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BOERS ENVOYS HAVE ARRIVED

Steamer "Maasdam" Sighted This Afternoon

GEN. BULLER'S ARMY HAS OCCUPIED DUNDEE

Retreating Boers Set Fire to the Grass and Greatly Inconvenienced the Advancing British Cavalry and Infantry Near Beit.

London, May 15.—General French and his cavalry have gone eighteen miles north of Kroonstad, while the main army, under General Roberts remains at Kroonstad. The Boers are reported entrenching on Vaal river, but it is calculated that not more than eight thousand fled thither from Kroonstad. It is thought that General Hunter will make their position untenable.

BULLER OCCUPIES DUNDEE.

London, May 15.—It is announced officially here this afternoon that the town of Dundee is occupied by the British. General Buller telegraphed under yesterday's date that he had occupied the place. About twenty-five hundred of the enemy left Sunday for Glenoed, where they entrained their wagons and left the same day by the Dejnager's Drift and Dannhauser road. The Kaffirs said that these Boers were going to Laings Nek. Almost every house in Dundee is completely looted. The navigation colliery is all right, but the machinery in the Dundee collieries were destroyed. The houses in the town were damaged, but are structurally intact.

BOERS USE FIRE.

New York, May 15.—The steamer "Maasdam," bearing the Boer envoys, was sighted early this morning. The reception committee went down the bay and will escort them to the Manhattan Hotel as soon as they have landed. The envoys are sent to the United States by the Transvaal government to petition this country in behalf of the struggling republic.

BOERS USE FIRE.

London, May 15.—General Buller telegraphs, under date of Monday: "The enemy evacuated Helpmakaar Nek last night, leaving a rear guard of a thousand men to the front of us. These we forced back through the day under considerable difficulties, as they set fire to grass on top of the berg while retreating and the wind, being unfavorable to us, we were scarcely able to see. I halted the infantry, who marched well through the hot smoke, at Beit. BOER FORCES CONCENTRATING. Kroonstad, May 15.—It is reported that the whole of the Boer forces are concentrating in the Vaal, and are withdrawing from Biggarsberg and the southwestern borders. It is computed that not more than two thousand Boers will fight on the Vaal. Railway communications with this place are expected to be open by Thursday.

DOWN WITH BRITISH JACK

Methodist Conference Refused to Allow British Colors on Platform.

Chicago, May 15.—In the Methodist conference today a resolution was introduced providing that the British flag be given a place alongside of the Stars and Stripes on the platform of this conference. A storm of noise greeted the reading of the resolution, but the mover, Dr. Handley, of New Jersey, partly turned the tide by an impassioned speech, and saying that the British flag has given missionaries protection in all parts of the world, and stands for an open Bible in every community. But the motion to lay the resolution on the table prevailed.

CORPORATIONS

The Carolina Harness Company of Laurinburg, Scotland county, was incorporated today for thirty years with a capital stock of \$6,000.

Articles of agreement were today filed for the incorporation of the "Spirittine Chemical Company," with a capital stock of \$20,000. The principal place of business is Wilmington. The incorporators are Ludwig Hanson, W. R. Kenan and H. W. A. Hanson. The object of the company is the manufacture of "spirittine," for the preservation of wood, and of oils and varnishes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.

Edenton Street M. E. Sunday school will have their annual outing on Saturday, May 19th, 1900, at Trinity Park. The college will be turned over to the visitors, and every arrangement will be made to insure a pleasant day. A special programme has been arranged. The gymnasium, bowling alleys, bicycle track and other attractions will be ours for the day. A game of baseball between a team from the A. and M. College and Trinity will be one of the features. Remember the date, Saturday, May 19th. Train leaves Union depot at 8:45 a. m., returning leaves Trinity Park at 6:30, reaching home before nightfall. A special rate of 75 cents has been made for outside friends, who are cordially invited to join us in the day's pleasures. Special rates for servants. Tickets can be had at the office of Dr. J. Martin Fleming and at the Citizens' National Bank.

WANTED.

Clerk, age fifteen or over; state salary expected. Address S. care Times-Visitor.

FROSTS DID SOME DAMAGE

UNFAVORABLE WEATHER DURING MIDDLE OF THE WEEK

But Progress of Crops is Generally Good —Planting Continued Actively During Week and is Probably Half Finished.

Although the week ending Monday, May 14, 1900, was very favorable for farm work, which advanced rapidly, the weather conditions were very diversified, and on the whole not suitable for the best development of crops. The week opened warm and favorable, and beneficial light rains were general Wednesday, with thunderstorms and hail in several counties, chiefly in the northeast, causing only slight damage; but a decided and unfavorable change to cooler weather occurred Thursday. Light frosts were reported on the 10th and 11th in north and central and western counties which checked growth and injured some vegetables in the extreme west portion, but did no positive injury to fruit. The latter part of the week was very warm, with maximum temperatures exceeding 90 degrees on Sunday. The rainfall of the 9th averaged less than half an inch for the State, and was altogether too little for the requirements of crops. High winds dried out the soil very rapidly, and the week ended with drought, intensified by high temperatures and uninterrupted sunshine. A general rain is much needed to bring up seeds planted since May 1st and to soften the soil for plowing.

Planting continued actively during the week and is probably half finished. Late planted corn is not coming up very well on account of the drought; stands are poor on bottom lands, but fair to good elsewhere; it is being cultivated; young corn was checked in growth by cool nights during the middle of the week; damage by cut worms has so far been very slight. Progress in planting cotton has been rapid early planted has been chopped with good stands, but late planted cannot come up without rain. Some cotton was yellowed or killed by the cool weather on the 10th and 11th, but on the whole the crop is doing well, especially in southern counties. Transplanting tobacco has been greatly delayed; plants are somewhat scarce in north-central counties, but are generally large enough to set out, and the ground is ready, but the work cannot be done without rain; some few plants were set. Gardens, melons, small grains, and all minor crops now need rain. Wheat is very fine, but needs rain to secure plump grains and prevent low heading; a few complaints of injury by chinch bugs were received; a little rust is reported. Spring oats are not so good, and winter oats are very poor; both need rain badly. Peas have been injured by blight; apples are falling to some extent; other fruit will be very abundant. Strawberries are ripening even in the west.

SHERIFF PAGE'S SETTLEMENT

Sale of Land for Taxes the Smallest in Years.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet day after tomorrow to make a final settlement for the year with the Sheriff of the county. The special committee of the Board, composed of Messrs. Armistead Jones, Millard Mial and Julius Lewis, met this morning and have spent the day going over the books of the Sheriff's office, examining accounts that they may report to the meeting of the Board on Thursday.

MOVE A CHURCH AND SCHOOL.

Rev. Dr. Tunnell, of Washington, D. C., is in the city. He has charge of King Hall, the Episcopal Theological Seminary for colored people. He preached for Rev. J. E. King (colored) in St. Ambrose Episcopal Church Sunday night. St. Ambrose Church will shortly be moved from the present location at the foot of Dawson street to the former site of Pogue's tobacco warehouse, corner of Cabarrus and Wilmington streets. The St. Ambrose parochial school, in charge of Rev. King and his wife, which is now located in the Fourth Ward near the gas house, will be also moved to the lot at the intersection of Cabarrus and Wilmington street. These two buildings, the church and the school, will be located in the rear of the lot so that abundant room will be available for the erection of a creditable church, which the parish intends to do later. The contract is drawn for moving the church and the school house. Rev. J. E. King is doing a good work among the colored people here, and stands well with both white and colored. The parochial school is fully attended and has proved efficient.

REOPENED.

Dekalb, Ills., May 15.—All the departments of the American Steel Wire mills have been reopened and are running as usual.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, May 15.—Cotton bids today: May, 9.61; June 9.49; July 9.46; August 9.16.

MAY FESTIVAL TONIGHT'S EVENT

Raleigh Choral Sympony's Grand Concert

CHORUS OF 100 VOICES; SUPERB ORCHESTRA

Symphony Under Direction of Prof. Henri Appy—Society to Turn Out in Full Force at the Season's Closing.

The Raleigh Choral Symphony, an organization composed of the best musical talent of the city, who have for the past month been rehearsing under the supervision of Prof. Henri Appy, will give their first public performance tonight at the Academy of Music.

Prof. Appy as a conductor is unexcelled, and with the talent of Raleigh to draw from, he will no doubt furnish to the music-loving fraternity a long to be remembered feast.

A glance at the program, which is appended below, will cause the hearts of those who have had the pleasure of hearing these artists before to beat faster in anticipation, while those who have never heard them only dimly realize the treat in store.

The vocal solos, trios and quartets, which a few critics had the pleasure of hearing at the rehearsal last night, are beautiful beyond compare, while the violin solos and quartets under such masters as handled the bows left all wondering at their beauty.

PROGRAM:

1. Overture—March, Schubert.
2. Chorus—Gloria in D, Piniotti.
3. Trio—"Evening," Lucantoni, Miss Minnie Fitch Tucker, Mrs. Marie C. Brinson, Mrs. E. A. Weihe.
4. String Quartet—Adagio, Tshakowski.
5. Violin Solo—Balade and Polonaise, Vieuxtemps, Miss Gertrude Potwin.
6. Vocal Solo—a. Since First I met Thee, Rubinstein. b. Spring Song—Cahoon, Mrs. Henri Appy.
7. Chorus—The Silent Tide, Piniotti.
8. Quartet Greeting to Spring, Strauss, Miss Minnie Fitch Tucker, Miss Eleanor Vass, Mrs. Marie C. Brinson, Mrs. E. A. Weihe.
9. Piano Solo—Adagio and Finale, Mendelssohn, from the G. minor concerto, Mr. Henry Grubler.
10. Chorus—"The Starry Host," Wilde.

With special arranged orchestra by W. A. White.

FOR FRIDAY EVENING

Leazer Literary Society to Have Annual Debate and Dance.

A public debate and dance similar to that of last Friday is to take place at the A. and M. College on Friday evening of this week. The following invitation has been issued:

The Leazer Literary Society of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts requests your presence at the Eighth Annual Contest given by the Undergraduate Members May eighteenth, 1900, eight P. M. PROGRAM:

President—J. E. Porter.
Secretary—R. H. Morrison.
Declarators: R. M. Minor, H. Grady Dorsette.
Essayist: A. R. Johnson, W. N. Kreeger.

DEBATE:

Affirmative: W. L. Sturgill, W. D. Faucett.
Negative: J. J. Liles, E. W. Bonitz.
Query: "Resolved, That North Carolina should cease further efforts to be an agricultural State and bend all its energies towards manufacturing."

MARSHALS:

Chief, R. M. Wagoner.
W. H. Smith, Jr.; C. T. Bernhardt, L. W. Ashbury, W. A. Hendrick, L. C. Cornwall, J. B. Higgs.
After the program in the Society Hall is completed an informal dance will be given.

THUNDERSTORM TH'RSDAY

The forecast of the Weather Bureau for Raleigh and vicinity says: Fair and continued warm tonight and Wednesday; thunderstorm Thursday afternoon, followed by a period of cooler weather.

The barometer is still high and the weather clear and very warm over the Atlantic States. The maximum Monday reached 93 degrees at Raleigh; 92 degrees at Norfolk; 90 degrees at Charlotte, Washington, Philadelphia and Knoxville. Barometric depressions exist south of Florida and over Texas, with heavy rains in both States. The largest amount was 4.52 inches at Key West. The "hot wave" has been displaced in the northwest by a high pressure area and a decided fall in temperature.

DEATH OF MRS. KEYSER.

Mrs. C. T. Keyser, who was formerly a resident of Raleigh, died at her home in Lenoir, Va., yesterday. Mrs. Keyser was a niece of Mrs. W. A. Lodge, of this city, and had many friends here who will mourn her death.

PROF. N. C. ENGLISH ACCEPTS

Will Take Place on Populist Ticket With- out Making Campaign

Mr. J. W. Denmark, Secretary of the People's Party State Convention, has received the following letter from Prof. N. C. English, the nominee for Superintendent of Public Instruction, which conditionally accepts the nomination:

Yours of the 3rd inst., transmitting, officially, notice of the action of the State Convention in naming me as their choice for Superintendent of Public Instruction, has been received and considered with due care.

This singular action of that representative body of my fellow countrymen, surely brings to me a very great surprise, as well as a very distinguished honor.

In this day of scramble for recognition and place, it is certainly refreshing to be the recipient of such a distinction and, as you assure, bestowed spontaneously and with a unanimity rarely seen in a nominating convention of North Carolina citizens.

I have very much desired that our Public School interests would not be disturbed by the political strife and partisan madness incident to a campaign. The work and spirit of our State public school administration for the past four years has been eminently successful. Many hindrances in legislative and local authorities have obstructed the work in detail. The public press of the State with striking and emphatic unanimity has endorsed and sustained the State Superintendent in his efforts to broaden and strengthen the people's school system. The tax-payers, teachers, everybody, seem to more and more recognize and admit the importance of, and the necessity for better school facilities than we have been able to secure and maintain in the past.

I hope a change in the chief officer in the system, will not impair or materially modify the spirit, purpose and scope of the work instituted, organized, and in process of development under the leadership of the present, capable, faithful and enthusiastic incumbent. A material change in these several respects, in my opinion, would be damaging to the system and a wrong to the rising young manhood and womanhood of the State.

In view of the contemplated change of the organic law of the Commonwealth, the enlargement of the qualifications of the elector, and the augmentation of the duties and responsibilities of the citizen, no public officer in the State is charged with such grave and important duties as that of the Superintendent of Public Schools. Our destiny as a State, in a large measure, depends upon the spirit, faith and labor of the Public School officers, and the humble, though pre-eminently worthy, public school teachers of the State.

It is in the peoples' (public) schools of the State that the children of the present must get their inspiration and their intellectual qualifications, fitting them for citizenship, for business, for home, for life. In view of the breadth and depth of the work before us and the office, I must confess to a hesitation in standing for the position for which I have been so flatteringly named by your body. Our public schools should be divorced from, and elevated above, partisan politics and factional strife; hence, I cannot, consistent with my ideas of public policy, consent to make a campaign of the State on a partisan line. This action would tend to drag the public school interest of the State into partisan strife.

The position I do not desire, will not accept, if it must come to me by appealing to the prejudices and passions of the voters of the Commonwealth. This nomination having been tendered with such spontaneity and unanimity, I cannot decline.

With assurances of high personal regard, and with a deep sense of appreciation of this manifestation of confidence by your convention, I am, Yours very truly,

(Signed), N. C. ENGLISH.

POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 29TH.

R. & G. and R. & A. R. R. Stockholders Meeting this Morning.

The stockholders of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company, and of the Raleigh and Augusta Railroad Company met in adjourned session at the appointed hour today in the offices of the company on Halifax street and adjourned until Tuesday, May 29th, not a quorum being represented at the meeting.

There were present at the meeting only the local stockholders, a Norfolk attorney, R. O. Burton representing T. F. Ryan, and Mr. J. M. Sherwood, secretary of the road.

One of the directors stated to a representative of The Times-Visitor that he could not say at this time when the stockholders can accomplish the work before them, but he said that everything connected with the consolidation and reorganization of the Greater Seaboard is moving as smoothly as could be desired.

DEWEY AND FARRAGUT.

Knoxville, Tenn., May 15.—Dewey today went to Lewis Ferry, where a tablet was unveiled marking the birthplace of Admiral Farragut. A reception at the Cumberland Club concluded the affair. Admiral Dewey returns to Washington this evening at seven o'clock.

CLARK PLEADS HIS CASE.

Washington, D. C., May 15.—Senator Clark, of Montana, is making a lengthy speech defending himself, and he says the adverse report of the Election Committee was based upon erroneous evidence.

STOCKHOLDERS MEET TONIGHT

Every One Interested Should be Present

HIGHLY IMPORTANT MATTERS TO BE SETTLED

Acceptance of Charter, Election of a Board of Directors, Report of Com- mittee of Subscription and Site, all Tonight.

Tonight in the Mayor's office will be held the most important meeting of the stockholders of the Auditorium Company, and it is desired that every person represented in the list of stockholders be present in person or if this is impossible that they see personally that their proxy is in the hands of some one who knows their wish about the management and purposes of the auditorium.

The matters of greatest importance to be brought up this evening include: The submitting of the charter as prepared under direction of the stockholders, and its adoption. The report of the committee on subscription, including the report of the amount collected to date on the first 10 per cent collection.

The report of the committee on selection of a site. The selection of directors and the naming of those who are to launch the financial scheme.

The charter was recently prepared by the Secretary of State. The articles of agreement were carefully drawn and will doubtless meet with unanimous approval.

The committee on subscription and a statement of the amount collected to date will be interesting and will be a surprise to the stockholders.

The report of the committee appointed to secure options on sites suitable for the proposed building will not make a formal report, but will give an informal statement of what they have ascertained by a diligent inquiry. The number of sites offered and the valuation placed on the property by the owners will be recited to the stockholders.

The gentlemen interested in the building of an auditorium are requested to be present as it is absolutely necessary to have a full meeting and a complete understanding tonight.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

On Monday, May 21st, a recital by Miss Robbins, Miss Potwin and Mr. Mack will be given at the Governor's Mansion. The recital will be given for sweet charity's sake. Seats now on sale at King's drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Atkinson are in the city. Mr. John Whitelaw has gone to Sanford to select the stone for the Corinthian columns to support the porches in the alumni building at the State university. These columns will be 21 feet high.

Dr. J. H. Hobbitt is back from Richmond, where he attended the sessions of the Pharmaceutical Association. He says great preparations have been made for the Carnival and Street Fair there this week.

Mr. J. H. Ennis is quite sick at his residence, No. 117 North Salisbury street. Mr. E. M. Martin is attending the Carnival in Richmond. Mr. Richard Seawell has arrived from the Cape Fear section, where he has been surveying from Lockville out.

Miss Fannie Cameron, of Richmond, is visiting Miss Helen Peimrose. The May festival tonight will prove a right royal social event. Mr. G. C. Sealb, now of Hamlet, spent Sunday in the city.

Rev. J. L. Foster has returned from points in Virginia and Warren county, which he visited after attending the Christian convention at Franklin, Virginia. Mr. F. O. Moring has gone to New York on business.

Mr. F. D. Winston, of Windsor, arrived in the city this afternoon and will be here for the next two weeks organizing throughout the State a number of White Government Clubs, similar to those organized so effectively by him last campaign.

Capital Lodge will confer the Initiatory and First Degrees tonight, May 15th, 1900, at 8:30. Mrs. White, of Sanford, was in the city today on her way to Elon College, where she has been summoned by the illness of her sister, the wife of Rev. Dr. Klapp.

Rev. A. R. Raven, of Mt. Olive, has gone out to Cary to spend a few days. Rev. J. O. Guthrie left the city this morning. Col. S. B. Batchelor left this morning for Greenville, Wilmington and other places in Eastern Carolina. Major Samuel Telfair left today after spending Sunday here.

Capt. W. H. Day and President Davis, of the Board of Directors of the Penitentiary, left this morning to visit the Halifax farms. Marshall H. C. Dockery returned from Rockingham today. Vice Admiral Bienaine, the new chief of the French naval staff, was promoted to that position over the heads of eleven Rear Admirals. His preference is attributed to his participation in the Madagascar expedition as commander of the naval division on the coast. The Admiral has been chief of staff of the Commander-in-Chief of the squadron of the Indian Ocean and principal of the Higher Naval School.

RALEIGH BOY IN BATTLE

LAURIE NICHOLS WRITES INTEREST- INGLY FROM PHILIPPINES

Postmaster Bailey has a Letter Telling of the Fighting Methods of Filipinos —The Losses of the 43rd Regiment.

Postmaster C. T. Bailey has received a personal and very interesting letter from Mr. Laurie C. Nichols, brother of Miss Gertrude Nichols, of this city, who is Quartermaster Sergeant of the Forty-Third Regiment, U. S. A., now stationed at Callajog, P. I., and whose regiment has been in a number of battles which have figured conspicuously in the dispatches from the seat of war.

The letter is as follows, and is written on the highest grade of Manila paper, the first sample of which has reached Raleigh: Callajog, Island of Samar, P. I. March 22nd, 1900.

Mr. C. T. Bailey: Sir: True to my promise I write you from the Philippines. We, the Forty-Third, have had a very hard campaign since we landed here January first; in fact we have had several hard scrapes. Our regiment has lost ten men killed and twenty wounded. Scramping in the Philippines is not what it is cracked up to be—swading in mud up to your waist, climbing mountains, and when a Filipino gets you they don't do a thing but bolo you—that is, cut you up into sausage meat. Two of our men have been so unlucky as to meet this fate. They were out on the flank and were lost from the main body. When found we just could recognize them.

I guess we, the Forty-Third, have killed about 500 Filipinos since we left Manila. Our regiment is now split up, a part of the second battalion is on South Samar, a part here and the first and second battalions are on Leyte Island. All are doing good work.

We take "hikes," that is marches, all over the islands, and it is very seldom a company goes out that don't get in a scrap. I have not a scratch so far. Many times I have thought that I was a goner when the Remington balls were whistling by my head.

At this time I think the enemy have about come to the conclusion that Uncle Sam's boys are masters of the situation, and it is all up with them. Address all mail to me at Manila and not to Callajog. I am, respectfully,

LAURIE C. NICHOLS,
Q. M. Sergeant Co. E, 43rd Inf.,
Manila, P. I.

The "bolo," of which Mr. Nichols writes, is a long knife, something on the order of the bowie knife, though longer and perhaps more like butcher knives. It is carried by the natives in the Philippines as is the matchete by the native Cubans and Puerto Ricans. It is of fine steel and is used for almost any purpose to which American farmers apply agricultural implements.

Mr. Nichols is on the Island of Samar. His mail, however, must go to Manila. There the Military Postoffice distributes the mails for the various commands in the islands and it is delivered by military messengers.

THE MINSTRELS LAST NIGHT

The Performance was a Success and the Program Good.

The Primrose and Dockstader Minstrel Company, appearing under canvas in the Cameron field last night, made a good impression and those who at first were disappointed by the absence of the two great minstrelmen whose names give prestige to the company, went away later feeling that they had their money's worth and had seen a novel and up-to-date and thoroughly clean performance.

The songs and music generally were very good, the dancing and cake walks set lively pace for those who are to come hereafter, and the jokes were clean and new, only two hackneyed, moss-covered articles being offered for the benefit of the old-timers.

There is a Raleigh man, a large sized Democratic politician, who is famous in this city for his love of minstrel performances. Last night the interlocutor made the remark that he had not heard a new joke for ten years and the man in the audience spoke to those about him in such a tone that the minstrelman heard him acquiesce. "One more old man in the tent," said the middle man, and today the Raleigh politician is hearing every joke that his friends can pick up as new.

The minstrel introduced trained dogs, which won hearty applause, the audience assuming that such intelligence could appreciate approval.

The canvas theatre and stage setting proved a success, and, with the exception of the skating act, the program was devoid of any objectionable or vulgar number.

WAGES INCREASED.

Altoona, Pa., May 15.—Trunk repairers on the Pennsylvania Railroad have received an increase of from \$1.12 to \$1.56 per day, the advance being necessary on account of the scarcity of men. The old hands were leaving work by hundreds to accept better places.

GASOLINE EXPLOSION.

Somerville, N. J., May 15.—A terrific explosion in a gasoline store house occurred at Raritan today and two firemen were badly injured. A customer lighted a cigarette and set fire to a gasoline tank in the store of A. G. Wilcox.