

NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY.

It is an Interesting Question What North Carolina Claims and What Can be Established Beyond All Cavil.

New York Herald.
The people of North Carolina have been unfortunate in some respects. They have been but little addicted to boasting of their achievements. While other States have been conspicuous on gala days and in the historical records of the past, the people of North Carolina have for two hundred years been making history without seeking to blazon forth their deeds to the world. Mr. Bancroft, whose duties led him to investigate the facts of North Carolina's history, has recognized that the people of this State have accomplished in the cause of human freedom and in the vindication of rights ever held dear by free born citizens, and has, in his immortal pages, chronicled some of the events that make the advance of North Carolina upon the religious development. But, unfortunately, the people of this State have been so isolated from the great centres, have had so little communication with the outside world, have been so destitute of those channels of intercourse that belong to more favored sections, that the great important and unquestioned facts of their history are unknown to the people of other States. While the skirmishes of the New England States are known and read of all men events of earlier and quite as significant character that happened in North Carolina are known to gentlemen beyond its borders, who, like the late Colonel Peter Force of Washington, Mr. Bancroft, President Welling and a few others are fond of historical investigation or have been led by some circumstance to explore some of the partially known historical territory that belongs to this people. In view of these facts it becomes an interesting question what North Carolina claims and what can be established beyond all cavil question? Briefly true:

That the first Englishman who ever planted foot on the American continent landed on Roanoke Island in the month of July, 1585.

That the first child born of English parents on American soil was Virginia Dare, who was born on Roanoke Island, in 1585, after whom the county of Dare is named.

That the first resistance to the stamp act was at Washington, N. C., in 1765.

That the first blood that was ever drawn in defense of the people's rights and in resistance of tyranny, was at Alamance on May 16, 1771.

That the first meeting that was ever held in any of the colonies to declare separation from the British command to organize for armed resistance, was in North Carolina, in the county of Mecklenburg, in the month of May, 1775—nearly fifteen months before the national celebration.

Farming in Town.

Philadelphia Telegraph.

The other day an agricultural person from South Jersey, characteristically arrayed in elongated boots, trailing whiskers and a 1908 crop of hair, broke into the gladsome zone at the foot of Market street, and after taking several hard ciders to satisfy himself that he was no longer in local option territory he started to climb the Market street hill.

He had not proceeded far before he came upon Contractor Vane's men, who were tearing up the street preparatory to laying the wooden block pavement, and seeing a team of horses hooked to a plough he stopped in apparent astonishment. First he looked, and then he looked again, and scratching that part of his head where the hard cider was beginning to buzz, wobbled over to a policeman with a perplexed expression.

"Mr. Constable," said he, addressing the officer, "is that a man ploughin' over yander?"

"It sure is," replied the policeman with an indulgent smile. "Why do you ask?"

"Because you folks down here has kind o' got me ter guessin'," answered Uncle Josh. "It is too gosh dasted late ter plant wheat, an' it's too early ter plough for corn, and I was wonderin' what in their thunderation ye was going ter plant at this time o' year."

Georgia Congressman Dead.

Representative James Matthew Griggs, of the second Georgia district, died suddenly at his home in Dawson, Ga., Wednesday afternoon of apoplexy. He went home from Washington December 17th to spend the Christmas holidays. Congressman Griggs was 49 years old and a native of La Grange, Ga. He was serving his seventh consecutive session in Congress.

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MINIMUM PRICE FIXED.

Cotton Spinners in Session at Charlotte Inaugurate Plan to Better Conditions in the Manufacturing Business—Will Sell at Lowest Price and Curtail When Market Slumps.

A hundred and fifty spinners, representing a million and a quarter spindles, met in Charlotte Tuesday for a conference looking to the securing of a better price for yarns by concerted action on the part of the manufacturers. After a thorough discussion as to cost of manufacture, a committee of ten, of which Mr. R. R. Ray, of McAdenville, was chairman, reported a minimum schedule of prices that the spinners would accept for goods, the range being from 24 cents for 8-1's to 50 cents for 60-2 and 3's. This schedule which was adopted, is cost price to the manufacturer based on the present prevailing price for the raw material and it was the sense of the cotton mill men that, when they could not get this minimum price, they shut down and curtail until they could obtain this price. Emphasis was laid on the fact that the adoption of schedules and the passing of resolutions could of itself accomplish nothing toward the desired end and that, in the end, each individual manufacturer must stand up to the schedule in order that a successful campaign be waged.

Mr. W. B. Anderson, of Macon, Ga., one of the keenest and most economical manufacturers in the South, gave the convention by means of blackboard figures a computation of the cost of producing yarns, the figures being the average and as nearly accurate as could be made. He explained that in some cases this schedule of cost might be reduced a little but quite often it would be larger. There was a free discussion participated in by a number of spinners and several commission men. The committee which made the schedule of selling prices which was adopted by the conference was continued to come together at the call of the chairman.

Among the mills represented were the following Gaston mills: Dallas Cotton Mills, Harden Mfg. Co., Worth; Mariposa Mill, Stanley; Vivian Cotton Mills, Cherryville; Modena Mills, Gastonia; Dunn Mfg. Co., Gastonia; Monarch Mills, Dallas; Howell Mfg. Co., Cherryville; Gastonia Mfg. Co. and Avon Mills, Gastonia; Nims Mfg. Co., Mount Holly; High Shoals Mills, High Shoals; Klotho Mills, Kings Mountain; Bonnie Cotton Mills, Kings Mountain; Kings Mountain Mfg. Co., Kings Mountain; Peerless Mfg. Co., Lowell; Lowell Cotton Mills, Lowell; Tuckasee Mfg. Co., Mount Holly; Majestic Mfg. Co., Belmont; High Shoals Co., High Shoals; Spencer Mfg. Co., Lowell; Clara Mfg. Co., Gastonia; Albion, Mount Holly; Cora Cotton Mills, Kings Mountain; Woodlawn Mfg. Co., Mount Holly; Trenton Mill, Gastonia; Tuckasee and Stanley Mills; Melville Mills, Cherryville; Cherryville Mfg. Co., Cherryville; McAden Mills, McAdenville; Chronicle Mills, Belmont.

Their Own "Hubbys" Had Packages, Too.

Charlotte Observer, 6th.

Monroe, Jan. 5.—The morally stunted in a certain town not a great distance from Monroe are grinning over the result of a movement on the part of the local W. C. T. U. to stop the shipment of ardent spirits into that town. The union appointed a committee of three ladies, two married and one single, to go down to the railroad station and inspect the names on the liquor jugs as they were put off the train. The purpose was to throw consternation among the consignees, when they should behold these ladies moving among the jugs and taking note of the names of the parties to whom they were consigned. The ladies had not gone far in their investigation, when the married ones discovered that their husbands had a jug apiece, and the unmarried lady found the names of her two brothers on the same number of jugs. A number of consignees, who were waiting around for their firewater, noticed that the ladies hurriedly departed without further inspection, and going to investigate the reason for such a sudden departure they found the facts to be as set forth. O tempora, O mores!

J. N. Bailey, aged 82 and a former resident of Asheville, committed suicide at Mineral Bluff, Ga., December 28th. He left a wife living there and had been twice divorced, one of his former wives living. It is presumed, in or near Asheville. Years ago Bailey was an employe of the Biltmore estate.

The Chronicle is authority for the statement that the annual dividends paid out this month by Charlotte banks, mills and other corporations will total \$1,200,000.

Apportionment of School Fund for 1910.

Number	Crowder's Mtn.	Cherryville	Dallas	Gastonia	River Bend	South Point
1.	1400	150	900	4000	400	140
2.	120	120	140	105	130	875
3.	125	1000	150	150	130	150
4.	130	175	375	130	1100	120
5.	125	140	130	125	200	680
6.	130	130	160	125	120	320
7.	500	130	115	150	145	640
8.		130	120	750	160	140
9.		130	225	150	340	300
10.		135	130	250	105	85
11.		130		125		105
12.		110		125		125
13.				125		
14.				140		
COLORED.						
1.	130	75	75	85	85	85
2.	65	75		85	50	85
3.		75		85	75	85
4.				85	85	85
5.				85		85
6.				85		85
7.				85		85

NEWS NOTES.

Edward Broom, aged 25, committed suicide in Buford township, Union county, December 27th, because of the refusal of a young lady to marry him.

Dr. Cook has received another serious blow. Tuesday the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, of which he was a member, dropped his name from its membership roll.

Leon Delagrang, a noted French aviator, was killed Tuesday near Bordeaux, France, in an accident that happened to his machine while he was making a flight.

As a result of injuries sustained Christmas eve while shooting toy pistols Ed Styron, white, and Arthur Idlette, colored, two Newbern youths have died this week from lockjaw.

A charter has been granted the Pineville Loan and Savings Bank, at Pineville, Mecklenburg county, with a capital of \$12,000, among the incorporators being J. H. Little, of Charlotte.

There are now an even 12 dozen Confederate veterans at the soldiers' home in Raleigh, and their average age is 72 years. The oldest is John M. Poole, of Raleigh, who is just one hundred.

Rev. Arthur J. Ranson, a native of Mecklenburg county, has been accepted by the foreign mission board of the Associated Reformed Presbyterian church, and will sail for India on February 15.

The will of the late Judge W. P. Bynum, of Charlotte, was probated Tuesday. He left an estate valued at about \$250,000, all of which was left to his family and relatives except about \$16,000 which was distributed to charitable institutions.

There are over 3,000 cases of typhoid fever in Montreal, Que., and the emergency hospitals are being established to cope with the epidemic. Council has instructed the finance committee to raise the necessary money. The situation is serious in the extreme.

The new criminal code forbidding the express companies to carry C. O. D. packages of liquor into prohibition districts went into effect Saturday. The companies are forbidden to collect "the purchase price of liquor shipped as interstate commerce before, on or after delivery."

The dead body of Dock Holcomb, of Yancey county was found in the public road at Connelley Springs Wednesday morning. There was a small wound in the back of his head but it is not known whether he was killed on the railroad or was murdered.

Mr. W. L. Felder, of St. Matthews, S. C., who was mysteriously shot two or three weeks ago by Mr. J. Harry Jones, an express messenger, at the passenger depot in Charlotte, has instituted suit for damages against Jones, the Southern Express Company and the Southern Railway.

It is reported, on what is said to be good authority, that work will be commenced in May on a new railroad to run from North Wilkesboro to Butler, Tenn., a distance of 90 miles. This link will pass through Lenoir and will connect the Southern with the coal fields of Tennessee and Virginia by a direct route.

D. Ogden Mills, millionaire banker and philanthropist, died at his home, Millbrae, near Sacramento, Cal., Monday night aged 85. He was worth about \$60,000,000. He was the father of Mrs. Reid, wife of Whitelaw Read, ambassador of the United States at the court of St. James.

SEABOARD AIR LINE SCHEDULE.

These arrivals, departures and connections with other companies are given only as information.

Schedule taking effect January 3, 1910, subject to change without notice.

Trains leave Charlotte as follows:
No. 138, daily, at 5:00 a. m., for Monroe, Hamlet and Wilmington, connecting at Monroe with 33 for Atlanta, Birmingham; with 38 for Raleigh, Weldon and Portsmouth. With 66 at Hamlet for Raleigh, Richmond, Washington, New York.
No. 133, daily, at 10:35 a. m., for Lincolnton, Shelby and Rutherfordton.

No. 44, daily, at 5 p. m., for Monroe, Hamlet, Wilmington and all local points, connecting at Hamlet with 43 for Columbia, Savannah and all Florida points.

No. 47, daily, at 4:45 p. m., for Rutherfordton and all local points.
No. 132, 7:15 p. m., connecting at Monroe for all points North, carries Portsmouth sleeper.

Trains arrive in Charlotte as follows:
No. 133, 9:50 a. m., from all points North, brings Portsmouth sleeper.
No. 45, daily, at 11:55 a. m., from Wilmington and all local points North.
No. 132, 7 p. m., from Rutherfordton, Shelby, Lincolnton and C. & N. W. Railway points, Johnson City.

No. 46 arrives 10:30 a. m., from Rutherfordton and all local stations.
No. 39, daily, at 11:50 p. m., from Wilmington, Hamlet and Monroe; also from points East, North and Southwest, connecting at Hamlet and Monroe.
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1910

IS JUST STARTING AND OUR ONLY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IS TO MAKE EVEN GREATER EFFORTS, IF POSSIBLE, DURING THE COMING YEAR TO TAKE CARE OF THE WANTS OF OUR CUSTOMERS THAN EVER BEFORE. WE HAVE THE BEST STOCK WE HAVE EVER CARRIED AND HAVE PUT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICE ON THE GOODS. TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HERETOFORE BEEN OUR CUSTOMERS WE WISH TO SAY THAT WE BELIEVE—NO, WE KNOW—IT WILL BE TO THEIR ADVANTAGE TO START THE NEW YEAR BY BUYING THEIR FURNITURE FROM US. ALL WE ASK IS THAT YOU TAKE A LOOK AT OUR GOODS AND LET US TELL YOU OUR PRICES.

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Taft to Fight Insurgents.

Dispatches from Washington state that President Taft will make a fight against the "insurgent" Republicans in Congress and will endeavor to whip them back into line. The administration's chief weapon of warfare, of course, will be the withholding of federal patronage from them. In this respect those Republican Senators and Representatives who have been lined up with the Democrats in opposition to the Taft policies will receive no consideration. It is also currently reported that the "rebellious" Republican members of Congress will soon feel the hand of the national party organization against them in their home districts.

REPAIRS TO NAVAL VESSELS.

Aggregate of \$6,344,500 Provided for in Estimates Submitted to House by the Secretary of Navy. Washington, Jan. 4.—An aggregate of \$6,344,500 for repairs to naval vessels is provided for in estimates which the Secretary of the Navy today submitted to the House. Recent legislation required recommendations for authorization where the repairs are to exceed \$200,000. The repairs recommended include \$810,000 each for the New Jersey and the Rhode Island, \$680,000 each for the Colorado and the Pennsylvania, \$620,000 each for the Maryland and the West Virginia, \$540,000 for the Charleston, \$351,000 for the Detroit, \$256,000 for the Boston, \$205,000 for the Iris and smaller amounts for other vessels.