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THE PRESS CONVENTION.

We had the pleasure of attending last week the annual convention of the North Carolina Press Association at Wrightsville Beach, N. C. The meeting was in session three days and a program replete with able and interesting papers to the craft had been arranged. The attendance was perhaps the largest in the history of the association, many ladies being present adding much to the pleasure of the convention. The sessions were held in the assembly room of the spacious Tarry-Moore Hotel, which occupies a commanding position on the beach, where the delightful sea breezes make all parts of the immense structure comfortable in the warmest weather. The hotel is well kept and the comforts of the guests are closely looked after. Last year at one time 400 guests were cared for at this popular hotel and this season a large addition to the building has been made which will increase the capacity of the establishment fifty per cent. On the beach is another large hotel, the Seashore, which will accommodate nearly as many people as the Tarry-Moore, and also numerous boarding houses and cottages. Wrightsville Beach is a favorite resort and is unsurpassed in the South for fine fishing, boating and bathing.

An electric railway connects it with Wilmington, twelve miles away, and cars run every half hour. The Tide Water Power Co. owns the railroad and also furnishes electric lights and power for the city of Wilmington and the Beach. The company has just finished one of the prettiest and most modern concert and dancing pavilions to be found in the whole country.

Among the entertainments given the newspaper folk was a Japanese dance at the Lumina Pavilion by the Power Company. The elite of the city of Wilmington and the beach, as well as the newspaper people enjoyed the occasion and participated in the festivities. Another interesting feature of entertainment provided for us was a splendid banquet given by the people of Wilmington at the Tarry-Moore. At this banquet some able addresses were made, among them some high and touching tributes to Mr. Joe P. Caldwell, for whom a vacant chair was placed at the table, and Mr. W. H. Bernard, two of the most brilliant editors the state has ever produced and who have retired from active work on account of failing health. Capt. J. W. Harper, the genial owner of the steamer "Wilmington," gave the association a delightful complimentary excursion down the Cape Fear River to South Port, which was much enjoyed by all. This is one of the most pleasant short water excursions one can find anywhere and should not be missed by anyone visiting Wilmington. This trip of ours was rendered doubly pleasant by a nice luncheon served on board the boat and the fact that so many of Wilmington people, forming the Reception Committee, were with us to point out points of interest.

Wilmington is a prosperous progressive city and is forging ahead rapidly. The business of the port is continually increasing and the business men of the city are working hard for the deepening of the channel of the Cape Fear from Wilmington to South Port to 30 feet so as to permit the entrance of larger vessels than can now be accommodated. The general government is now doing something towards this important work and it is to be hoped that the matter will receive the attention and assistance its importance demands.

Hamilton Flies From New York To Philadelphia.

New York, June 13.—Charlie K. Hamilton arose from Governors Island in an aeroplane this morning and sped without a break 88 miles to Philadelphia in a remarkable cross country flight under the auspices of the New York Times and The Philadelphia Public Ledger. He made the trip in 1 hour and 51 minutes. The return trip was made in 1 hour 36 minutes at an estimated average speed of 54.96 miles an hour, which breaks the record made in the Curtis flight from Albany to New York.

The flying machine like the automobile, has come to stay.

Train Lifted Man From Buggy.

Statesville Landmark.

Several days ago a Mr. Cline, of Catawaba county, was driving across the railroad track near Maiden, Catawaba county, when his buggy was struck by a train on the Carolina and Northwestern road. The incident was mentioned in the news-papers at that time, but the details which were unusual, were not given. Mr. C. L. Tomlin, of Statesville who was on the train, told the Hickory Mercury about it. When the train struck the buggy the vehicle was demolished and a gash cut in the mule's flank. The unusual part of the incident was the result to Mr. Cline. He was lifted up on the cowcatcher still sitting on the cushion of the buggy and carried several yards, then dropped clear of the track. His collar bone was broken, scalp cut in several places and his body bruised. Almost miraculously there were no really dangerous injuries, unless some internal trouble should develop. The railroad men secured a cot and carried him to his home, more than a mile from where the accident occurred.

Mr. Tomlin says he has seen some queer things, but the picture of that man sitting on a cushion, on top of the pilot, was about the strangest and queerest.

Hickory's Creamery Begins.

The Democrat.

Mr. C. P. Tassel Chambersburg, in the noted Cumberland Valley, is the new butter maker and is well pleased with the beginning made. The cream wagon runs two routes, one toward the Dutch Dairy Farm, the Robinson, Propst and other farms, and the other route toward the Catawba river. The creamery is receiving 350 pounds of cream a day is turning out 200 pounds of butter a day at present. The butter goes to customers previously supplied by the individual dairies.

With the channel deepened Wilmington would at once take the commanding position, as port of entry for the whole South Atlantic Seaboard, that her geographical position entitles her to. The newspaper people were much impressed with the volume of business done by the city, the exports for the year 1909 being \$20,479,726, five times as much as Charleston and more than twice as much as Norfolk and Portsmouth together. The city has over 3,400 school children enrolled in the public schools and school property to the value of \$115,000.

There is much of historic interest about the Cape Fear region of which the outside state may feel justly proud and the hospitality of the Wilmington people is noted far and wide. The newspaper folk are deeply indebted to them for one of the most pleasant meetings in the history of the association and rejoice with the good people down there over the progress and prosperity of the chief city of the state.

Alligator Got Loose.

Greensboro Record.

Mr. John R. Golder was in Savannah the other day and a friend gave him two small alligators and told him to bring them home for his children to play with. They are harmless when very small.

Putting them in a pasteboard box Mr. Golder started home, taking a sleeper out of Savannah. What to do with his pets bothered him a little but seeing nothing else to do he placed the box in the berth—an upper berth, by the way—and went to sleep. Early next morning he felt something crawling around on his body and at once realized that one of the alligators was out of the box; then he tried to catch him, but the little fellow was elusive. The result was that in a moment the gator had fallen through to the lower berth occupied by a fat gentleman; the thing fell smack on him, he felt it, realized that it was a "foreign" substance, perhaps a snake and then he got busy with hands, feet and mouth; the drapery around his berth was torn down in a jiffy and the man took to the aisle of the car. The noise he made aroused other passengers, male and female, and they joined him in the aisle, all hands leaving their berths in their night clothes and all yelling at once, especially the women, most of them thinking a rat was loose in the car, but when one of them learned that it was nothing but an alligator, she went back to her berth.

The alligator, however, was found after a long search under one of the seats and was returned to his box.

Capt. Brooks Dies At Soldiers' Home.

Chronicle Bureau.

Raleigh June 14.—After an illness of more than a year Capt. R. H. Brooks died at the Soldiers' Home this morning. He had been for twelve years superintendent of the home a work in which he gave the greatest satisfaction. He was 69 years old and served in the Tenth North Carolina Artillery through the civil war. He became superintendent of the home in 1898 succeeding Capt. Fuller Louisburg. He leaves a widow and three sons. It is announced that the funeral will be from the first Baptist church at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The Unloaded Pistol Again.

Yesterday morning in Raleigh North Carolina, Joe Jones, who is not quite grown, and his younger brother were in a room at the home of their father, Rance Jones. They were fooling with a pistol which was out of fix. Joe had been working with it when his younger brother asked to see it. He was handed the weapon and began to work with it when a shot rang out and Joe fell with a bullet in the right side of his forehead. Medical aid was summoned but nothing could be done, the boy dying in an hour or two after being shot.—Ex.

(Pistols are dangerous things to handle either loaded or unloaded better have nothing to do with them.—News)

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Marshal Field & Co. Buy Cotton Mills.

Probably the largest deal in cotton mill stocks that has ever been made in the South and one of the largest in the whole country has just been consummated by which Marshal Field & Company, of Chicago secure the controlling interest in several at Spray this State.

The purchase includes the control of the American Warehousing Company, with its mammoth finishing plant, warehouses, etc.; the Spray Woolen Mills, one of the largest wool manufacturing concerns in the world; the Lily Mills; the Rhode Island Company and the Nantucket Mills. Through the deal Field & Company acquire control of practically all the manufacture plants at Spray except three, these being Spay Cotton Mills, the Morehead Cotton Mills and the Leaksville Cotton Mills.

To Save Robins From Pies.

New York, June 13.—Mrs. Russell Sage today gave \$15,000 to the National Association of Audubon Societies for its work in the south. Earlier in the week she gave \$500 to the association. The \$15,000 is to be used in educational work in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, North Carolina and South Carolina, along the general lines of work of the association, whose object is to protect wild birds and animals. The \$500 was given to start a special "Robin Protective fund," which the association is raising in an effort to protect the robin from extermination in this country.

T. Gilbert Pearson, secretary of the association, says the fondness of some southerners for robin pie is reducing the number of this species to an alarming extent.

Young Woman Kills Herself.

Greensboro, June 13.—Mrs. Lillian Powell 22 years old committed suicide Sunday morning about 8 o'clock at her home near Guilford station, by slashing her throat from ear to ear with a razor. Her husband and her mother, Mrs. Julian Dean, had just left the room for a few minutes when the rash deed was committed. Mrs. Powell had been ill for several days with typhoid fever and stated to her husband Saturday night "You would just as well go get a preacher for I'm going to die." She seemed much more cheerful Sunday morning.

Surviving are her husband, her parents and an infant child two months old.

An Automatic Plow.

An automatic plow is said to have been invented recently by a citizen of Winston-Salem, Mr. C. R. Trexler. This plow is similar to other traction plows except that it plows automatically and does not require a man to operate it. It consists of a traction engine operated with crude oil and a plow. The real invention consists in the ingeniously arranged wheels which cause the plow to run around in each furrow automatically. The first furrow has to be plowed with a man steering the machine and then he may turn it loose and it will do the work, guiding itself and keeping the machinery oiled automatically.

If the invention proves practicable it means much for farming operations, especially on large farms.—Landmark.

P. G. Adams a farmer of Wake county was drowned last Saturday while rescuing some boys who were bathing with him in a pond. He got the boys in safety to shallow water, but was himself drowned.

The Man Who Didn't Sleep For Twenty Years Is Dead.

New York, June 13.—Alonzo Wire, former police chief of Hackensack, N. J., who asserted that he had not closed his eyes in sleep for 20 years, died Friday night from an affection of the lungs and bronchial tubes.

Mr. Wire's strange ailment was believed to have been the result of a lightning stroke which grazed him thirty years ago, when he was driving a team of horses. The animals were stunned and Wire was deafened for a long period. Soon afterward he began to develop insomnia and ten years later he frequently would spend entire nights without sleep.

During the height of his strange malady he was engaged as night watchman for the Lackawanna railroad. During the day he would merely recline on a couch, but would not close his eyes. In spite of inability to get rest such as other people enjoyed, Wire did not seem to be affected, except that he lost a little weight.

Throughout his recent illness he was just as wakeful as ever and it apparently did not effect his vitality seriously.

Girl's Pitiful Plight.

Special to The Observer.

Greenville, S. C., June 13.—While making a search in the woods near the city today for a negro wanted on a trivial charge, Sheriff Poole came upon a young white girl about 16 years old who had almost gone back to the primal state. The girl was asleep when found lying on a bank of moss near the river bank, and when accosted by the officer she declared that for several weeks she had made her home in the woods, living on berries and sleeping in the open. The girl's clothing was wet by the continued rains and she appeared in a somewhat exhausted condition.

The sheriff took the girl in custody and placed her in charge of the authorities at the emergency hospital in the Salvation Army citadel. She was later identified as Leonie Anderson, and physicians say she has been suffering from temporary mental aberration.

Floating Log Plunged Eight Feet Into Steamer Hamilton.

Elizabeth City, June 14.—The steamer Hamilton of the LeRoy line, had a most remarkable experience Sunday night and that the big boat did not go down is considered miraculous. While plying up Roanoke river she ran into a big elm tree floating in the water and the tree plunged into the side of the ship just below the water line and penetrated through the hull eight feet. Work was immediately begun to save the boat, but it was found that the log had so wedged into the side of the hull that there was very little leakage. The tree was sawed off from the outside and with the eight-foot beam sticking into her side, the Hamilton steamed back to Elizabeth City.

Dies Worrying For Wife.

Altoona Pa., June 13.—Worrying over the critical illness of his wife Jacob J. Wilt, aged 70, a civil war veteran, died today following a 28 hours sleep. Mrs. Wilt has been ill some weeks, recently undergoing a serious operation, and her condition greatly alarmed her husband.

When Wilt came home from his work in the Pennsylvania shops Thursday evening he was exhausted mentally and physically and sank into a stupor from which he could not be aroused, sleeping on into death.

Postal Authorities Are Enforcing the Rule.

Inland Printer

Newspaper subscriptions must be paid. That is the dictum that comes from Washington.

In a recent letter to an Iowa editor, Congressman Jamieson sends out the following warning:

"My attention was called a few days ago to the case of one of the Iowa newspaper men, the publisher of a county weekly, who was cited by the Postoffice Department to show cause why he should not be deprived of his privilege to send his paper through the mails at the second class rate, because it appeared that he had not been living up to the regulations which required that his subscribers must all have renewed within one year.

"Of course, you remember the ruling made a little over two years ago that subscription must be expressly renewed within the following periods: Dailies, within three months; semiweeklies, within nine months; weeklies, within one year, etc. I know that some newspaper men have neglected this rule of the department, and I want to call your attention to it, as it may save serious trouble and embarrassment in the future. The third assistant states that they have taken up thousands of individual cases, called to their attention by complaint, and they are enforcing the rule strictly. Just at this time they have one special agent working in Iowa."

Funeral Of Rev. R. A. Willis.

Special to News and Observer.

Elizabeth City, June 14.—The remains of the Rev. R. A. Willis, who died Sunday night at the home of his son at Littleton, arrived here yesterday morning and were interred in the afternoon in Hollywood cemetery. The funeral services were held from the First Methodist church, the pastor Rev. J. D. Bundy, assisted by the Rev. R. H. Broom, Rev. J. H. Buffalo and Rev. H. M. Jackson conducting the services.

Rev. R. A. Willis had retired from the active ministry two years ago and had not enjoyed very good health for sometime. He was on a visit to his son, the Rev. R. H. Willis, who is pastor of the Methodist Church of Littleton, he having made his home there for several years, with his daughter, Mrs. Joseph P. Kramer, and had been critically ill for several weeks. He was 75 years of age.

The deceased is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. J. P. Kramer, Misses Nannie and Emma Willis, all of this city, and one son the Rev. R. H. Willis, pastor of the Littleton Methodist church.

(Rev. Mr. Willis is remembered by a number of the people in Lenoir having been a Presiding Elder of of the Statesville district about 24 years ago.—News.)

Board Medical Examiners.

Wilmington, N. C. June 14.—The annual meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners is being held at Tarrymore Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, having convened today, for the purpose of examining the applicant for license to practice medicine. There are something like 135 applicants. The board will be in session until some time next week. The North Carolina Medical Society meets Tuesday of next week and continues in session through Thursday.

After quarreling all night Allen Paul of Richmond Va., shot and killed his wife Sunday morning, and then went to his room and killed himself blowing his brains out with a pistol.