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TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

New S. A. L. tracks to Rutherfordton

Charlotte, Special.—A significant move that will be of interest to the people of this city is that to be inaugurated by the Seaboard next Monday, when work will be started from Monroe towards Charlotte, taking up the old ties and rails and rebuilding the Carolina Central tracks with 80-pound rails instead of the 60-pound rails at present in use. This information is considered most significant when it is remembered that the Clinchfield Railroad, formerly the S. & W. has about completed its lines from the Virginia coal fields, and it will soon be ready to begin operation of its trains this summer. While there has been much said about the new railroad, and even speculation as to its coming to Charlotte, the fact that it will connect with the Seaboard somewhere west of Charlotte, indicates that the road will turn a good deal of its business over to the Seaboard, or will operate many of its trains over the Seaboard. The preparations by the Seaboard for extensive enlargements to its terminals at Wilmington, is also considered an indication the the Clinchfield line would make use of the Seaboard in some manner. Before the Seaboard went into receivership the president of that road, while in Charlotte said last summer, that his road would be naturally in a position to take all freight that might be turned over to it at the intersection of the new road with the Seaboard west of this city, but nothing definite as to any proposed arrangements between the two roads was given out. Now that active work will be started on the Seaboard road from Monroe, where the light rails of the western section are replaced with heavier rails on to Hamlet, will be started next week, giving a continuous line of heavy rails, and better road-bed from Hamlet to Rutherfordton, the prospects of something happening are made much more significant than they have been before, and the Seaboard will be prepared, when the work is completed, to handle heavier trains from its eastern terminus in North Carolina. The road will also be improved by ballast all the distance between Monroe and Rutherfordton.

State Teachers' Assembly.

Charlotte, Special.—The North Carolina State Teachers' Assembly held the best and most largely attended session in its history here last week in the assembly hall of the Presbyterian college. The program was of special interest and was carried out with snap and vigor. All the members and visitors had a good time. The annual business meeting was held Friday afternoon, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing years:

President, Supt. T. R. Foust, of the Guilford county schools.

Vice president, Prof. D. H. Hill, of the A. & M. College, of Raleigh.

Secretary, R. D. W. Connor, secretary of the State Historical Commission, of Raleigh.

Executive committee: Miss Edith Royster, of Raleigh; Supt. Harry Howell, of Washington, J. R. Bridges, Superintendent Webb, of Greenville; Supt. L. C. Brogden, of Kinston, and Supt. R. L. Moore, of Madison.

Glenn Favors Better Schools.

Raleigh, Special.—The Governor will transmit a strong message to the General Assembly looking to the betterment of educational conditions, to make possible even more wonderful achievements in the development of the citizenship of the State.

Switchman Run Over by Train and Leg Mashed off.

Spencer, Special.—Arthur Turner, a colored switchman on the Spencer yards of the Southern was run over by an engine and his left leg practically mashed off. He was promptly treated by local physicians, who sent him to Salisbury hospital where his leg was amputated. Little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Great Council of Red Men.

Asheville, Special.—Officers elect of the Great Council of North Carolina Improved Order of Red Men are in session here. They are Great Sachem, Joseph E. Pogue, Raleigh; Great Senior Sagamore, S. T. White, Greenville; Great Junior Sagamore, W. L. Stamey, High Point; Great Prophet, E. A. Ebert, Winston; Representatives of Great Council of the United States, B. W. Taylor, W. Ben Goodwin, and E. A. Ebert. The next Great Council meets in Newbern and will be a big gathering and hold important sessions.

JAMES S. SHERMAN

Record of the Nominees for Vice Presidency.

James Schoolcraft Sherman, of Utica, N. Y., the republican nominee for vice president is at present a member of the national house of representatives from the twenty-seventh New York district, composed of Herkimer and Oneida counties, and is chairman of the republican congressional campaign committee. He was born in Utica, N. Y., October 24, 1856; received an academic and collegiate education, graduating from Hamilton college in the class of 1878, was admitted to the bar in 1880; is a practicing lawyer; also president of the New Hartford Canning Company, has served in these public positions: Mayor of Utica, 1884; delegate to the republican national convention in 1892; chairman of New York state republican convention in 1895 and again in 1900; was elected to the fiftieth, fifty-first, fifty-second, fifty-fourth, fifty-fifth, fifty-sixth, fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth congresses, and re-elected to the fifty-ninth congress, receiving 26,637 votes, to 20,892 for W. H. Squires, democrat; 552 for F. M. Humastin, socialist democrat, and 830 for F. O. Harter, prohibitionist.

BRYAN ON THE PLATFORM.

Continues His Criticism of the Republican Platform, Taking as His Subject the Anti-Injunction Plank.

Lincoln, Neb., Special.—Following up his expressin in criticism of the Republican national platform in general, William J. Bryan gave out a statement in which the anti-injunction plank of the Chicago declaration, characterizing it as a "transparent fraud." That statement says:

"The anti-injunction plank of the Republican platform as finally adopted is a transparent fraud. It is possible that the members of the committee were bungled by some trust lawyer—that is the only charitable view that can be taken of it. Those who advocated the plank claimed to be doing it as a concession to the wage-earners, and yet if one will read the plank he will see that it is in fact announcement that the Republican party is unalterably opposed to the laboring man's position.

"The men who are responsible for the language of the injunction plank may have fooled the convention, but the voters in general. The injunction plank has not even the value of a gold-plate brick for the plating is brass as well as the interior of the brick.

"This is the treatment received by the wage-earners from the national convention of the Republican party. If this is the position of the party before the election, what reason has the laboring man to hope that the party will do better after election?"

CONGRATULATIONS POUR IN.

Washington, Special.—Usually an early riser, Secretary Taft was a little late in taking up the business of the day and it was after 9 o'clock Friday morning before he came down to breakfast. The principal lower rooms of the K street residence of the Secretary were filled with magnificent bunches of cut flowers, and telegrams of congratulations were piled high upon the sideboard. One that came overnight was of peculiar interest to the Secretary. It was as follows:

"Madison, Wis., June 18.
"Hon. William H. Taft, Washington,
D. C.

"While the platform is disappointing in some fundamental provisions and omissions, ~~as~~ I shall claim the right to say so, I congratulate you most sincerely and in the faith that you are more nearly in accord with the great body of Republican voters than the platform. I shall do all in my power to insure your election."

"ROBERT M. LAFOLETTE."

The fatigue of the excitement of Thursday night apparently made little impression upon Mrs. Taft and other members of the Secretary's family and even before the usual breakfast hour all of them were down stairs and deeply engrossed in the morning newspapers, every one of which displayed more or less pleasing likenesses of the War Secretary and candidate on the first page.

Foraker Extends Congratulations.

Washington, Special.—In the presence of the officers of the Anti-Saloon League, Governor Glenn signed a proclamation declaring the result of the prohibition election. R. S. Hersey, of Rochester, N. Y., was present and stated that he wanted the Governor to take the lyceum platform and tell the people what had been accomplished in North Carolina with a view to the Governor's running at the head of the Prohibition ticket four years hence. The proposal was greeted with applause.

"Very truly,
"JOSEPH B. FORAKER."

A TEXAS LYNNING

Wholesale Slaughter By Angry and Lawless Mob

SWIFT VENGEANCE METED OUT

Six Negroes, Alleged Murderers of Two White Men, Are Taken From Jail at Hemphill, Tex., and Lynch-ed.

Houston, Tex., Special.—Nine negroes met death Sunday night at the hands of a mob in the vicinity of Hemphill, in Sabine county. Both races secured arms and the tension is such that a race clash appears imminent.

The dead are:
Jerry Evans, aged 2.
Will Johnson, aged 24.
Mose Spellman, aged 24.
Cleveland Williams, aged 27.
William Manuel, aged 25.
Frank Williams, aged 22.
Two unknown men.
William M'Coy.

The lynchings followed the killing of two white men by negroes. Two weeks ago Hugh Dean and several other white men visited a negro church and school house, where a dance was in progress, presumably in quest of liquor.

During the evening Dean was killed and the six negroes were held for the killing. At the preliminary examination the evidence tended to show that the plot was formed at the dance to kill Dean.

Saturday night last, Aaron M. Johnson, a prominent farmer, was assassinated while seated at the dining table with his wife and child, the bullet being fired through the window. For this crime Perry Price, a negro, was arrested and, it is stated, confessed, implicating Robert Wright, a relative of one of the negroes held for Dean's murder. Price declared he was offered \$50 to kill Johnson.

Then followed the forming of the mob Sunday night, the overpowering of the jailor at Hemphill and the lynching of the six negroes held for murder of Dean. Five were hanged to the same tree while another attempted to escape and was shot to death. Later in the night William McCoy, another negro, was shot and killed while standing at the gate of the Johnson home and Monday morning the bodies of two more negroes were found in the creek bottom.

Wright, the negro who confessed to the killing of Johnson, and the man implicated, were taken to Beaumont for safe keeping under guard of the military company of San Augustine.

Sabine county is situated in the most remote part of the eastern section of the State with a lack of railroad and telegraph facilities.

PAPER COMPANIES FINED.

New York, Special.—A fine of \$2,000 was imposed upon each of twenty-four companies manufacturing manila wrapping paper by Judge Hough in the United States Circuit Court. All but one of these companies, the Allen Bros. Company, of Sandy Hill, N. Y., pleaded guilty on Friday last to maintaining an illegal combination in restraint of trade. They were members of the Manila and Fibre Association. In imposing the fines Judge Hough said the combination of paper manufacturers was a clear violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, but because of extenuating circumstances he would impose fine only. The companies have arranged to pay their fines through their counsel.

COLONEL NICHOLS ELECTED.

Lexington, Va., Special.—Colonel E. W. Nichols was elected superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute to succeed General Scott Shipp, who resigned a year ago. Colonel Nichols has been acting superintendent since last July. Colonel Nichols graduated with distinction from the Virginia Military Institute in the class of 1879.

YADKIN SWALLOWS UP TWO MEN.

Albemarle, Special.—Sunday late in the afternoon while out bathing in the Yadkin river near here Messrs. Tom Littleton and John S. Bryan both lost their lives by drowning. The young men with a number of others had gone in the river where a Mr. Marks, who lives near the river, told the crowd he could swim to a certain large rock, to get to which he was forced to go through a very narrow and swift current. He made the effort successfully and was followed by Messrs. Littleton and Bryan, who failed to make a successful effort, and were drowned.

"Escaped Drowning to Be Eaten." Further reports received from the west coast of Africa concerning the sinking by a tornado on the Upper Congo River of the steamboat Ville de Bruges last May say that of the six European victims four were caught by cannibals after swimming ashore. Seventy negroes were drowned.

ROOSEVELT HEARD CHEERING

Telephone and Phonograph Carried News to Washington.

The President Was an Actual Listener to the Proceedings of the Chicago Convention.

Chicago.—President Roosevelt himself was an actual listener to the demonstrations of enthusiasm which greeted his name in the convention.

Hanging ten feet above the heads of the delegates and immediately in front of the platform are four black



THEODORE E. BURTON.

Member of the House of Representatives, selected to place William H. Taft in nomination at Chicago.

disks, looped by wires and joined by a small central cable leading from the hall. Many have wondered at these disks, believing them to be part of the system for electrical display.

They are a combination of telephone and phonograph, taking up the proceedings as they occur and transmitting each speech and each burst of applause. One of the wires was cut into the White House, and the President in person, with the receiver to his ear, caught the words of Lodge as he electrified the vast assemblage and the echoing shouts which followed.

CRAZED BY THE CONVENTION.

Ex-Mayor of Butte Made a Raving Madman by Excitement.

Chicago.—H. L. Frank, a wealthy man and ex-Mayor of Butte, left a sanitarium in Cincinnati three days ago to attend the convention. The excitement in the hotels unhinged his faculties and he was picked up a raving maniac. He was put under restraint at the Palmer House and Dr. Sweeney had him transferred to the Detention Hospital.

Frank at one time came within one vote of defeating William A. Clark for the Senatorship. His mania took the form of a third term for President Roosevelt, and the physician's examination showed that his mind was a complete wreck.



SENATOR LODGE,
Of Massachusetts,
Permanent Chairman.

ALASKA ANNEXED DEAD.

Eugene P. Murphy Was Sent as Commissioner to Take Possession.

San Francisco, Cal.—Eugene P. Murphy, sixty-three years old, who was the representative sent to take possession of Alaska in the name of the United States when that Territory was purchased from Russia, is dead.

Mr. Murphy was born in Albany, N. Y., and was graduated from West Point in 1867. In 1868 he was sent to Alaska. He retired from the army to enter civil life as a merchant in this city in 1875.

Minister Wu, speaking at the University of Illinois, declared China is friendly to America.

Gen. Clement A. Evans, of Georgia, was elected Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans.

The Brewers' Association adopted a declaration of principles, stating that they would fight immoral saloons.

It appears that a party of hunters in the wilds of Quebec were driven by hunger to cannibalism, the guide being eaten first.

Helen Maloney recently sailed for Europe to wed Samuel Clarkson, with whom she is said to have eloped after marrying A. H. Osborne, a Princeton student.

The monitor Florida was put in drydock at the Norfolk Navy Yard to determine the extent of the damage inflicted by the Whitehead torpedo sent against her last Saturday.