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NORTH STATE NEWS NOTES

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

Dixie Club Grocery Company at Statesville Falls. Statesville, Special.—The Dixie Club Grocery Company, incorporated, made a voluntary assignment Monday and executed a deed of trust for the benefit of creditors to Messrs. E. G. Gilmer and R. V. Brawley, trustees. The assets of the concern, which include the stock of goods on hand, the store fixtures and unpaid subscribed stock, are said to be sufficient to cover the indebtedness of the company. The assignment was made by the president and promoter of the company, Mr. C. S. Holland, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the directors of the company instructing him to do so. The store was closed shortly before noon Monday and the deed of trust was filed with the clerk of Superior Court a short time later.

High Point Items.

High Point, Special.—The New York Herald-Atlanta Journal crossed here Monday following close after the Herald-Journal car the day before going towards Atlanta. The path-finding event has attracted no little attention here and over the State as the course will mark a new era in the life of the communities through which it will pass.

Mr. Chas. Ragan, who was operated on at the Stokes sanitarium in Salisbury last week, is getting along nicely, his friends will be glad to learn.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Armfield have returned from an automobile outing to Washington. They made the trip without a break down, four days only being required to go and four to come. They returned via way of Norfolk and report the roads better in that direction.

Team of Mules Drowned in Swollen Stream.

Lincolnton, Special.—A team of mules, belonging to Mr. W. W. Motz, were drowned Monday afternoon in Walker branch in the outskirts of this place. The branch was swollen by heavy rains and when the negro driver attempted to cross the branch with a load of brick the whole outfit was washed down the stream. The wagon and one mule have been found, but the other mule was carried on down into the river. The driver saved himself by clinging to a foot-log.

Grand Jury Finds a True Bill Against D. A. Hurley.

Charlotte, Special.—The grand jury do present that D. A. Hurley did assault his wife, Katherine Jordan Hurley, by shooting at her three times; the assault occurring in the rooms of Mrs. Hurley in the Buford Hotel in the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, and the shooting being done with a pistol, on or about the 30th of May. Thus reads a bill returned by the grand jury of Superior Court. Briefly told the couple had been having trouble and Hurley was drinking. Mrs. Hurley has gone to her mother in New York.

Corn in Stanly County.

Some three or four years ago a local firm was selling each year upon the local market between forty and fifty thousand bushels of shipped corn. Two weeks ago the same firm advertised through these columns for 1,000 bushels of corn. Treble this amount was brought in by the farmers from every direction. The incident brings to light the fact that but little shipped corn is now sold upon the local market, and that our farmers have been frugal in keeping their home graineries supplied.—Stanly Enterprise.

Wilmington Box Factory Starts Up.

Wilmington, Special.—The box factory of the Wynnewood Lumber Company, in which Philadelphia capitalists are largely interested, began operations yesterday. It will employ about 125 hands and will prove quite an addition to the industrial enterprises locally.

Mayor Lingle Assaulted.

Salisbury, Special.—Mayor J. C. Lingle, of the peaceful little village of Faith, six miles southwest of Salisbury, was the recipient of a merciless whipping Thursday, administered by L. H. Holshouser, who used only his bare fists. It appears that the trouble arose over the question of getting some objectionable parties from the town and the mayor was charged with neglect of duty. Sheriff McKenna was notified and was soon on the ground, and both parties were arraigned before Judge Miller here.

North Carolina News Dots.

Mr. Jacob S. Allen, a widely-known Confederate veteran, who for many years has attended Confederate reunions, was stricken with paralysis Friday night at Raleigh and for some time it was thought he was dead. He is over 70 years of age and has been in feeble health for two or three years. He is a contractor and builder and has done much work in this State and Virginia.

Governor Kitchin received the resignation of Judge James S. Manning as State Senator from the nineteenth district and also as trustee of the University of North Carolina.

A charter was granted the Dixie Laundry Machinery Manufacturing Company, of Greensboro, the capital stock being \$50,000.

Architect Hampton of Gastonia, is preparing plans and specifications for the new graded school building to be erected at once at King's Mountain. It will cost \$12,000 and will contain ten class rooms and an auditorium. It is to be two stories high, of brick with granite trimmings and slate roof, and will be entirely modern in every respect.

Mr. Z. P. Smith, who has been elected editor and general manager of The Greensboro Daily News, which is to be the successor of The Daily Industrial News, announces that the new paper will make its appearance Sunday morning, July 18.

The case of A. T. Yoder against Dr. John McCampbell, superintendent of the State Hospital, Morganton, and J. P. Caldwell, president of the board of directors, for his illegal detention in the Hospital, was dismissed in the Superior Court of Burke county.

The Albert F. Hale Lumber Company, of Asheville, was chartered, this taking over the business of Mr. Hale's concern, the capital stock being \$35,000, almost all held by him.

No soft drinks on Sunday will be the result of an ordinance passed by the Winston aldermen Friday. Cigar stands can go as far as they like, however. The ordinance is a surprise, as there has been no public discussion of the matter and no forecast of such action.

Some idea of the vastness of the tobacco business in Winston is gained from a Winston-Salem dispatch which says that "the receipts at the internal revenue office during the past month of May amounted to \$186,669.87, which means that 3,111,164 pounds of manufactured tobacco were shipped by the local tobacco manufacturers during the month."

With J. D. Dorsett, of Spencer, as president and J. M. Maupin, of Salisbury, as general manager, The Potomac Heights Land Company has been organized under the laws of North Carolina, with an authorized capital of \$100,000. The new corporation will deal in real estate in the District of Columbia and is now developing a large tract of valuable property in the suburbs of Washington.

J. E. Young, a deputy sheriff of Wake county, was convicted in the Federal Court at Raleigh, of blockade distilling. Judge Connor delivered a severe reprimand to him for being guilty of such a crime while holding a commission from the sheriff of the county as a deputy for the enforcement of laws. He reserved judgment until he investigates further.

A week ago Friday a fine crop of oats was standing in a field on Solicitor Robinson's farm in the eastern suburbs of Wadesboro. Since that time the oats have been harvested hauled in and cotton seed planted where stood the grain, and now the cotton is breaking through the ground, coming to a perfect stand.

Officer Shoots Negro.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Police-man N. B. Williams on Friday shot and instantly killed Will Freeman, a negro about 25 years old, firing two bullets into his body. Williams was released under \$5,000 bond, after a short hearing by the coroner. Williams is the youngest man on the Winston police force, it is claimed, he shot the negro in self-defense, after the man had fired upon him.

Skull Crushed by Wild Car.

Durham, Special.—Liston L. Bland, an employe of the Chatham Lumber Company, was fatally wounded Friday in East Durham by having his skull crushed by a runaway car. The young fellow loaded the car and started it off when another car broke loose. In his efforts to dodge it, he was caught between a pipe and the projecting timber. A great hole was torn in his head. There is little hope for him. The boy is 17 years old and lives in Durham, where a number of his relatives also reside.

13,587,306 BALES IN 1908

Increase Over Previous Year of 19.4 Per Cent.—Crop Remarkable For Its Excellent Spinning Qualities and Cleanliness.—Most Valuable Ever Grown.

Washington, Special.—Bulletin 100, which has just been issued by the Bureau of the Census, consists of a report on the production of cotton in 1908, prepared under the supervision of Mr. William M. Stuart, chief statistician for manufactures, by Daniel C. Roper, expert chief of division. The present report gives the aggregate figures for the whole cotton crop.

The finally revised figures for the crop of 1908, expressed in equivalent 500-pound bales and including linters, show a total production of 13,587,306 bales. This represents an increase over 1907 of 2,211,845 bales, or 19.4 per cent. It is the third largest crop ever produced, being exceeded only by the crops of 1904 and 1906, and is 978,751 bales larger than the average crop of the last five years.

The production reported for Texas 3,913,084 bales, is the second largest recorded, being exceeded only by that of 1906, which was 368,740 bales larger. This State showed a falling off in 1907 of 44.9 per cent as compared with 1906, but increased its crop in 1908 by 65.8 per cent over 1907. Texas produced 28.8 per cent of the total for the country in 1908; 20.8 per cent in 1907; and 31.5 per cent in 1906.

The crop in 1908 is remarkable for its excellent spinning qualities and cleanliness. The grade of this crop is estimated to have averaged strict middling, compared with middling for 1907 and strict low middling for 1906. Measured by its yarn producing qualities, the crop of 1908 is believed to be the most valuable ever grown. The value of the crop to the growers is estimated at \$681,230,956, of which \$588,814,828 represents the value of the lint and \$92,416,128 the value of the seed. Notwithstanding the fact that the crop was 2,211,845 bales larger than the crop of 1907 and that the spinning qualities of this crop were superior, it has been disposed of by the growers at approximately \$20,000,000 less than that of 1907.

The estimated quantity of cotton seed produced in 1908 is 5,903,838 tons, of which 3,669,747 tons were treated by the oil mills, affording products valued at \$86,092,583, and distributed as to kind and quantity as follows: Oil, 146,789,880 gallons; cake and meal, 1,491,752 tons; hulls, 1,330,283 tons, and linters, 165,138,628 pounds.

The world's production of cotton for mill consumption in 1908 is estimated at 19,574,000 bales of 500 pounds net, compared with 16,512,000 in 1907. The production in the United States, expressed in net weight bales, was 13,002,000, and represents 66 per cent of the total commercial cotton produced. British India, which ranks second, produced 1,914,000 bales, or 15 per cent; Egypt, 1,275,000 bales, or 7 per cent; and Russia, 846,000 bales, or 4 per cent. Most of the remainder is produced in China and Brazil, while smaller quantities are contributed by Mexico, Peru, Turkey, Persia and several other countries.

Not less than 9,000,000 persons are employed in producing, handling and manufacturing American cotton, of whom some 6,000,000 are farmers and farm laborers, 1,000,000 otherwise engaged with the fibre in this country and about 2,000,000 are concerned with it in foreign countries. The value of the goods manufactured from the average American cotton crop is estimated at \$2,000,000,000.

Of the total quantity of the six leading textile fibres produced in 1908, 18,042,425,000 pounds, cotton constituted 54 per cent, wool 14.8 per cent, jute 14 per cent, flax 10 per cent, hemp 7 per cent and silk less than one-half of 1 per cent. The relative importance of these fibres has been reversed during the past century. Flax fibre, which was used to a larger extent than any other in 1800, now ranks fourth, and the quantity produced is only about three times what it was then. During this period the production of wool has increased about four-fold, and of cotton over thirty-fold.

Big Balloon Race Ends.

Indianapolis, Ind., Special.—Three of the nine balloons that started Saturday in the national distance race of the Aero Club of America and the endurance test of the Aero Club of Indiana, entered in the national race, is reported to have dropped to earth at Shackle Island, Tenn., at 6 o'clock Sunday evening, taken on water and sailing off south.

The Indiana endurance race was won by Dr. Link and R. J. Irvin, in the Indianapolis. They were in the air 23 hours. The Chicago was second and the Ohio third.

HEROES AT MEMPHIS

City Gives Old Warriors Great Time.

CONFEDERATE REUNION BEGINS

Thousands of Visitors From all Over the South Are in the Bluff City of Tennessee For the Annual Gathering of the Men Who Fought For the Stars and Bars.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—With the stars and the bars and the star spangled banner floating largely and amiably in the soft breeze of a typical Southern day; with the pictures of Southern heroes aligned with those who fought for the North, with the streets filled with thousands of visitors; with here and there through the throng, the soft gray and gold of the cause that millions revere, the Confederate veterans' reunion began Monday.

The hotels, taxed to their capacity, utilized every spare inch of space and the halls and corridors were filled with narrow cots upon which reposed good-natured but enthusiastic visitors to the reunion. From every store and office and private residence were strung the national colors. The stars and the bars and the united country's flag floated side by side on every hand. Big signs told of State, department and division headquarters. Uniformed and courteous guides were at the service of visitors, and to even look in doubt meant a polite offer of assistance from both the men and women who wore the badge "I live here, ask me."

There probably never was a Confederate reunion at which the arrangements were so complete or the details so ably worked out. It was almost impossible to walk through any depot in Memphis without some courteous stranger inquiring, "Are you a visitor?"

Information bureaus abounded and no one could complain that accommodations were not furnished. At a huge mess hall in Main street, a commissary had provided meals three times a day for the old boys in gray. There were the familiar beans and bacon, the hard tack and coffee, in addition to all the delicacies that the market can supply. Handsomely gowned and dainty Southern matrons and maids superintended the preparation of food as well as the serving of it, and saw that the more timid and helpless of the old veterans were not slighted. The town was a myriad of lights and every resident constituted himself an informal reception committee to see that every visitor was taken care of.

Every railroad in the South and Southwest has made the low rate of one cent a mile to Memphis and return. The geographical location of the city is exceptionally well-suited for the reunion.

Fight Battle in Prison.

Tiffs, Turkey, By Cable.—A desperate battle was fought in the prison here Saturday, which ended in eight prisoners and two wardens being killed and four mardens and two soldiers being mortally wounded. Five convicts, who were condemned to death, while being transferred to the death cells, overpowered the wardens, wounding and disarming them. They then ran through the corridor shooting down every one they encountered. They were finally brought to bay by a detachment of wardens, but refused to surrender, fighting until they were crushed by repeated volleys.

During the fighting, three other prisoners escaped from their cells and rushed through the corridors in another direction. They were run down by soldiers, and as they were putting up a stubborn resistance, they were shot to death.

Fire Sweeps Maine Village.

Presque Isle, Me., Special.—The entire northeastern section of this village, comprising the district where were situated the most pretentious residences, was swept by fire Monday night, a high wind carrying flames and embers from street to street until 100 dwelling houses and the Congregation church, the Masonic hall and several other structures had been reduced to ashes.

Roosevelt Shoots Monkeys.

Kijabe, British East Africa, By Cable.—The Roosevelt party visited the local station of the African Inland Mission, an American organization. Before his departure, Mr. Roosevelt spent some time shooting monkeys, particularly the Colobus. Edmund Heller bagged three of the Colobus species and a green faced monkey, and Kermit Roosevelt killed two large specimens of the former.

WASHINGTON NOTES

The most important happenings in the national capital Monday were as follows:

Whiskey, in the legal meaning of the word, is whiskey even when colored, or flavoring matter is added, according to an opinion rendered to President Taft by Lloyd M. Bowers, solicitor general of the United States. He holds that as such coloring and flavoring have been used in all the history of whiskey, such addition cannot be illegal or incompatible with the name whiskey. The decision, however, is not the final word in the case.

The Porto Rican bill, unamended, was passed by the House. It provides that when the Porto Rican Legislature fails to pass an appropriation bill the same appropriations shall hold as provided in the last bill passed.

The cotton schedule was considered in the Senate. Little progress was made in voting on various schedules because of much debate, especially between Senator Aldrich for the conservatives, and Senator Beveridge, for the "progressives," as to the duty of members to hold to party lines and to platform principles in voting on the bill. By the narrow margin of 32 to 38 the amendment of Senator Dooliver to strike out the finance committee's provision fixing a duty of one cent a square yard on mercerization was lost.

The most important happenings in the nation's capital Saturday were as follows:

President Taft sent a special message to Congress transmitting the final report of Charles E. Magoon, former Provisional Governor of Cuba, and praising the latter and Major General Thomas H. Barry, who was in command of the army of pacification, for their services in the land.

Owing to the state of Mrs. Taft's health, the President announced that he had abandoned his proposed trip to Alaska during the coming summer but had not yet given up hope of being able to attend the Seattle Exposition.

That danger lurks in the transportation of those who have died from infectious diseases was made evident at Saturday's session of the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the conference of State and provincial boards of North America. The committee appointed to report on the subject found fault with the present system of shipping bodies from one State into another and recommended that greater care should, in the future, be exercised in this regard through the application of measures, which would secure better preparation and the casing of bodies preparatory to shipment.

Leprosy again was one of the principal topics discussed at the day's session of the conference of State and provincial boards of health of North America, which adopted a resolution urging the establishment by Congress, within the United States, of a hospital for the treatment of the disease.

After devoting the larger portion of the day to listening to a discussion of the cotton cloth schedule, the Senate entered upon a period of voting late in the afternoon and rapidly disposed of the entire subject of changing from ad valorem to specific duties for the purpose of preventing undervaluations. On all the votes taken, the finance committee was sustained by a majority of ten or eleven.

The most important happenings in the nation's capital Wednesday were as follows:

Taking to task the other Republicans in the Senate for violating the party pledge to the people to reverse the tariff downward, Senator LaFollette began an extended speech which he concluded Thursday, when the night sessions began. Senators Nelson, Gore and Elkins also addressed the Senate during the day.

Five retired naval officers have been relieved from active duty by an order issued by the Secretary of the Navy in carrying out the new administration policy.

His belief in free religion was expressed by President Taft in a speech to a delegation from the Seventh Day tariff bill in the Senate. The duty Adventists who visited him at the White House.

The most important happenings in the nation's capital Friday were as follows:

Making reply to the bitter attack made upon him Thursday night by Senator Penrose because of his absence at a session at which he was expected to finish his uncompleted speech on the cotton schedule of the tariff bill, Senator LaFollette suggested that the Senator from Pennsylvania might render greater service if he would account for the way he spends his own time when absent from the Senate. Mr. LaFollette then completed his speech. Another night session was held by the Senate.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

GLEANINGS FROM DAY TO DAY

Live Items Covering Events of More or Less Interest at Home and Abroad.

Engineer Flannigan on the New York Central was making good speed when he saw a child sitting between the rails. He brought the engine to a halt ten feet from the child but wrecked a parcel of his freight cars that had to be moved before he could proceed.

Joseph West is in the penitentiary at Dayton, Ohio. He has tuberculosis of the knee. He is under sentence to be electrocuted July 9. Now it is decided that the leg will have to be amputated to save his life till that date, and if amputated, the execution must be delayed till the leg gets well enough.

In the recent riots in Philadelphia, it was found that the fire department with its hose could disperse a mob more effectively than officers could with sticks and pistols.

Mrs. Rebecca Burns died in Ohio Monday at the age of 115 years. She claims to have seen George Washington.

The instant that President Taft touched the gold nugget button that started the machinery at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, the Mayor of New York fired a gold mounted pistol to signal the starting of six motor cars from that city to the exposition grounds, 4,000 miles away, on a prize run for \$2,000.

Robert Lincoln suffered a slight stroke on Monday while attending the unveiling of a monument to his father at Hogansville, Ky. He could not take the three mile ride to visit the home where his father was born.

Miss Alice Prout, a trained nurse, at Pittsfield, Mass., lost her life last Sunday from having a surgeon pad sewed up in her when operated on in January for appendicitis.

A late test of Dr. T. Leary's anti-toxine proved so successful in the cure of what seemed a hopeless case of blood poison at Boston, Mass., recently, as to give hope that medical science has risen to the occasion for its prompt cure.

Some one who has studied the rat problem has found that it costs the American people \$100,000,000 a year to feed and thereby support the rodent family.

A jury unable to agree on a verdict last Saturday night, agreed on Sunday morning which church they would attend for worship at Alexandria, Va.

The Carnegie Trust Co., of New York has organized a \$40,000,000 bank.

Wilbur Wright believes that air shipping will develop to such degree that a flight across the ocean will be effected within a year.

James Hines, a 16-year-old boy of Abingdon, Va., who was missing has made himself known from Ohio. Some time ago a negro told the story of cutting off the boy's head and directed where to find the body. He was almost lynched, but was discovered to be insane, when the supposed body of the boy was found to be that of a dog.

A tornado swept up through part of Texas, Oklahoma and striking down in North Dakota killed 62 people in the path of its fury last week.

Young Evans has been released from custody under charge of killing his antagonist "Greek Jimmy" last week.

Fifteen persons were killed in a cyclone in Oklahoma city last Saturday night.

James Kureaser, "Greek Jimmy" Ryan was killed in a prize fight last week in Savannah. He was knocked down and the fall fractured his skull.

The Charleston News and Courier informs us that President Taft gained eleven pounds while in North Carolina.

President Taft in his speech at the Gettysburg monument unveiling made it clear that he would not favor a reduction of the regular army.

Washington Notes.

Lieut. Alex. C. Davis has been dismissed from the army for drunkenness and gambling. He was doing service in the Philippines.

Some friends gave President Taft a draw ticket issued by the Sandusky Elks and it proved to be the lucky number for a barrel of Sauerkraut.

It is now decreed that Midshipmen at Annapolis must not marry until after they have taken their two year cruise unless perchance the ruling may be softened to those who are sufficiently able to support a wife.