

N. C.'S EXHIBIT SECOND ONLY TO CALIFORNIA'S

Secretary Bruner Talks About Paris Exposition.

DECORATION DAY CEREMONIES AT NATIONAL CEMETERY AT RALEIGH.

Raleigh, N. C., May 20.—At the Agricultural and Mechanical college today the commencement exercises were held, and were well attended. The chief marshal was F. R. Bernhardt; while H. G. Dorsette, L. B. Boney and W. G. Cramer were the assistant marshals on the part of the Leazar, and R. E. Snowden, W. W. Ricks and J. L. Ferree on the part of the Pullen society.

The commencement exercises of St. Mary's school for young ladies began today. It has had a very successful session, under Rev. Dr. Bratton's management.

Today was commencement day at Wake Forest college. Many people were present. There were orations or theses by the 34 seniors. In the evening the usual concert and social gathering were the features. The graduates and their degrees are as follows: Master of arts, A. W. Cooke, A. R. Dunning, W. F. Fry, E. F. Mumford, G. S. Sanderlin, D. G. Washburn; bachelor of arts, L. W. Alderman, J. D. Bagley, R. C. Barrett, E. J. Britt, V. C. Coffey, J. E. Crutchfield, T. S. Crutchfield, J. I. Earp, G. F. Edwards, J. Z. Eure, G. A. Foote, S. E. Garner, C. M. Heck, J. Y. Irvin, G. W. May, F. C. Nye, O. L. Powers, W. O. Rosser, J. F. Royster, R. C. Sears, George E. Sprull, D. M. Stringfield, C. R. Taylor, O. R. Trantham; bachelor of law, A. W. Cooke, J. T. Davis, A. T. Goodwin, E. W. Pearce.

Among today's arrivals were D. A. Tompkins of Charlotte, P. J. Sinclair of Marion and J. F. Spainhour of Morganton, directors of the A. & M. college; Oliver H. Allen of Kinston, Charles B. Crowell of Monroe.

This afternoon the decoration day exercises were held at the beautiful national cemetery here. They were jointly conducted by the Gen. George Meade post, G. A. R., and the Confederate veterans from the soldiers' home, together with a number of citizens, not a few of whom were ex-Confederates. The address was by Lt. George C. Round of Manassas, Va., who was signal officer here in April, 1865, and whose station was on the capitol dome. The camp of the signal detachment was then on the square where the executive mansion now stands. Lt. Round has made a very pleasant impression here. Some remarks were also made by Col. Z. P. Smith, now commissary-general of the state, who was in the First N. C. regiment, U. S. V.

Secretary Bruner of the agricultural department talks most interestingly about his visit to Paris. He says North Carolina's exhibit there is second only to that of California. The latter state is always first in such matters.

The case of A. J. Marshall, the Wilmington lawyer charged with counterfeiting, was today continued by Judge Furnell here until next December. Marshall's lawyers had asked continuance, as the case was not removed to Wilmington and no allowance made for pay for Marshall's witnesses.

HOW SWITZERLAND PROTECTS THE BIRDS

EXCELLENT LAWS ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

From the Scientific American. Switzerland has not many feathered monsters, but those that do exist are carefully protected, not only by law, but by the fostering character of the people, particularly the German speaking people of Switzerland. In northern Italy bird killing is an epidemic, and this spirit has spread over the Swiss-Italian canton of Ticino. As the seasons come and go the Swiss birds make their pilgrimages south and in going and returning cross the land of northern Italy, and the Swiss canton of Ticino, and they are mercilessly pursued by hunters of all ages and all classes. On the Lake of Maggiore it is estimated that at least 40,000 feathered songsters are trapped and killed every year, and in the regions around Bergamo and Brescia many millions are slaughtered to satisfy the demands of tables and of the millinery establishments of the world. One of the schemes is to cover the limbs of trees with bird lime, so that they become helpless captives if they stop in their flight for rest or for food; hundreds are often captured by this simple means. During the past year the border police of Ticino captured and destroyed 13,000 bird traps set to imprison the weary little flyers. Now, however, excellent laws are being enforced and the song birds of Switzerland may yet survive the attempt to exterminate them.

IN THE OLD NORTH STATE

Items of Interest Gathered From the Tar Heel Press.

—Mount Olive Advertiser: The berry season is at an end, the entire crop has been marketed and it has been one of the most prosperous seasons since 1894. Everyone connected with the industry is to be congratulated. The trucking interests of Mount Olive bring about \$175,000 a year to this place; five thousand bales of cotton, worth \$200,000, are sold here in a season; the corn, rice, egg, poultry and meat accounts are hard to estimate, but will, on a hazardous guess, be not less than \$50,000; the tobacco sold on this market will bring at least \$25,000 to the city, and the lumber plants mean a contribution of at least \$40,000 to the receipts. The merchants will require another \$125,000 a year, making, on a hasty estimate, a grand total of business amounting to \$415,000 a year. But we haven't got a man to run a bank.

—Goldsboro Argus: There is no doubt that the tobacco crop in Wayne and surrounding counties will be very short. There has been great difficulty in getting a stand, and plants for replanting could not be had. Well, it really does not make much difference to many of our people, for they are disgusted with the raising of tobacco. With the price at the will and pleasure of one single and solitary trust, the farmers work themselves almost to death to raise a crop of tobacco and the tobacco trust pays for the tobacco just what it pleases.

—Wilmington Star: Articles of consolidation amalgamating the Norfolk & Carolina, Wilmington & Weldon and Southeastern railroad companies, and the A. C. L. railroad companies of South Carolina and Virginia, into one system, known as the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company, were yesterday filed for record with the register of deeds of New Hanover county. The most interesting feature of the record is that \$18,000 in revenue stamps were required to be affixed to the document. These were mostly of the \$100 denomination.

—Greenville Reflector: The body of Nora Viney, a negro woman, supposed to have been murdered, was found Sunday evening about 5 o'clock in a gully near the plank driveway which leads to the boat landing. The body was lying in a washout three or four feet deep. Her neck was broken and her face appeared to have been beaten some, and a quantity of blood had run from the nose.

—Winston Sentinel: West Durham is stirred up over the elopement of Mrs. Lula Oakley, wife of W. F. Oakley of that place, and Thomas Moore, photographer and married man, of Mebane. The Oakleys formerly resided in Mebane, and the husband brought his family to West Durham to avoid the attentions of Moore to his wife. In his absence she and Moore eloped.

—Greenville Reflector: News comes to us of another murder credited to Pitt county. It seems that Annie Dixon, a colored woman living on Mr. George Venters' place, near Calico, poisoned her husband, John Dixon, Friday by putting rough on rats in his coffee. From the effects of the poison he died Sunday night.

—Charlotte News: Rev. J. B. Shriver, D. D., LL. D., president of Davidson college, today resigned the presidency to take effect one year from this time. The board of trustees at once elected Mr. Henry Louis Smith president, his term to begin at the time President Shriver's resignation becomes effective.

—Murphy Scout: George Hartness, convicted of murder in the second degree, was sentenced Saturday morning to five years at hard labor in the penitentiary. Judge McNeill refused the motion for a new trial and the case goes to the Supreme court. In the meantime Hartness will be confined in our county jail.

—Concord Standard: We learn that at a meeting of the board of directors of North Carolina college, held on Monday, the 28th, the Rev. W. A. Lutz, now pastor of the Winston Lutheran church, was elected president of the college. We have not yet learned his decision in the matter.

—Maxton Herald: Archie and Graham Currie, brothers living in Blue Springs township, died last Friday and were buried on Saturday. Graham died at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and Archie at 10 o'clock that night. They both had the grippe.

—Salisbury Sun: A hen belonging to John W. Tustin laid an egg after the sun was in eclipse Monday that is out of the ordinary. On one side is a perfect little sun, with rays radiating all around it.

—Greenville Reflector: The amount of tobacco sold on the Greenville tobacco market during the past season up to May 1 was 12,299,993.

—The president has nominated Thomas C. Fuller of North Carolina to be associate justice of the court of private land claims.

PRESIDENT HEARST TO DEMOCRATIC CLUBS

CALLS FOR PROPER CELEBRATION OF FOURTH OF JULY.

Washington, May 21.—Mr. William R. Hearst, president of the national association of Democratic clubs, had a formal conference with the principal Democratic leaders in Washington at the Metropolitan hotel regarding the plan of campaign to be followed in the approaching presidential struggle. Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee; Representative Richardson, Democratic leader in the house, and chairman of the congressional committee; Judge Chauncey F. Black, Representative Snyder and others were present. It was agreed that the Democratic national committee, the association of Democratic clubs and the Democratic congressional campaign committee should work in harmony.

At the close of the conference President Hearst issued the following: "To the Democratic clubs and societies of the United States: Recent events in the history of the United States point to the approaching anniversary of the birthday of the nation as a day that should be celebrated with special favor this year. There are those in the nation who seek to create the impression that the American people have outgrown their love for the just principles of government expressed in the declaration of independence and are ready to surrender their moral leaders among nations in order to gratify a newly-born instinct for imperial power, founded on a colonial system.

"All the Democratic clubs and societies are earnestly requested to assemble on the Fourth of July and all patriotic citizens, regardless of past party affiliations, are urged to join with them in a new pledge of fidelity to the republic as the fathers made it. Let the people of the United States unite in their various cities, towns and villages in a demonstration of the confidence they feel in the form of government under which the nation has grown to its present greatness. The danger which threatens the country is real and imminent. It seems appropriate, therefore, that citizens who believe that the declaration of independence is not merely an academic document, should meet together on this day and give voice to the national sentiment that all men are created free and equal and that there must be no subject colonies under the American flag."

How to Turn Out an Omelet.

When the omelet is done, remove from the fire, fold the omelet from the handle side over to the other side of the pan and hold the handle in your left hand, with hand underneath and thumb on top of handle. Take the spatula in your right hand and hold omelet in the pan. Tilt the pan over and give it a quick turn over the hot platter and draw out the spatula from under the omelet.

How to Make Corn Puffs.

Put a pint of milk over the fire and when hot add two-thirds of a cupful of cornmeal. Remove from the fire, add the yolks of four eggs, mix thoroughly, then stir in the well beaten whites, fill muffin pans a little over half full and bake 30 minutes.

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