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NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

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

Negro Bank for Durham.

Durham, Special.—Next Saturday the Mechanics and Farmers' Bank, a negro banking house, will open its doors for business. This bank has a paid-in capital of \$10,000 and all of the stock is owned by negroes. This will be the third negro bank in North Carolina. R. B. Fitzgerald is president; John Merrick, vice president; and W. G. Pearson, cashier. The bank is in a new building just erected by the North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association. It is elegantly equipped with quartered oak and marble furniture. The vault is a very large one and strongly built. Next to the bank is a new negro drug store that was opened this week. This business has a paid-in capital of \$2,500 and an authorized capital of \$10,000. Two registered pharmacists have the management of this business. In this bunch of negro business houses there is wrapped up more than \$100,000 and the business covers about a half block. The North Carolina Provident and Mutual Association, which is a negro insurance company, owns all the real estate and those who back the insurance company own controlling interest in the various business places there. It is claimed for the insurance company that it is the largest negro company in the world and during the nine years that it has been in business John Merrick, the founder and president says that it has paid out more than a half million dollars in benefits. With a very small beginning it has now stretched out and covers the States of North and South Carolina. Recently when a \$10,000 bond was needed in South Carolina the company promptly deposited that amount in cash with the treasurer of South Carolina.

Mr. E. P. Wharton Resigns.

Greensboro, Special.—Much interest in business circles attaches to the resignation of Mr. E. P. Wharton as president of the Southern Life and Trust Company, a position he has occupied since the formation of the company. He retires in order to devote his entire attention to the American Exchange Bank, of which he is president, and other business enterprises with which he is connected. Mr. A. W. McAlister, formerly vice president, becomes president of Southern Life and Trust Company. He is succeeded as vice president by Mr. A. M. Seales, who has purchased Mr. Wharton's interest in the corporation. The Southern Life and Trust Company conducts a life insurance and a trust business. Mr. McAlister will remain at the head of the life insurance branch and the trust department will continue under the control of Mr. Seales.

Raid on Moonshine Plant.

Durham, Special.—Revenue officers have returned from a raid that was a success in landing a moonshine plant on one side of the town and in getting a prisoner on the other. The distillery captured was about nine miles southeast of Durham. It was found running in full blast and being looked after by two negroes. They made their escape by running as soon as the officers came in sight. The officers then cut up the still and other fixtures, cut down some ten or twelve fermenters and poured out about 600 gallons of beer. The still was of 75-gallon capacity.

Live Stock Killed by Lightning.

Clayton, Special.—Mr. J. B. Harrison's barn was struck by lightning Monday. It killed two mules, a horse, a cow, a dog and stunned a mule colt. Mr. Harrison is a well-known farmer living about two and a half miles south of this place.

Increase in Charters.

Raleigh, Special.—The fact that there is a notable increase in the number of charters now being granted by the State shows that there is already improvement in financial conditions. Gaston county will continue to lead the State in the number of its cotton mills, these amounting to almost 50, two new ones having been chartered this week.

Buncombe Robbers Bold.

Asheville, Special.—The Swannanoa section of Buncombe county was thrown into a fever of excitement when it became known that three robberies had occurred in that section, ten miles from Asheville, during the night and early morning and that at one place, a home occupied by two ladies, Mrs. Jones and her cousin, Miss Chandler, the ladies were attacked by two negroes, a knife thrown at the head of one lady and the other dragged into the yard and strangled and thrown into a wire fence.

CRIME UNHINGED HIS MIND.

Negro Committed to Cherokee County Jail as Insane Confesses Murder Done in Georgia 20 Years Ago.

Murphy, Special.—Robert Brown, colored, was confined in the county jail, because of an unbalanced mind. Brown claims that the cause of his becoming insane is that he has been worrying over a murder he committed nineteen or twenty years ago near Bold Springs, Ga. Brown says his right name is George Jones, and that he shot and killed with a shotgun a colored man at a dance, whose first name was Frank. He says he can't remember the other name. He says at the time of the killing Cross McHan was sheriff. Application has been made for Brown to be admitted to the State Hospital for the Colored Insane at Goldsboro.

Two New Cotton Mills.

The Mount Holly Cotton Mills, of Mount Holly, Gaston county, was incorporated to manufacture yarns, cloths and all kinds of textile fabrics, also to buy, sell and deal in wares and merchandise. The authorized capital stock of the company is \$100,000, of which \$50,000 has been subscribed by the incorporators, H. A. Rhyne, E. R. Cannon and A. P. Rhine, all of Mount Holly.

The Adams Cotton Mills, of Mount Holly, were incorporated to manufacture yarns, cloths, etc. The authorized capital stock is \$100,000 but the company may begin business when \$40,000 has been subscribed. The incorporators are H. A. Rhyne, E. R. Cannon and A. P. Rhine, all of Mount Holly.

Contact For Dredging.

Wilmington, Special.—At the office of Capt. Earl I. Brown, U. S. A., in charge of the corps of engineers for this district, bids were opened for dredging the waterway from Pamlico sound to Beaufort inlet, the amount available for the work under the appropriation being \$358,000. The lowest bidder was the Maryland Dredging and Contracting Company, of Baltimore, at 10 3/4 cents a cubic yard for the whole. There were eight other bidders, including P. Sanford Ross, Jersey City; Atlantic Dredging Company, Philadelphia; Coastwise Dredging Company, Baltimore; John Anderson, Gulfport, Miss.; R. G. Ross, Jacksonville, Fla.; Atlantic Gulf and Pacific Company, New York, and the North American Dredging Company, New York. There were two classes of the work, but the Baltimore company was the lowest on both and the local engineer will recommend that the award be to the Maryland people.

North State Items.

A charter goes to the Duke Wholesale Grocery Company, at Duke, Harnett county, T. H. Webb and other stockholders.

Yet another charter goes to the War Eagle Hydraulic Mining Company, at Golden, Rutherford county. It is to mine and sell minerals, etc., and also manufacture chemicals, the capital stock being \$200,000, the chief stockholders being T. C. Stone and E. W. Carpenter, of Greenville, S. C., and F. L. Plaisance, of Golden.

The State has re-printed volumes 88, 92, 121 and 126 of the Supreme Court reports, all these having been annotated by Chief Justice Walter Clark.

Governor Glenn appoints Capt. W. I. Everett, of Richmond county, to be director of the State penitentiary, in place of Mr. W. E. Crosland, who died a few days ago.

The Governor reappoints the directors of the North Carolina Railroad, these being as follows: Hugh G. Chatham, W. H. Williams, W. C. Brown, T. H. Vanderford, J. W. Lambert, A. J. Ruffin, S. C. Penn and L. Banks Holt.

The Governor commissions C. D. Bradham, of Newbern, a member of the State board of pharmacy to serve for five years from April 25th last.

State Board of Examiners.

Raleigh, Special.—The State Board of Examiners met in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to pass upon the examination papers of applications for five-year State teachers' certificates and for high school teachers' certificates. The examinations were held throughout the State, July 9th and 10th. The members of the Board of Examiners are: J. Y. Joyner, chairman ex-officio; A. J. Barwick, Raleigh, secretary; John W. Graham, Warrenton; W. W. Walker, Chapel Hill; F. L. Stevens, Raleigh, and Z. V. Judd, Raleigh.

PROUD OF BLOODY ACT

Sensational Shooting in Raleigh—The Murderer Flees But Is Run Down by Members of His Own Race and After a Trial Placed in Jail.

Raleigh, Special.—The combination of a jealous negro, a gun and a dead woman was the sensation here Thursday. At 12:30 o'clock Simon Lovejoy, very black and aged about 40, who has been a hard-working fellow and who for the past nine years has consorted with Annie Martin, a negroess aged 35, and who has a son about half her age, went to the woman's house, quarreled with her about another lover and then shot her, using a repeating rifle, in which he had only one cartridge. The bullet took effect in her head, making a most horrible wound, and as soon as he saw his victim dying the murderer dashed out of the house and made a run for the country. George Lane, a well-known negro in east Raleigh, saw Lovejoy running and heard the shot and he raised the hue and cry. He and other negroes pursued and the man was chased through a truck farm, where he threw away his gun, presently getting rid of his coat and he was next seen in the pond in the old granite quarry. The quarry was surrounded. Lovejoy was in the water up to his neck. He was forced to come out by his captors, who besides Lane were Ernest Riddick, Alexander Atwater and William Walton, and those brought him in a hurry to the court house, followed by a great number of other negroes, feeling being pretty high against Lovejoy.

On arrival at the court house the murderer was instantly taken before Justice Harry Roberts, who committed him without bail and in a few minutes he was in jail. The police had been telephoned of the murder and that a man was making his way toward the northeastern part of the city, so they went out on East Martin street. Meanwhile Lovejoy had been taken on South street, about a mile from the Capitol, after he had run several hundred yards. Lovejoy exults in his crime. He laughed and said he killed the woman and was glad of it. When the sheriff told him to stop talking and that he did not know what he was saying, he replied that he had fed and clothed the woman and that she had washed and cooked for him but that a man had come between them and that he was entirely willing to be hanged for his deed.

Gale Hits Wrightsville.

Wilmington, Special.—The population of Wrightsville Beach, resident and transient, had a bad fright with the fuller development of the northeast storm that swept the coast early Thursday morning. The wind blew a gale for most of the night, many declaring the velocity fully as high as when the railway trestle across the sound was swept away and much damage done to property in September two years ago. The disarrangement of light and power wires on the beach early in the night added to the general confusion there and no electric cars were operated across the sound after 11:45 p. m. In order to provide safety for all on the beach in case of an emergency, the Tidewater Power Company, which owns the traction line to Wrightsville, chartered a three-car steam train from the Atlantic Coast Line and this was operated continuously all night, connecting with the electric cars on Wrightsville sound.

There was considerable excitement Wednesday night and many people came up to the city.

The storm did not reach the height of its fury however, until between 9 and 10 o'clock Thursday morning, when the tide was piled high on the beach by the strong northeaster and the surf broke over the southern end of the beach. The trestle remained intact during it all, though the steam train operated across it up to an early hour in the evening had to move with extreme caution. Practically all the inhabitants of the beach were off by 10 o'clock Thursday morning and many of the visitors are quartered on the sound side of the beach and at the hotels in the city. Thursday night there were only a few persons on the beach and these may leave at any time on the train which is kept in waiting in case of an emergency. It is believed, though that the worst of the storm is over. Steps and board walks about some of the cottages have been washed away and a small cottage on the extreme southern end of the beach, occupied by the family of Mr. A. A. Nathan since the burning of the Ocean View Hotel was blown down. The damage will not exceed \$500. The Tidewater Power Company announces that the regular schedule of electric cars along the entire beach front will be resumed on regular schedule in a day or two.

SHOT A YOUNG LADY

Popular and Pretty Teacher a Victim of Insane Jealousy

BLOODY ENDING OF COURTSHIP

Miss Ball Said to Have Been Shot on the Porch of Her Home—Little Hope Entertained For Her Recovery.

Elkin, N. C., Special.—Miss Mary Ball daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ball, of this place, has been teaching a summer school at Mr. James Hoot's residence near Benham postoffice, six miles west of Elkin. Sunday a young man named Freeland Sharp desired to accompany her to church, but she declined, having a previous engagement with his brother. He then took Miss Ethel Hoots to church. On returning home Sharp and Miss Hoots arrived some time before the couple. When the elder brother and Miss Ball arrived, Freeland Sharp was on the porch and as Miss Ball stepped on the porch he drew a pistol and fired at her, but she struck the pistol down and the ball entered the floor. She endeavored to get out of his way when he fired the second shot, the ball striking the left breast and passed through the lung and out at the back. Messages were immediately phoned here for aid. Drs. Ring and Reece went at once, also her father, mother and sisters. All is being done for the young lady that can be, but at this writing very little hope is entertained for her recovery. Miss Ball is a young lady of high standard and unsullied character, and nothing has happened in this community that has so wrought up the feelings of our people as this. Sharp was hurried away to jail at Wilkesboro early Monday morning to await the result of his rash act.

Another Account.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Because she had repeatedly refused to marry him, D. F. Tharpe, a prominent young man of Demmette, Wilkes county, seven miles from Wilkesboro, fired upon and probably mortally wounded Miss Mary Ball, daughter of Mr. J. A. Ball, one of Surry county's most highly respected citizens Sunday night about 9 o'clock, while the latter with her brother, was returning from church services at Macedonia. The brother of Miss Ball heard early in the evening that unless she married Tharpe during the night he would kill her so he accompanied her to church. It was on the return from church that Tharpe fired upon the young lady, the bullet taking effect about an inch above the heart. Tharpe fired the second time, but the young lady knocked the revolver from his hand. The young lady has been teaching school for some time and is one of the most highly-respected young women of the neighborhood. It is understood that Tharpe will plead insanity. The occurrence created considerable excitement throughout the entire community. The young man was placed under arrest soon after the shooting.

Bryan's Speech Short.

Fairview, Lincoln, Neb., Special.—The speech of acceptance of William J. Bryan will be short. Mr. Bryan said that by actual count it contained 5,300 words. The issues of the campaign will be discussed but not at great length. Mr. Bryan's views being reserved for more elaborate treatment in the several speeches he intends to make.

White Man Kills Negro.

Lynchburg, Va., Special.—Near Concord, ten miles east of here Sunday night Jack Lee, white shot and instantly killed Beverly Cardwell, colored, and mortally wounded his brother Samuel, who died Monday morning. The men, whites and blacks were drinking hard cider and had a drunken misunderstanding. Lee was arrested.

News in Brief.

According to a report from Berlin the Sultan will declare himself Emperor of all Moslems.
Cardinal Gibbons is resting in Rome and will probably have an audience with the Pope.
President Castro feels insulted by the sending of Dutch warships and gave several Dutch Consuls their walking papers.
John Mitchell, former president of the United Mineworkers, has been appointed chief of trade agreement department of the National Civic Federation.

HYDROPHOBIA TREATMENT

Announcement by the North Carolina State Board of Health, Under Signature of Dr. Richard H. Lewis, Secretary of the Board.

Raleigh, N. C., Special.—The North Carolina State Board of Health has issued the following bulletin on the prevention of hydrophobia:

The General Assembly, at its last regular session enacted the following: An Act Authorizing the State Board of Health to Provide for the Preventive Treatment of Hydrophobia.

Section 1. That the State Board of Health is hereby authorized and empowered to provide for and have conducted under its direction the preventive treatment of hydrophobia or rabies, whenever in its judgment circumstances, financial and other, will justify it. To meet the expenses of this treatment the said board is hereby given authority to supplement the revenue derived from fees for the treatment by such sums from the treasury of the State Laboratory of Hygiene as may be necessary: Provided, that the usefulness and efficiency of the said laboratory is not thereby impaired.

Sec. 2. That the benefits of said treatment shall be given free of charge to all residents of the State who shall present to the Secretary of the State Board of Health, or its representative having in charge the management of this special work, an affidavit of inability to pay, duly sworn to and subscribed before a justice of the peace, or, if the case be a minor, such an affidavit by the parent or guardian. To meet as far as may be the expenses of this special work, the said State Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to demand from those able to do so the payment in advance of a reasonable fee, not to exceed in any case the usual charge made by the reputable Pasteur institutes of this country.

The Board of Health, at its recent annual meeting, decided that circumstances would now justify the treatment.

The following extract from the circular of information issued by the Laboratory of Hygiene gives the necessary details:

Rabies.—In no other disease is an early diagnosis of more vital importance. Fortunately, a diagnosis can in most cases be made from a microscopic examination of the brain of the rabid animal. The suspected animal, or its head and neck, should be sent at the earliest possible moment to the laboratory for examination. The head should be packed in ice to prevent putrefaction, and should be sent by express, prepaid. A careful account of the animal, with a full history of the cause of suspicion, should be sent in every case.

The treatment will require the presence of the patient in Raleigh for about three weeks, but residence in a hospital is not necessary. The cost of the entire treatment will be \$50, or will be furnished free to persons unable to pay, upon submission of "an affidavit of inability to pay, duly sworn to and subscribed before a justice of the peace, or if the case be a minor, such an affidavit by the parent or guardian."

Attention is called to the fact that the law requires the fee to be paid in advance. It should be said also that, if after trial it should be found necessary for the support of this special work, the fee will be increased. This work will be in charge of Dr. C. A. Shore, Director State Laboratory of Hygiene, and all communications on the subject should be addressed to him, at Raleigh, N. C.

Another Ice Factory.

Wilson, Special.—There is a movement on foot for the organization of a company for the manufacture of ice in Wilson. Some of the most substantial business men of the city are interested in the movement. The factory is to be of ten-ton capacity and will be ready for business by the opening of the next ice season.

Lumber Plant Destroyed.

Elizabeth City, Special.—A large and spectacular fire occurred here Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock when the Charles Creek Lumber Company's saw mill on Charles Creek was reduced to ashes. Dry kilns adjoining the saw mill were saved by heroic efforts of the fire company. A large number of laborers are thrown out of work, a number of whom reported at the mill as usual, not being aware of the morning fire. Forty-six hundred dollars insurance was carried on the property, but this does not cover half of the loss.

TO ASK RE-HEARING

Standard Oil Cases to Be Gone Into Again By the Court

ATTORNEY-GENERAL SO DECIDES

Attorney General Bonaparte, After a Long Conference With His Attorneys, Announces That a Move Will be Made to Have a Revision of the Court's Decision in the Standard Oil Case.

Lenox, Mass., Special.—After an all-day conference of the leading government prosecuting officers and Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota, one of the special counsel for the government in certain civil suits, it was announced by Attorney General Bonaparte that every effort would be made to secure a revision of the recent decision and opinion of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in the case of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, and that an application for a re-argument of the case and motion for a modification of the opinion would be submitted to that court. Although no time is fixed, this action by the government will be taken at the earliest possible moment while the pending prosecutions against the Standard Oil Company and all other prosecutions in which the giving or receiving of rebates is charged will be pressed for trial. The decision to take this action was unanimous.

Attorney General Bonaparte called to the conference Solicitor General H. M. Hoyt, of Washington; Edwin M. Sims, of Chicago, United States district attorney for northern district of Illinois; James H. Wilkerson, of Chicago, Mr. Sims' first assistant, and Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota. Mr. Hoyt, Mr. Sims and Mr. Wilkerson arrived here and had a conference in the afternoon with the Attorney General. Mr. Kellogg arrived and participated in the two conferences which were held later and which ended with the giving out of the following statement by Attorney General Bonaparte:

"The government will make every effort in its power to secure a revision of the recent decision and opinion of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the seventh circuit in the case of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, either by the Court of Appeals itself, or if necessary by the Supreme Court of the United States. The gentlemen who have been in consultation with me, all unite in my opinion that in the interest of the impartial and effective administration of our laws, such action on the part of the government is imperatively demanded by the circumstances of the case and the possible consequence if this opinion should stand as authority without question by the government. To this end an application for a re-argument of the case and a motion for a modification of the opinion will be submitted to the Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of the United States at the earliest possible moment."

"Other appropriate steps will be taken afterward, their character to be determined by the court's action upon this application. The pending prosecutions in which the giving or receiving of rebates or offenses of like character are charged will be pressed to trial and judgment by the government with all possible energy and as promptly as may be practicable. In the view of the government's legal advisers the reversal of the judgment in the case recently decided in no way affects the merits of that controversy or the necessity and duty of bringing to punishment if possible in this and any other cases, any individual or corporation shown to have evaded or defied the laws."

Coal-Laden Steamer on Rocks.

Port Arthur, Ont., Special.—The steamer Meehan, owned by the Tonawanda Iron and Steel Company, and laden with 9,000 tons of coal from Port Arthur, went on the rocks at passage island in a fog. The peak and forward tanks of the vessel are full and she lies in a most exposed position. Wrecking tugs have gone out.

Wales Leaves Canada.

Quebec, Special.—While the guns boomed out a farewell salute in his honor, the Prince of Wales sailed for England, after a week's stay in Quebec which will long be remembered as the most notable visit of royalty to Canada. There will be additional parades and pageants Thursday and Friday, but the departure of the Prince marks the beginning of the end of the tercentenary celebration and in a few days the ancient city will have returned to its customary calm and quietude.