on the part of the Southern and North Carolina Railroads.

Carbing Affray in Winston-Salem

Winston-Salem, Special.—As a result of a fight in a Greek restaurant here, Charles Pappas, a young Greek, is in a hospital with seven severe knife wounds and at the point of death. The assault was made by Mack Erwin, colored, who is under arrest. A crowd of negroes became disorderly in the restaurant and the Greeks threw them out. This led to a fight and Pappas, while acting as a peace-maker, was struck about the head.

Was Drowned in Georgia

Winston-Salem, Special.—Mr. Luther B. Meyers, division salesman for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, with headquarters at Macon, Ga., was drowned in a lake near Macon while he and three others were in swimming. It seems from the advices received here that Mr. Meyers went with a party of friends on a picnic expedition near Macon. About noon he and Mr. Robert Williamson and two others, whose names were not secured, decided to go in swimming in a small lake near the picnic grounds. Soon after going into the water, Mr. Meyers complained of the water being too cold and said he must get out, at the same time moving toward the bank. Mr. Williamson looked up and noticed that Mr. Meyers had gone under the water. He hastened to the rescue of his friend, but was too late to be of any service. In attempting to rescue his friend, Mr. Williamson came near losing his own life and for some time it was feared that he would not recover. A search for the body of Mr. Meyers was begun immediately and in about two hours it was brought to the surface. It was turned over to an undertaker and prepared for burial.

Orphanage Site Selected

Winston-Salem, Special.—The orphanage committee of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church met here last week to select a site for the institution and to outline plans for the erection of the buildings at the earliest possible moment. The George F. Dwire farm, just west of the city, containing 165 acres, was accepted over the Mickey and R. J. Reynolds farms, which were considered. The price agreed upon is \$100 an acre. The tract of land is a beautiful one and the selection is considered a good one. The main building will cost between \$18,000 and \$25,000. This and the superintendent's home will be erected first and then other buildings will be put up later. The members of the special committee here were Rev. Dr. G. H. DeWilder, of Greensboro, ex-officio chairman; S. L. Rogers, of Franklin; J. A. Glenn, of Charlotte; Walter Thompson, of Concord.

Hebrew Convention Adjourns

Wilmington, Special.—District Grand Lodge No. 5, Independent Order B'Nai B'Rith adjourned its thirty-fourth annual convention here last week to meet in Savannah, Ga., the third Monday in March, 1909, at which time the grand lodge will go to Atlanta to attend the twentieth anniversary exercises of the Hebrew Orphans' Home there. Officers elected are: President, Henry S. Hutseher, Richmond, Va.; first vice president, Montague Triest, Charleston; second vice president, Leonard Haas, Atlanta, Ga.; secretary, Joseph L. Levy, Richmond, Va.; treasurer, A. Goodman, Baltimore; Sergeant at arms, M. W. Jacobi, Wilmington.

A. & M. Commencement

Raleigh, Special.—Invitations have been issued to the 16th annual commencement of the North Carolina College of Agriculture & Mechanical Arts May 24th to 27th. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. George W. McDaniel of Richmond, Va.; the alumni address will be delivered by Mr. A. E. Escott, of the class of 1906, and the annual address will be made by Dr. Paul B. Barringer, of Blacksburg, Va.

Goldboro School Bonds Purchased at 110

Goldboro, Special.—At 12 o'clock Thursday sealed bids for the purchase of the Goldboro High School bonds were opened. The bonds were for \$20,000 and were for 20 years, bearing 6 per cent. They were awarded to Season & Mayor of Cincinnati, for a fraction over 110.

Incorporation

Raleigh, Special.—The Goose Grease Company, of Greensboro, with \$100,000 total authorized and \$5,000 subscribed capital stock, was chartered last week. The incorporators are: R. F. Rice, W. R. Land and B. H. Merrimon.

State Board of Examiners

Raleigh, Special.—The State Board of Examiners met in the office of the State Superintendent and graded the papers of the teachers who stood the examination in April for high school certificates.

Jim Frady is Convicted

Asheville, Special.—Jim Frady, charged with the murder of Parris in Limestone township several months ago, was found guilty of first degree murder and sentenced to six months on the State farm. The defendant was charged with the killing of Parris in Limestone township several months ago, was found guilty of first degree murder and sentenced to six months on the State farm. The defendant was charged with the killing of Parris in Limestone township several months ago, was found guilty of first degree murder and sentenced to six months on the State farm.

WORK OF CHURCH WOMEN

Methodist Home Mission Society in Session in Durham.

Durham, Special.—The Woman's Home Mission Society of the North Carolina Conference, M. E. church held its seventeenth annual meeting in Main Street church in this city. The exercises opened Thursday evening. Addresses of welcome were made by Rev. M. Bradshaw, in behalf of Main Street church; by Prof. R. L. Flowers, in behalf of the Sunday school; by W. A. Bivins, in behalf of the Epworth League; and by Mrs. J. C. Angier, in behalf of Main Street Auxiliary. The response to these addresses was made by Mrs. R. O. Burton, of Raleigh. The work of the Woman's Home Mission Society was then outlined by Mrs. W. H. Shaw, of Wilmington. Mrs. Shaw was, for several years, president of the Conference Society. She knows the work thoroughly and knows how to present it in a most interesting way. The foundation, or cornerstone of this work is passage building. The session was well attended and was one of much interest to the denomination represented.

Young Riggsbee's Injuries Proved Fatal

Durham, Special.—Clifton M. Riggsbee, the young white man who was fearfully hurt a few days ago by getting an inch bar of iron thrust through his body, died Sunday afternoon at Watts' Hospital. Young Riggsbee was 23 years of age and left a wife and one child, a father and several brothers and sisters. He was one of the chief linemen for the inter-State Telephone Company and was on the tool wagon when a digging bar, an inch in diameter and eight feet long, dropped, one end forward, while the wagon was moving. This shoved the steel bar into Riggsbee's body, the bar entering in the small of the back and going almost through him. He and the man with him at the time made several efforts before he could get the bar from his body. From the very first he was in a serious condition and but small hopes were ever entertained for his recovery.

Prompt Work Saves Town

Burlington, Special.—What promised to be one of the most disastrous fires in the history of the city was by the prompt work of the firemen and a favorable calm averted Sunday night only after the destruction of W. A. Loy's livery stable with two horses and about all his vehicles, and two blacksmith shops adjoining. Some of the horses which were got out were badly burned. The fire started about 9 o'clock, but the origin is not known. None of the losers carried insurance, the rate on account of the proximity of three other stables being almost prohibitive. For several minutes after the firemen arrived on the scene the water pressure was very weak and it seemed impossible to save any of the buildings near, which include three other stables, the Ward Hotel and several dwellings.

Default of \$1,000 Bond

Wilson, Special.—There was a large crowd in Wilson in anticipation of being present at the preliminary examination, which was scheduled to have come off before Squire W. R. Wood at 10:30. Messrs. Woodward and Hassell have been retained by defendant, while Mr. W. A. Finch will assist Solicitor Daniels in the prosecution. The attorneys held a conference, and those appearing for defense waived examination—only Mrs. Wells being examined. On default of a one thousand dollar bond, the fellow was committed to all. He is the negro who a week ago attempted the life of Mrs. Robert Wells, in Old Fields township.

Railroad Question Settled

Troy, Special.—The railroad question at Troy between the D. and C. and A. and A. was finally settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. Officials and attorneys on each side met here and held a conference and left over the D. and C. rails on the A. and A.'s motor car for ISar, N. C., where these two companies connect.

Memorial Exercises at Durham

Durham, Special.—Memorial Day exercises were held Sunday afternoon in the cemetery near the town of Durham. The exercises were held in honor of the dead heroes. Mr. W. J. Brogden, of this city, was the speaker for the occasion. Taps were sounded by one of the veterans. There was a fine musical programme, this being by a picked number of singers.

Shooting in Durham

Durham, Special.—Saturday afternoon Horace Stroud shot and probably fatally wounded Lee Shaw, both colored. The trouble occurred in a negro suburb. Stroud made an attempt to shoot Agnes Leathers, his paramour. She dodged just as the pistol fired and the ball entered the back of Shaw. He was taken to the Lincoln Hospital and Stroud escaped, his way die.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE

City of Atlanta Suffers Severe Property Loss

ENTIRE BLOCK IS SWEEPED AWAY

Fire Which Started Early Friday Morning Destroys Two Blocks in the Heart of Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—One million and a quarter is the loss conservatively estimated on a fire which started at 3:30 o'clock Friday morning and which swept two blocks of Atlanta business property.

How the fire started is a mystery. It was discovered in the building occupied by the Schlessinger-Meyer Company, bakery. From there it ran its way in all directions until it struck the Terminal Hotel, one of the largest in the city, and gutted that. During the early morning hours every one in the Terminal Hotel and in numerous other smaller hotels in the district had warning. There was no loss of life and no injuries.

The insurance on the property destroyed is placed by insurance men at \$750,000.

One of the heaviest losers is S. M. Iman, of Atlanta, who owned the entire block bounded by Forsyth, Mitchell and Nelson streets and Madison avenue, and in which were located the Schlessinger-Meyer Company, Branch B of the city postoffice, the Liquid Carbonic Company, a branch of Central Trust and Banking Company, and many smaller concerns.

The fire was discovered in the elevator shaft of the Schlessinger Building and is supposed to have originated from crossed wires running to the motor which operated the elevator. By the time the firemen had arrived the flames had broken through the roof of this building, and owing to a light water pressure, it was impossible to check their progress. In a short time this structure was completely gutted and the fire was eating its way through to Station B of the Atlanta postoffice, where mails received from the terminal station, just across the square, are distributed.

The employees of the postoffice, however, by quick work managed to save all the mail and most of the equipment. Jumping across Mitchell street the flames made short work of the Terminal Hotel, the Terminal Annex, Child's Cafe and Hotel, and Child's Annex, at which point the firemen succeeded in checking the onslaught on the north side of Mitchell street. On the south side, however, the flames continued to sweep everything in their path until Forsyth street was reached, gutting the buildings occupied by McClure's Ten-Cent Store, the branch bank of the Central Banking and Trust Company, the Paragon Store, and the Liquid Carbonic Company. The Schlessinger Building extended half a block on Nelson street and from it the flames soon jumped to numerous small storehouses on Forsyth street, destroying the places occupied by Alverson Bros', Grocery Company, the Binders Frame Manufacturing Company, and the Walker Cooley Furniture Company. A strong west wind fanned the flames and scattered burning embers over the whole business section of the city and threatening for a time to cause even greater loss.

The firemen had many narrow escapes from falling walls, but no injuries of a serious nature are reported. The guests from the hotels and rooming houses in the burned section succeeded in saving most of their effects, having been warned in time to remove their trunks which were piled on the plaza in the front of the terminal station, from which point their owners and many early risers watched the progress of the fire.

Boy of Sixteen Murders Four

New York, Special.—An Italian boy, named Nicolli, whose last name is unknown to the police, 16 years old, cut the throat of a woman and three men and then hacked the bodies to pieces in a barbershop near the Brooklyn Bridge Terminal. The boy ran away with the bloody razor and is still at large.

After Matrimonial Agents

Chicago, Special.—Revelations in connection with the "House of Horrors," operated at LaPorte by Mrs. Guinness caused United States District Attorney Sims to issue orders for the arrest of every manager of any matrimonial bureau operating in the Chicago district. Isaac A. Warn, said to be a wealthy proprietor of an "affinity bureau," was the first to be arrested. He was taken on the charge of using the mails to defraud in the operation of the bureau under the name of Kate Warn, his wife.

Soldier Burglars Arrested

Tampa, Fla., Special.—Privates George Roberts and Joseph Henry, of the 11th company coast artillery, stationed at Fort Dade, were brought to this city and lodged in jail. The men broke into the postoffice and post exchange at the fort and took the cash register and contents and numerous other articles, then escaped in a boat belonging to the government. They were run down and arrested near Bradentown.

NOMINATE JUDGE HARMON

Democrats Hold a Tumultuous Meeting, in Which Intense Factional Feeling Holds Sway.

Columbus, O., Special.—In a tumultuous convention, characterized by the intense factional feeling Democrats of Ohio Wednesday nominated Judson Harmon, of Cincinnati, formerly Attorney General of the United States under President Cleveland, for Governor, and endorsed William J. Bryan and instructed the Ohio delegates to the national convention to vote for him for President. A complete State ticket was nominated, former Gov. James E. Campbell, of Butler county, was endorsed for the United States Senate and delegates and alternates at large to the national convention were selected. David L. Roswell, of Kent, was nominated for Lieutenant Governor.

The following were elected delegates and alternates at large to the national convention:

Delegates at large, Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland; W. S. Thomas, Springfield; E. W. Hanley, Dayton, and Matthew R. Denver, Wilmington. Alternates at large, H. T. Sutton, Zanesville; Isaac R. Sherwood, Toledo; G. N. Saltzfarber, Van Wert, and John E. Monnot, Canton.

National issues were left to the Denver convention and the platform adopted dealt solely with State questions, attacking the administration of various Republican State officers and endorsing especially the initiative and referendum in State and local legislation and the taxation of franchises.

Alabama Endorses Taft

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—The State convention here Wednesday of the Thompson or administration wing of the Republican party was all for Taft. Strong resolutions endorsing his candidacy for the presidency and commending the national administration were adopted and the delegates to the national convention were instructed to cast their votes at Chicago for the Secretary of War. The delegates elected were: J. O. Thompson, Birmingham; W. R. Fairley, Pratt City; F. H. Lathrop, Birmingham; N. H. Alexander, (colored) Montgomery. Alternates: Byron Trammel, Dothan; H. F. Owen, Montgomery; Jere Murphy, Huntsville; Dr. U. G. Mason, (colored), Birmingham. The electors chosen were I. Pollak, Cullman, and James W. Lee Birmingham.

The Paper Trust Investigation

Good progress was made before the special committee investigating the control of prices of white print paper by the paper trust. Many telegrams and letters from publishers in all sections of the country were placed in evidence, all going to show that prices have been arbitrarily advanced, and that if the duty should be removed a fall in price of \$6.00 or more per ton would result. Many newspapers men have expressed a willingness to go to Washington and testify. The committee will adjourn to Palmers Falls, New York, to investigate the cost of manufacturing paper.

Pretty South Carolina Girl Sues a Railroad

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—Miss Sallie Bragg, a pretty young lady of Campobello, this county, has commenced an action against the Charleston & Western Carolina road for damages in the sum of \$50,000, alleging that while she was a passenger on one of the trains of the defendant she was grossly insulted by the conductor of the train. The complaint is now being prepared by I. A. Phifer, attorney for the plaintiff, and it is understood that the allegations will be of a highly sensational nature.

Georgian Charged With Wife Murder

Fort Gaines, Ga., Special.—Herbert Robinson was arrested charged with murdering his wife and throwing her body into the river. It is alleged that on the night of April 29th, Robinson who had been drinking, killed his wife, then carried her body to the bridge crossing the Chattahoochee river and threw it into the water.

Three Hundred Afghans Killed

London By Cable.—Three hundred Afghans were killed and many more wounded in Sunday's and Monday's fighting with General Sir James Willcock's British force at the west entrance to the Kyber Pass, according to the official report.

New Jersey Summer Hotel Burned

Bernardsville, N. J., Special.—Somerset Inn, one of the most beautiful summer hotels in Northern New Jersey, was burned Wednesday. The fire is believed to have been started by an incendiary. The loss is a quarter of a million.

W. J. Oliver Indicted

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—The Federal grand jury has returned indictments on five counts against W. J. Oliver, candidate for national committeeman from Tennessee, charging him with violating the Federal 8-hour law. The charges recite that Oliver habitually required laborers on the work at Hales bar to work 10 hours a day after the government had decided that the lock and dam construction was government work.

Late News In Brief

MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

Congress passed the agricultural bill on Monday.

House and Senate conferees are in a deadlock over the Pension bill.

One more body was dug up on the Guinness farm near Laporte, Ind.

Japan is expected to inaugurate a still more aggressive policy in Korea.

King Manuel of Portugal took the oath of allegiance.

Ludovic Halevy, the French novelist and dramatic author, is dead.

Four prisoners escaped from the Spartanburg, S. C., chingang Monday, but two were recaptured.

The General Conference of the Northern Methodist church, in session at Baltimore, had a busy day.

Jews were accused in the Douma of mutilating themselves to escape military service.

Prince Philip zu Eulenberg was placed under arrest on a charge of perjury.

The House adopted the conference report on the Army bill, granting \$7,000,000 increase in pay.

Secretary of the Navy Metcalf reviewed the great armada in San Francisco Bay.

Two business blocks in Atlanta, Ga., were burned, the loss being estimated at \$1,250,000.

The Schuylkill river rose 10 feet and caused much damage in Philadelphia suburbs.

All of the 72 wreckers and members of the crew on the ship Peter Rickmers were saved.

Ten Russian political prisoners escaped after killing three guards and wounding six others.

J. P. Morgan declared in Paris that the American financial crisis was all over.

After a hot debate, the House decided to exclude the canteen from soldiers' homes.

The battleship fleet entered the Golden Gate and San Francisco went wild with delight.

The Connecticut Republican convention turned down both Senators as delegates and endorsed Taft.

Ex-President Cleveland who has indignation, is said to be gaining rapidly.

A 16-year-old Italian boy, with a razor slashed five persons in New York, and two may die.

The American Ice Company investigation was ordered continued in spite of President Oler's appeal.

Work was resumed on Monday excavating the cellar of the "House of Horrors" or the Guinness home at Laporte, Ind.

Senator Overman has secured appropriation to have a lightship restored to Frypan Shoals, on the North Carolina coast.

Judson Harmon was nominated for Governor by Ohio Democrats, in the face of a bitter fight by Tom L. Johnson.

President Roosevelt, in letters to three Senators, asserts his supreme authority over the army without regard to the Senate.

The Interstate Commerce Commission states that it knows of no promise of immunity for the railroads which are not complying with the "commodity clause."

Mrs. Russell Sage has offered \$500,000 toward an endowment fund for the American Bible Society if the latter will raise a like amount.

The United States Supreme Court issued an order setting forth the extent of the Virginia-West Virginia debt inquiry.

Publishers before the House investigators were unanimous in their demand that the tariff be taken off paper and wood pulp.

Standing up in the gallery, George Gridley, of Rhode Island, startled the House by shouting at the members and waving a flag.

High water in the Monogahela river swept away the steel ends that Marion county is erecting at Fairmont.

Cardinal Leane, of Ireland, asserted his opposition to the protective tariff, and expressed his doubts as to whether prohibition ever does really prohibit.

Congress and President Roosevelt were severely criticised for the condition of the Washington jail, by speakers at the Conference on Charities and Correction at Richmond.

"Uncle Dan" Whipple, who was with Fremont on his exploring expedition and a companion of "Kit" Carson, died in Traverse City, Mich., at the age of 109 years.

The Republicans of Louisiana have instructed for Taft for president.

The Senate adopted a resolution inquiring whether the operation of the commodity clause of the Railroad Rate law had been suspended, especially in regard to the Western Maryland railroad.

Representative John Gil, Jr., introduced a resolution asking why the Panama canal contract was awarded to others when the Merchants' Coal Company, Baltimore, were the lowest bidders.