

# THE TIMES-VISITOR

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## EASTERN NEWSPAPER LEAGUE

### Private Car Here to Begin Eight Month's Western Tour.

A Pullman car, remodelled and refitted throughout for the convenience of correspondents and artists representing the Great Eastern Newspaper League, composed of the New York Sun, Philadelphia Times, Baltimore Herald and Boston Journal, and of which Mr. C. F. King is General Manager, arrived in Raleigh this morning over the Seaboard Air Line, and will remain here probably until Monday. On board the car are Mr. and Mrs. King and Mrs. King's mother, Mrs. J. L. MacBae, of Montgomery county, this State.

Mr. King received the car from the Pullman people at Chicago last week and with his wife came to their old home in Rockingham, where they spent several days. They are now enroute to New York, where Mrs. King and her mother will remain for some time, Mr. King being joined by the other newspaper men and the artists and the party beginning their eight months tour through the West, which will include a few points in the far South.

The scheme is purely an advertising one and the people of this section are familiar with its character. Several years ago Mr. King was in charge of an advertising scheme, New England papers having their representatives in the field with him.

Mr. King is a native of this State and was formerly on the Charlotte Observer. Today Mr. and Mrs. King are the guests of the family of Mr. S. E. Linton, manager of the Standard Gas and Electric Company.

## \$2,500,000 FIRE.

Sixteen Hundred Houses Burned and Sixteen Persons Perished. San Francisco, May 12.—Mail advices from Yokohama give particulars of the conflagration in the town of Fukin. Sixteen hundred houses, including thirty temples, and all the principal buildings were burned. Sixteen persons perished and a hundred were injured. The property loss is estimated at two and a half millions.

## ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

Invitations as follows have been received in this city: Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Howard invite you to the marriage of their daughter, Margaret.

## RED, WHITE, AND GRAY SUITS

### Colors of City of Raleigh to Adorn New Baseball Team.

The directors of the Raleigh Athletic Association met yesterday afternoon with Manager Rivers and held a consultation regarding the best plans for the work of the Association and the early perfection of a snappy, quick playing ball team. Manager Rivers was given authority to correspond with certain college ball players with a view to ascertaining what men can be obtained to fill certain positions on the Raleigh team. As soon as he hears from the men in question the directors will meet again and decide which ones will be employed.

The directors authorized the immediate purchase of uniforms complete for the team and for the ordering at once of the necessary mits and gloves for the players.

The uniform as ordered consists of the suit of dark gray, cap of gray with red band, stockings and jersey maroon. The red and white trimmings to the suit are the Raleigh colors. The gray is generally accepted as the best and most serviceable for baseball uniforms. The order for the suits is to go off today and it is expected that they will be received in time for an early game with which the season may be opened in great style.

The suggestion has been made that as a feature of the commencement exercises at the Agricultural and Mechanical College a baseball game between Raleigh and the college team be introduced. It is entirely probable that this may be arranged and that the Raleigh boys will have the strong battery from Trinity here to play on that date.

Manager Rivers, who has just returned from a trip to Tarboro and other ball towns in the east, is greatly enthused by the interest that is manifested in that section. He says Tarboro is ready for the fray and will be willing to do her part toward making the season a grand success.

The applicants for positions on the Raleigh ball team are practicing daily at the Fair Grounds. The practice work is as yet irregular and none of the men are near in condition for work. However, Manager Rivers will have the men get to work in earnest within a few days and as soon as the first of the equipment arrives it will be known who is able to stand in the list of worthy applicants.

## HUSBAND OR WIFE?

Judge Purnell Will Decide Who is Head of a Virgin Family. Judge Purnell is writing some opinions on cases which came before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond last week. One of these, and a knotty one it seems, is who is the "head of the family" in Virginia—husband or wife? The case grows out of bankruptcy proceedings. The Virginia constitution allows exemption to the homestead or head of the family. The woman in this case was in business for herself.

## ONLY EIGHT MILES FROM KROONSTAD

### Boers Abandoned First Line of Entrenchments

### FRENCH'S CAVALRY MAKES A TIMELY MOVE

### Gen. Buller Advances His Entire Army in Three Columns Upon Drakensburg

### Quick Movements of Boers Prove Confusing.

London, May 12.—The war office yesterday issued a despatch from Roberts, dated 10th inst., in the morning: "I am eight miles from Kroonstad. The enemy evacuated their first line of entrenchments during the night. We are now reconnoitering towards Kroonstad. French's cavalry seized the drift over Valsch River last evening just in time to prevent its being opposed by the enemy."

London, May 12.—Lord Roberts reports to the war office that his army marched twenty miles and are now within fourteen miles of Kroonstad. The headquarters are with Pole-Carew's division, which is at Geneva Siding, fourteen miles from Kroonstad and six miles from Boschrand, where the Boers are holding entrenched position. General Gordon's brigade is in touch with them and General Tucker's division is a short distance southeast, and General Hamilton's is still further east.

## BULLER ADVANCES.

Lady Smith, May 11.—General Buller and his entire force of thirty thousand are moving forward in three columns upon Drakensburg passes into Orange Free State. BOERS DESECRATE WHITE FLAG. London, May 12.—A despatch to the Central News from Geneva Siding says that troops of Buller's "Killing Dragoons" approached a farmhouse from which a white flag was flying Thursday and while unsaddling their horses the Boers opened fire through the windows, killing several and capturing sixteen, most of whom were wounded.

BOERS' MOBILITY. Eden, Orange Free State, May 11.—(Delayed).—The Boers retreated somewhat today, but it is impossible to say where they may turn up next, owing to their great mobility. General Grenfell succeeded in pushing them back near Papulskop, while Brabant pushed forward in the direction of Brandstriff, along with General Campbell and the sixteenth Brigade. A body of Boers have appeared on the Ladybrand road.

## MARTIAL LAW.

Madrid, May 12.—Everything is quiet at Barcelona this morning. The troops encamped here are undisturbed in their quarters. A cavalry patrol is traversing the thoroughfares. Sixteen persons were arrested yesterday and will be tried by court martial. The government has proclaimed martial law in all parts of Catalonia. The cabinet has announced its determination to suppress the separatist movements.

## MRS. BELCHER DEAD

Mrs. Mary A. Belcher died this afternoon at one o'clock at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. W. G. Allen. She suffered from a stroke of paralysis about two weeks since and has been critically ill for several days. She was a daughter of the late David Justice and a native of this county. She became a widow with one daughter, thirty-five years ago. Her daughter became the wife of W. G. Allen. She was a devout member of Mt. Vernon Baptist church. The funeral and interment will be tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the family burying grounds at Mr. Allen's place, two miles west of Neuse.

## NEW N. C. RAILROAD MAP

Clerk Henry Clay Brown, of the Corporation Commission, has received the first copies of the new railroad map of the State for 1900, to the preparation of which he has given much time, care and ability. It is the second map issued. The first, issued in 1897, the map reflects special credit upon him. It shows the following new roads and extensions: Carolina and Northern; East Carolina; Lawndale (Cleveland county); Raleigh and Cape Fear; Cape Fear and Northern; Charlotte extension; Durham and Charlotte extension; Mount Airy and Eastern; Winston to Mooresville; Virginia to Wooddale (Person county); Aberdeen and Asheboro extension; Aberdeen and Rockfish extension; Roanoke Junction, branch of Raleigh and Gaston; Elrod to Hub (Atlantic Coast Line); Ridgeway to Petersburg; Hamlet to Columbia. The map shows 3,627 miles of which the Southern has 1,223, Seaboard Air Line 619, Atlantic Coast Line 940, miscellaneous, 843. The longest road is the Carolina Central, 271 miles; the next the North Carolina, 223 miles. The map also shows the new county of Scotland.

Joseph Quong, a Chinese laundryman, is a candidate for a seat in the city council of Toledo, Ohio. He has been nominated by the Republicans in one of the wards which under ordinary conditions is overwhelmingly Democratic. This year, however, there are two Democratic candidates in the field, and Quong, whose nomination was a joke, stands a good chance of election.—Charlotte News.

## FEARFUL FREIGHT WRECK

### Traffic on Balto. and Ohio at Stand Still—Seven Killed, Others Injured.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 12.—Seven persons were killed in last night's freight wreck in the tunnel of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Fire followed the wreck, and while extinguishing the flames over a dozen firemen were injured or overcome by smoke. Traffic is at a complete standstill, and the wreckage is still a mass of flames.

## THE MINSTRELS.

Primrose and Dockstader's Big Minstrel Company under canvas will show here on Monday, May 14th. Many people have wondered how it would be possible to present a perfect stage performance under canvas, but it rested with the above-named gentlemen to elucidate the problem. This immense summer auditorium will seat three thousand people. It will be lighted by the latest and most approved method. The stage will be equipped with everything necessary to a perfect performance. The company consist of one hundred white artists, including two great military bands, a troupe of genuine Arabs, a dog and monkey circus. There will be an afternoon and an evening performance, also a grand parade on the principal streets at noon on day of performance.

## HON. E. W. POUSPOKE

### Party From Raleigh Attended Wendell Commencement

The Wendell High School closed yesterday and the exercises were largely attended. Among those present from Raleigh were Hon. E. W. POU, Register of Deeds and Mrs. Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Richardson, Mr. J. H. Anderson and children, Mr. Eugene Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Nowell, Sheriff M. W. Page, Mr. Jos. Blake, Mr. Ed. Lee and Mr. Sid Glover. Solicitor POU's address in the morning before the school was on the "Education of Expansion." In the afternoon he spoke to a large crowd on the pending constitutional amendments. He was introduced by Mr. C. W. Richardson. Both of Mr. POU's speeches were superb.

## LEWIS COMPANY

Articles of agreement were today filed with the Secretary of State by A. E. LEWIS, C. LEWIS and Joe LEWIS, for the incorporation of the "Lewith Mercantile Company" of Durham, with a capital stock of \$25,000. The company has the right and power to conduct a general store.

## Local News Items.

Mrs. W. C. Riddick is visiting her son, Mr. W. C. Riddick, of West Raleigh.

Mr. George Tombofski returned this morning from Wilmington from the Great Council of Red Men at that place. He represented Occaneechee Tribe of this city.

Mr. B. R. Lacy, candidate for State Treasurer, will leave next week to speak in Alamance and Guilford counties.

Mrs. W. T. Hodge is confined to her room by sickness.

Mrs. I. H. Lassiter, Jr., of Henderson, returned home this morning after visiting relatives here.

The appearance of Bill Thompson, of Richmond, on the streets of Raleigh advertising the Richmond Carnival and Street Fair was a neat spectacle which attracted much attention. Bill can't be beat in his advertising line.

Mr. Thomas B. Yancey has gone to Durham to witness the Trinity-Homer ball game this afternoon.

Road Supervisor W. C. McLaughlin now has a beautiful stretch of road for 4 1/2 miles out on the Falls of Neuse road.

Miss Lula V. Haynes, who has been visiting Miss Mary Jones, on South Person street, has returned to Durham.

Reports from Mrs. George Gattling, who is in Johns Hopkins Hospital, state that she is steadily improving.

Mr. E. R. Harris will leave Monday for Montreal, Canada, where he will represent North Carolina at the Grand Council of the Royal Archanaum which meets there next Wednesday.

Mr. Fred Woolcott has rented the store on the corner of Salisbury and Martin streets, in the Academy of Music building, and will open up a grocery and fruit store there. He is today putting the store in order.

Mrs. Nannie Jones, of Raleigh, is coming down to remain with Mrs. Susan Powers, who is near related to her, for the remainder of this year at least—probably longer. In the death of Mr. J. C. Powers, Mrs. Powers's son, she was left alone, hence Mrs. Jones comes to remain with her.—Smithfield Herald.

The demand of the State on Wake county for the return of \$5,460.06, alleged to be improperly retained for making out the tax lists of the county for seven successive years, commencing with the year 1893, is a very important matter to the county. No reply has been made to the demand of the State Treasurer. If the county does not return the money the State will bring suit to compel the county to pay. It is more than probable that the Legislature next month will prevent the State from collecting this sum from the county.

Chief Justice W. T. Faircloth has been appointed on the committee of one hundred who are to select the names of American citizens whose eminence in public life is such that in the opinion of the committee entitle them to a tablet on the wall in the Hall of Fame in New York city.

## ATTEMPT TO LYNCH PROBABLE

### Governor of Virginia Orders Out the Militia of the State.

Richmond, Va., May 12.—According to reports received here Governor Tyler has ordered the Roanoke military company to hold itself in readiness to reinforce the Martinsville company, which has been ordered out to prevent the lynching of a colored man. A dispatch from Martinsville at 1:25 o'clock this morning says that a mob is reported assembling three miles from the town, and an attempt to lynch the negro is probable. The military officers say that their troops can and will hold the jail. The negro's name is Houston, and he is charged with criminal assault on a white woman.

## PULLEN LITERARY SOCIETY

### Medals Won by Mr. Paul Collins and Mr. J. H. Bunn.

The Pullen Literary Society of the A. and M. College held its annual debate and oratorical contest last evening. The query for debate was, "Resolved that labor unions have been a benefit to the United States." Messrs. Martin Kellogg and Paul Collins representing the affirmative and W. D. Briggs and J. S. Cates the negative. Messrs. J. H. Bunn and Wilbur C. Cooke contested for the orators' medal. The former spoke upon the "Necessity for Technical Training," while the subject of the latter was "What makes a Nation Strong?" Hon. James H. POU, Rev. G. F. Smith and Rev. Dr. A. A. Marshall were judges of both contests.

The speeches were unusually good and all reflected credit on the orators and the college. The medals were awarded, according to the judges' decision, by Rev. Dr. Marshall, in a few appropriate words to Mr. Paul Collins, of Raleigh, and Mr. J. H. Bunn.

## FAIR AND WARMER

For Raleigh and vicinity: Fair tonight, Sunday and Monday with warm wave; temperature will reach 90 degrees.

The storm in the extreme northwest has remained nearly stationary, but the barometer has fallen below 29.50 inches. The maximum temperatures recorded in the northwest Friday were very high. Esanarek, N. Dak., reported 94 degrees. Huron, S. Dak., 92 degrees. North Platte, Nebr., 90 degrees. The temperature has risen everywhere. Fair weather continues throughout the Southern States, central valley, and east. Very small amounts of rain occurred at a few northern stations.

## THE DENTISTS RETURN

### Raleigh Men Received Honors at State Association Meeting

THE DENTISTS RETURN. The Raleigh dentists have returned from Greensboro, where they attended the annual session of the State Dental Association. The meeting was thoroughly enjoyable and most successful. The hospitable people of Greensboro were especially courteous to the Raleigh members of the Association. Dr. D. E. Everitt, of this city, was elected chairman of the new executive committee.

The following officers were elected: President—Dr. E. J. Tucker, Roxboro, N. C.

First Vice-President—Dr. W. B. Ramsay, Statesville.

Second Vice-President—Dr. J. H. Davis, Oxford.

Secretary—Dr. J. S. Spurgeon, Hillsboro.

Treasurer—Dr. D. L. James, Greenville.

Essayist—Dr. X. G. Carroll, Raleigh. Executive Committee—Drs. D. E. Everitt, J. M. Fleming and H. V. Horton, of Raleigh.

Publishing Committee—J. M. Fleming, of Raleigh.

Superintendent of Clinics—Dr. D. H. Harper, of Kinston.

## INSURANCE.

Insurance Commissioner Young paid to the State Treasurer this week \$22,500.50 collected for April. Of this amount \$20,500.00 was received on account of licenses and \$2,000.50 on account of fees.

The Department has information that "The Triple Link Life Insurance Company of Illinois," "The Masonic Mutual Relief Association of the District of Columbia," and other life and fire companies, not licensed by the Department, are trying through the mails and otherwise to do business in North Carolina. The Commissioner desires to warn the people of the State against all unauthorized and unlicensed companies, and ask that all attempt by them to do business here be reported to him.

Experience shows the safest rule is to be wary of unlicensed companies, even if they do declare that their insurance is mutual or at cost, and call you "brother."

## COTTON.

New York, May 12.—Cotton: June, 9.45; July, 9.43; August, 9.20.

## ATTEMPTED TO COMMIT SUICIDE

### Riley Thomas, Ex. U. S. Soldier, Drank Laudanum

### LAY DOWN ON TRACK OF SEABOARD AIR LINE

### Found there at Night by Railroad Employees—The Man's Story Not Believed by Physicians in Attendance.

Last night about nine o'clock the railroad employes at the block, near the ice factory at the west end of Hargett street, found the body of a man stretched across the track, his neck lying on the rail. The man appeared to be sleeping, but was aroused and removed from the track. He said that he was Riley Thomas and that he lived with his wife in a little house beyond Pullen Park.

Telephone communication was at once established between the nearest telephone and the police station, and the Mayor and City Physician, Dr. J. W. McGee, Jr., went at once to the scene, where an officer had arrived and had the man in charge.

Thomas said to the City Physician that he had taken a bottle and a half of laudanum and some chloroform and that he did so in an attempt to commit suicide. He told the officers who took him home that he had previously tried to end his existence and that he would be successful yet if he had to resort to cutting his throat. The man was taken to his home, where his wife received him and he was put to rest.

It was only a few minutes after nine o'clock when the City Physician and the Mayor arrived at the railroad and found Thomas and at that time he was apparently in good frame of mind, and not drowsy or stupid as would have naturally been the case if he had taken the amount of laudanum claimed. From his story there was no way to obtain direct proof that he had obtained such an amount of laudanum from any one or that he had taken any chloroform.

Ripley Thomas, who claims to have thus attempted to send his own soul into eternity, is an ex-member of the First North Carolina Volunteer Infantry in the Spanish-American war. He is a young man about twenty-five years of age and has a wife and child living near this city. He is a familiar character in police circles and has been up before the Mayor for larceny. Recently he was sentenced from Superior Court for a four months' term in the Work House, but, it is said, was released before his time was up on account of his wife and child who had no means of support. It is said that he has no occupation and that he has performed no work recently to assist in the support of his family.

This is not the first time that he has attempted to leave the impression that he has attempted suicide. From his own story to the Mayor and others it is learned that on two occasions here in the past, he caused excitement by saying that he had taken some great quantity of laudanum. Once in Betts' store on Hargett Street he claimed to be in a precarious condition and said that it was the result of a superabundance of laudanum which he had taken. The police were notified at that time and it was found that he was by no means in the condition alleged.

Once in Durham he tried the same trick, but it all worked out well enough for him to recover without assistance. This is the fourth report that he has had sent in and it has become so that city officials have to watch the man, though he is not supposed by them to have taken any of the deadly drugs that he so often reports.

There is danger that some day the cry of wolf may be given once too often for his personal comfort.

## BERMUDA LILIES.

Col. Olds writes his paper: "At the Experiment Station here Prof. Massey is now raising 50,000 Bermuda lilies. These will soon be in bloom. They are grown for the bulbs, and the latter will be sold to Henderson and Company, Florists, of Philadelphia. That firm sent the sets here for planting. There were three dozen loads of the sets. In Bermuda a disease has nearly ruined the lily trade. This disease got in a lot of the lilies grown here last year. This year it has not appeared. Prof. Massey is also growing 10,000 narcissus plants and 5,000 hyacinths, all for Henderson and Company. The latter are deeply interested in the matter and want to have roses grown here also."

## WOOLCOTT'S STORE.

Mr. Walter Woolcott states that he has decided to discontinue side lines in his store on East Martin street, between Fayetteville and Wilmington, and will handle only dry goods, shoes and millinery. The grocery department will be discontinued now and the crockery, hardware and articles of that character will be sold out between now and January first of next year. After January first his store will be strictly a dry goods, shoe and millinery establishment.

Messrs. William Russ, Armistead Jones and Thomas M. Ashe returned today from a fishing trip. They claim to have brought back only a hundredth part of their catch. Fish stores are in order.

## WHAT THE DICKEY BIRDS SAY

### The Chippers on the Chat with Scanty Basis for Lively Gossip.

The Dickey Birds were in conclave this morning with an idea that some one was going to say something, but that something was evidently suppressed. Each appeared to fear being the starter of anything snappy, and there was silence about what might have raised "merry Cain" had it been mentioned. They did not talk about Spring, but here are some of the chattering:

That payment of auditorium subscriptions is apt to lag until something is known of what may become of the money.

That there is a prevalent opinion to the effect that at least one amateur theatrical performance has not been presented often enough.

That the dainty lily of the valley has suddenly become the favorite flower of a certain would-be sport of the city, and is likely to remain so for a long time.

That a certain daily afternoon assemblage in Capitol Square has nearly succeeded in breaking up the evening dress parades, which bade fair to become a fixture in the early spring.

That there seems to be some confusion on the part of some people as to the time when other people go out for a promenade.

That "house-party" is a term which stands considerable show of being applied to certain individuals who don't care how much nor how long they habitually do other people's homes.

That the fellow who gets there first and stays as long as the fellow who drops in late is as well—some people know what.

That some people who think noise-making constitutes entertainment ought to be gagged for two hours in a room with a rehearsing brass band; yet some noises are better than the talking of some people.

That the wearing of "American Beauties" and appearing as "Southern Beauties" are becoming "Sip" and "Tuck" fads among the attractive belles of a certain town.

That a certain gallant, who generously asked a married friend to accompany him in a call on a visiting, reigning belle, and then got supplanted for the evening has been looking for a revolving machine with boots on it ever since.

That the baseball fad is becoming a fever and there are approaching opportunities for athletic beaux to win flaming fame.

That some youngsters who have thought to "rush" three or four young ladies at the same time have found the undertaking to be about as complicated and disastrous as a college course rush.

That some ubiquitous beaux who have sagely sought to analyze the "recentricities" of an erstwhile visitor totally fail in comprehending the fact that the aforesaid visitor did not see in them anything worth analyzing.

That there is an atom of evidence to the effect that some people who have well lighted verandas will continue to announce the presence of callers by posting them in full view of the passing throng.

That the office-seeking of the "Inkeby" State has been totally eclipsed in this town by its fame for a delightful attraction around which many states are revolving with unreserved admiration.

That some women will take great pains and care to go "down town" for the purpose of seeing some one, and then when in sight will studiously avoid looking that way.

That the felicitous success of some recent matrimonial ventures appear to have a tendency to soften some erstwhile invulnerable feminine hearts.

That a certain young gallant who was recently indisposed for a day received such delicate attention from certain sources that he is now disposed to go after the doctor who cured him with a club.

That the rankest, rottenest thing on the earth is the fellow who thinks he is playing smart by interfering with the incidental plans of some other fellow.

That indifference, either actual or feigned, is occasionally the parent of a loss-creating independence for all parties concerned.

That among people whose ways are inscrutable and past finding out is the individual who thinks he must tell everybody the latest thing said by his "kid" that may be anywhere from two to ten years old.

That both the black hat and the "Black cat" appear to be establishing an ample lodgment in this town.

That the failure of various professionally moral organizations to rebuke existing fraud and contemplated rascality is causing people who think to wonder what excuse such organizations can have for existing.

That there is a lack of visible activity on the part of Raleighites in the matter of a summer Street Fair, which has become the fashionable city fad.

That some would-be beaux, who freely "blow in" their substance in an effort or hope to give others some pleasure are no more popular than those who only blow off their "gas" and the moral is plain.

That when the wind seems to be doing its very best dust-raising work, the street sprinklers seem to strenuously adopt a do-nothing policy.

That the popular drink-times in Raleigh seem to be settling around the hours of eleven a. m., four p. m., six-thirty p. m., seven-thirty p. m., and from eleven p. m. to twelve midnight. See the streets and soda fountains at these hours.

That the friends of a certain young plunger of the town are beginning to think that one of his pressing needs is a driver.

That all necessary advantages exist, and only the cultivation of the right sentiment is necessary in order to make Raleigh a "city Beautiful."

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