

NORTH STATE NEWS NOTES

Items of State Interest Gathered from Here and There and Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

Automobile Scout Car. Greensboro, Special.—The Atlanta Journal's automobile scout car arrived in Greensboro Friday afternoon at 3:10 and stopped in front of Hotel Guilford building for a short time.

The cars are making a tour of the roads between the two cities, investigating the conditions relative to the proposed automobile road from New York to Atlanta.

No effort is being made for speed tests at any point of the trip, the sole object being to accumulate information in regard to road improvements and to conduct a campaign of education for good roads.

The car from Atlanta ran from High Point to Greensboro in thirty minutes.

When the automobile with its large banners tied on each side stopped in front of the Guilford it attracted much attention and a large crowd of citizens crowded around, viewing it with evident interest.

Making Money Cheerfully. Lumberton, Special.—Mr. Joshua Barnes, who lives between two and three miles east of Lumberton, has a little patch of strawberries that has been the source of a nice little income for the last two or three weeks and looks as though it will last for some time yet.

Mr. Barnes has only one acre in berries, but they are of an extra variety and have been selling for a good price. Up until Wednesday he had sold about 75 crates from which he realized \$3 a crate after deducting shipping expenses.

Mr. Barnes thinks he will realize \$500 from this one acre of berries, which is making money cheerfully. Mr. F. J. Thomas, express agent, says that he has received several letters in the last few days from commission men at Richmond, Va., asking him to send them some of Barnes' berries.

There is nothing like having the variety.

Killed in Drunken Brawl. Rocky Mount, Special.—Murder with sensational facts surrounding was that which occurred near Belamy Mill, in Halifax county, on the farm of C. R. Adcock, Sunday. The alleged facts in the case as learned in this city are as follows: Sunday morning W. H. Clark and Charlie Flannigan, two residents of the neighborhood of Whitakers, in Nash county, went to the home of Levy Marriott and after spending part of the morning there drinking and carousing Flannigan drove off to ride with Mrs. Marriott and upon his return to the home Marriott became enraged and began cursing Flannigan.

According to the facts learned, Flannigan stood for the cursing for several minutes, but when Marriott addressed a remark to him that he must leave the house Flannigan turned and fired a pistol ball into his body the ball striking over his heart and killing him instantly.

Will Soon Have Light. Winston-Salem, Special.—The mayor and commissioners of Kernersville signed a franchise Wednesday afternoon for the organization of the Kernersville Light and Improvement Company which will establish an electric light plant in the town at once.

Moonshiner and Outlaw. Lenoir, Special.—Sheriff Smith and Deputies Bush, Lingle and Clarke, captured Keith Pritchard, Caldwell's notorious outlaw and blockader. A few months ago Pritchard and two brothers killed a man named Honeycutt, who was the prisoner of Deputies Garland and Sam Smith and has since been wanted by the officers. There was a reward of \$200 for Pritchard.

Durham Boy Uses Gun. Durham, Special.—Charles S. Dorsey is in jail on a charge of attempting to kill Mrs. J. T. Butler Saturday morning by firing twice at her through the door. The youngster is a son of one of the proprietors of the Murray Hotel and Mrs. Butler is the wife of the other. The trouble is not known, but it appears to have been caused by the young man's rather suggestive messages to Mrs. Butler. She says she opened her door and he fired at her twice, though the fellow says he had no cause for doing so.

Gastonia Teachers Chosen. Gastonia, Special.—At a meeting of the board of city school commissioners Tuesday night the faculty for the graded schools for the session of 1909-1910 was chosen. It is constituted as follows: Principal, J. B. Warren, of Durham; Central school; Miss Carrie Glenn, Gastonia; Miss Williams, Panther Creek; Miss May Stuart, Carthage; Miss May Withers, Lillington; Miss Florence Powe, Cheraw, S. C.; Miss Frances Hill, Concord; Miss Eunice Bryan, Rich Square; Miss Eula Glenn, Gastonia; Miss Ella Bradley, Gastonia; and Miss Minnie Sparrow, of Union, this county; mill schools, Misses Jamie Morris, Eunola Crawford, Pearl Gallant, Ella Lewis and Carrie Morris, all of Gastonia; Highlands graded school (colored) Rev. J. A. Rollins, principal; Mamie Rhodes and Mary French, teachers. All of these were members of last year's faculty and a number of them have held positions as teachers in the city schools for a number of years past.

Salem Commencement Ends. Winston-Salem, Special.—This was the "crowning day" of the 107th annual commencement exercises of Salem Female College. The literary address was delivered by Dr. Neal L. Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. His subject was "The Fruits of Education." Other features of commencement day exercises included the presentation of a scholarship fund and other gifts to the College, awarding of diplomas to forty-three graduates in English, four in piano, three in expression, three in stenography, two in industrial department, two in plain sewing and one on the organ. Official announcement was made that Dr. J. H. Clewell, for twenty-five years president of the College, had resigned and in July would become president of the Moravian Woman's College, at Bethlehem, Pa., he being succeeded here by the Rev. Howard E. Rothaler, for five years resident professor of the Moravian Theological Seminary at Bethlehem.

Ashville in Gala Attire. Asheville, Special.—The work of stringing wires and electric lights for the illumination of the town for the big T. P. A. convention is now about complete. Wires have been strung over the principal streets with lights placed close. The Vance monument, 85 feet in height, has streamers of lights from the top-stone to the four corners of Pack Park with a 100-watt light on top of the monument. The city hall is well illuminated and decorated. The business people of the town are decorating their store fronts and the town is fast looking gay.

Special trains and extra Pullmans with delegations from the cities of the North will come Sunday while the Texas and Western delegations will get in Monday morning.

Booze Plant Captured. Rockingham, Special.—Blockade stills have been faring rather badly for the last few days in this county. Sheriff M. L. Hinson and Deputy Sheriff C. C. Shores made a raid down on the State line Wednesday and brought in a 100-gallon still with all necessary fixtures except the furnace and worm tank. This raid was followed by one the next day up on Pee Dee river. The officers struck the right track without any trouble and soon found a red-hot furnace and seven barrels of beer, but the still had been taken away while its stomach was still heaving. The beer was emptied into the branch for the "suckers" of Pee Dee and the barrels and tubs were cut into stove-wood.

Saved by Grace of Governor. Winston-Salem, Special.—Sheriff Ziglar was having the scaffold erected when a message came from Raleigh Wednesday afternoon saying Governor Kitchin had commuted the death sentence of Charles Fodrell to life imprisonment. Fodrell was to have been executed in jail here Friday for killing his wife.

Eighteen Solid Cars of Blankets. Elkin, Special.—The Chatham Manufacturing Company Friday shipped 18 solid cars of blankets to different places in the United States, about half of them going to Chicago and St. Louis, from which points they will be distributed to different cities on the Pacific slope. The other half goes to Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. Each car contained 1,100 pairs of blankets, which made a grand total of 19,800 pairs of 39, 900 single blankets. At \$4 a pair, which is rather under the average, it amounts to \$79,200 for this one shipment.

T. P. A. IN ASHEVILLE

Governor Kitchin and Mr. Locke Craig in Stirring Speeches Welcome the Travelers to the State and City.

Asheville, Special.—The twentieth annual convention of the Travelers' Protective Association of America with its 40,000 members is on. The delegates and visitors who have been arriving since early Sunday morning reign supreme. The town has been turned over to them; the queen city of the mountains is theirs.

The keys to the city were graciously handed the boys Monday morning by Mr. Locke Craig, who made the address of welcome on behalf of Mayor Campbell. The address by Mr. Craig followed the ringing address of welcome by Governor William Walton Kitchin on behalf of North Carolina and if ever a body of men were given a cordial and eloquent welcome the Travelers were.

The first day of the convention opened Monday morning with the delegates and visitors parading the streets and enjoying the balmy breeze and glorious atmosphere. The sun came up bright and cheerful and the 20th was begun auspiciously.

The big parade, extending for fifteen blocks, started from the Auditorium at 10:30 o'clock with two members of the Governor's staff and Chief Marshal Stikeleather heading the procession. Governor Kitchin was next in line, followed by Locke Craig and Mayor Campbell. Ladies also occupied places in the carriages of honor and apparently enjoyed to the fullest the occasion. The members of the Governor's staff in full uniform also occupied carriages while the two military companies, two bands and the Asheville canton I. O. O. F. and Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias added to the scene. The T. P. A.'s made a long procession walking two and two abreast.

The parade ended at the auditorium and the big convention hall was packed for some minutes prior to the introducing of Governor Kitchin. Before the Governor had begun his address one could scarcely get within twenty feet of the convention hall.

Arbitration is Invoked. Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Unable to agree upon the terms of settlement the officials of the Georgia Railroad and of the Brotherhood of Firemen have invoked arbitration under the Erdman law. It was nearly 7 o'clock Monday night, when Commissioner of Labor Neill and Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission reluctantly gave up the battle to bring the warring elements together.

Commissioner Neill notified both parties to the dispute to select an arbitrator within five days. These two men will select a third. The Erdman act provides that should the two arbitrators be unable to agree upon the third member of the commission he will be named by Knapp and Neill. The decision of the arbitrators is made binding upon both parties by law.

As expected, the disagreement came over the retention of negroes. The firemen first demanded the dismissal of all negroes. This was refused flatly by the railroad. After considerable labor on the part of Messrs. Neill and Knapp, the firemen submitted another proposition. They agreed that those negroes now employed or who were employed prior to April 10 should be retained on the present footing. Recent promotions of negroes had been canceled before the men returned to work.

Honors Southern Writer. Belmont, N. C., Special.—The University of Notre Dame has placed distinguishing honors upon Mrs. Frances Christian Fisher Tiernan, of Salisbury, better known as "Christian Reid," in the award of the Laetare medal, which is usually conferred upon some notable member of the Catholic church for services in the realm of art or letters. Ceremonies attending the presentation of this fine gift were held Monday afternoon at St. Mary's College, Belmont, in the presence of a large company of friends and students of this institution, the event becoming one of the most significant in the successful history of his college.

Notre Dame had two representatives here for the occasion. Dr. J. A. Zahm, of the Catholic University, and Rev. James A. Burns, S. C., president of Holy Cross, Washington, D. C., bore to Mrs. Tiernan the happy congratulations of that great institution and the medal of honor and distinction which was awarded her for her noble efforts in the field of fiction and her manifold contributions to American Catholic literature. Both of these gentlemen are distinguished and their presence on this happy occasion lent a decided air of dignity and bearing to the event.

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.

Six states in the upper Mississippi Valley were shaken by an earthquake between 8 and 9 a. m., Wednesday. No serious damage is reported.

On the liquor issue in Petersburg, Thursday, the city went "wet."

Walter Holcombe, of Rabun county, Ga., was implicated with two other men in a homicide 32 years ago and sentenced to 9 years imprisonment. The other two served the penalty but Holcombe escaped. Recently he returned, a gray headed man of 75, to live quietly among home scenes unsuspected, but was recognized and now goes to prison.

Mrs. Anna Cleveland Hastings, sister of Grover Cleveland, died at Hartford, Conn., last Tuesday at the age of 79 years. Four children survive her.

Elizabeth Mullen, 18 years old, at Williamson, W. Va., shot at Norman Pardee, a well known coal operator, last Monday, the ball piercing his hand, but it struck Geo. Montgomery in the head and killed him instantly. She claims that Pardee wronged her. The price of wheat has taken another decided advance in price.

Wm. Bass, a rural mail carrier, demanded of Bradley Parker, a clerk in a store in Wilmington, to sell him ammunition Monday morning with which he purposed to do violence to another. Bradley remonstrated and refused to sell him the ammunition whereupon Bass shot him dead. Bass is in jail.

The North Carolina State Bankers' Association met in Charlotte on the 25th, holding its sessions in the Solwyn Hotel.

Alex. Stroberg, near Sycamore, Ill., found a tooth, last week, of some extinct animal. It weighs ten pounds and is a foot in diameter. Scientists think the animal must have been 50 or 60 feet long and high as a common small biting off whole tree trunks.

The American Cotton Manufacturers' Association met in Richmond, Va., on Tuesday.

The Baptist University for Women located at Raleigh, N. C., which has not in any sense been a university, has been renamed Meredith College.

The D. A. R. s presented a handsome silver candelabra to the Mississippi at Natchez, on last Friday.

The firm of Wilkes, Poe & Co., at Greenville, S. C., recently received \$600 of current money in a letter without revealing from whom it came or for what purpose it was intended.

Mrs. Helen Longstreet, the widow of the famous Confederate general, bearing some one in her house at Gainesville, Ga., last Saturday night, got her pistol and soon opened fire on a burglar, after her silver ware. He returned the fire and fled. She escaped injury but thinks she wounded him.

Washington Affairs. Expert physician Edward Ehlers, from Copenhagen, has passed upon the case of John R. Early, of North Carolina, and pronounces his case real leprosy. He caught the malady in the Philippines. Early is isolated in a little house on the east banks of the Potomac.

S. N. D. North resigned as Director of the Census Wednesday, and E. Dana Durant was appointed to succeed him.

John L. Girfith is made Consul-General at London to succeed Robert J. Wynner.

In a speech at Howard University, President Taft advised the negroes to strive to win the friendship and respect of the Southern people.

Senator Bristow attacked the "No. 1 Duteh" text as the "joker" in the sugar schedule, Wednesday, which enables the trust to control the sugar trade of the country.

Senator Smoot delivered a long speech Wednesday defending the high tariff and differential on sugar.

Secretary Dickinson has returned from Panama, a thorough believer in the lock type of canal rather than the sea level type.

In conformity to directions of President Taft to the Secretaries to cut estimates to meet the deficiency of the treasury, Secretary Meyer has given the navy a cut of \$10,000,000.

The government has found only 17 out of 29 explosives safe for mines. Fire damp, air damp and coal dust of various mixtures have been produced and the explosives applied in the test.

Secretary of War Dickerson is pleased with conditions at Panama, but was too sick to lead at Panama.

WASHINGTON NOTES

The Republicans of the House Monday again took matters into their own hands, and with a sudden show of strength passed the Philippine tariff bill, the consideration of which had been concluded two weeks ago, referred the message of the President regarding Porto Rican affairs to the committee on ways and means, and devoted some time to a discussion of the bill amending the laws of Porto Rico, so as to divest the Legislature of certain authority by it.

The feature of the day was a speech of considerable length by Mr. Larrinaga, the Porto Rican commissioner, vigorously opposing the bill affecting the island represented by him, and denouncing the executive council or upper branch of the Legislature of Porto Rico.

The bill was pending when the House adjourned until Thursday.

Free lumber was handed a knock-out in the Senate, Mr. McComber's amendment to the tariff bill placing lumber, a commodity, on the free list, being defeated by a vote of 25 to 56.

The post of minister to China was tendered to John Hays Hammond by President Taft during a conference at the White House and was definitely declined by Mr. Hammond.

Senator Frazier, of Tennessee, Tuesday received a telegram from the attorney of Luther Williams, one of the defendants in the E. D. Johnson lynching contempt case, saying that he would voluntarily come to Washington to receive the sentence of the Supreme Court of the United States, and asking that no effort be made to serve the writ of arrest in Tennessee. Mr. Frazier thinks that all the defendants will pursue that course and that they will surrender themselves here, if permitted to do so.

The tie-up on the Georgia Railroad because of the striking firemen on that system adds greater concern to officials of the postoffice Department as each day passes. The only interest the department has in the matter is the prompt despatch of the mails along that line, and the inability to do so occasions considerable anxiety. Every effort is being made to promptly despatch the mails, when train service is resumed. Reports are coming to the department from business men and others all along the Georgia Railroad, indicating that the lack of mail facilities is proving a source of great inconvenience, not to mention business loss.

The confirmation of Judge Connor for the Eastern Circuit to succeed Judge Purnell in North Carolina took place Wednesday afternoon.

The council of fine arts, created by President Roosevelt, and which was to have charge of the beautification of Washington, to pass upon the designs of government buildings, etc., was abolished by President Taft Tuesday in an executive order. This action was required by the last sundry civil bill, which failed to appropriate money for expenses or salaries of any of the commissions, created by President Roosevelt without the consent of Congress.

President Taft's cabinet decided Friday that the firemen's strike on the Georgia Railroad was serious enough to demand immediate adjustment and that Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission and Second Assistant Postmaster General Stewart should go at once to Atlanta. Both left Washington Friday night.

Sugar and tobacco were disposed of by the Senate during the consideration of the tariff schedules. The agricultural schedule also was taken up. A sharp attack by Senator Bacon, who charged the reading clerk with being in collusion with the Republican leaders in an effort to shut off debate, and a general tariff speech by Senator Stone were features of the day's session.

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A TORNADO IN TEXAS

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DEATH AND RUIN IN ITS PATH

Thirty-Two Persons Killed Outright and Perhaps Fifty More Fatally Wounded—Nearly Fifty Houses Entirely Demolished—Lightning Causes a Fire That Sweeps Away a Business Block.

Bronwood, Tex., Special.—A tornado of great fury struck the little village of Zephyr, in the eastern portion of Brown county at 1 o'clock Sunday morning and left a path of death and destruction seldom paralleled. The death list has reached a total of 32 and the number of seriously and fatally wounded will reach 50. A score are more or less injured.

The storm formed half a mile southwest of Zephyr and swept down upon the village, cutting a wide swath directly through the residence and business district.

Nearly 50 houses were entirely demolished. Lightning struck a lumber yard and started a conflagration which destroyed one entire business block.

No effort was made to fight the fire as the care of the dead and wounded victims demanded all attention.

Hundreds of persons directly in the storm's path saved themselves by taking refuge in storm cellars.

More than a dozen bodies were horribly mutilated. County Clerk Thad Cabler, his wife and two children, who had gone to Zephyr to spend the night were killed. The big stone school building and two churches were swept from the face of the earth. By daylight 16 surgeons were working on the wounded.

Brownwood hurried her second relief train at noon Sunday loaded with provisions, clothing and necessary articles and forty nurses.

Sunday night three persons were still unaccounted for. Two children were found dead late Sunday afternoon, two miles out from the town, having been blown that distance.

The storm was three hundred yards wide and swept the earth for only a short distance, probably less than a mile. Its fury is considered the most terrific of any tornado ever experienced in this section.

The hillsides at Zephyr were covered with debris of all kinds and bodies of dead animals and human beings. The ruins were dimly lighted by the burning buildings and the cries of the wounded rose above the sound of the elements which threatened a second storm. A hog roaming through the debris-strewn streets was killed while attempting to devour the body of an infant. Bodies were found twisted about trees and in every conceivable shape. People walked the streets almost naked, crying for their loved ones. Residences which escaped the storm, were turned into hospitals where were carried the bodies of the dead and wounded.

One storm house collapsed on a family of nine without serious injury to any.

Brownwood, with splendid organized relief work, has the situation well in hand.

Zeppelin's Great Feat. Berlin, By Cable.—Count Zeppelin, whose remarkable performances in his first airship brought unbounded honors to the inventor Sunday accomplished the most striking feat in his career. He guided his Zeppelin II from Friedrichshafen to Bitterfeld, a distance of more than 456 miles without landing. The journey lasted nearly 22 hours and so far as known Sunday night Count Zeppelin was still in the air, on the return journey to Friedrichshafen. He has beaten all records for dirigible balloons.

Wind and Electrical Storm. Biloxi, Miss., Special.—A severe wind and electrical storm struck this section early Monday evening and grave fear is entertained for the safety of small craft and their occupants in Gulf waters near here. The city's electric lighting system was put out of commission.

Uprising in Peru. Lima, Peru, By Cable.—A rising of political factions occurred here at 4:30 Saturday afternoon with the object of overthrowing the government of President Leguia. An attack was made upon the palace and firing was heard in all parts of the city. It is reported that many are dead and wounded. Adherents of Augusto Durand, who was concerned in the revolution at Chocoma, near Lima, in May, 1908, and of Isais Perola, also a notorious agitator, made an assault upon the palace and seized President Leguia. The army, however, remained loyal and came to his support.