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**KILLED HIMSELF.**

**Dr A G Carr of Durham Commits Act With Revolver.**

Coming Reception to Governor Glenn. Col. Fearall to Return Here. Farmers Institutes.

Raleigh, January 13—The friends here of Dr A G Carr of Durham were shocked at the news that early this morning he blew out his brains with a revolver. He had been in poor health some time and had recently returned from a sanitarium. He was a brother of Gen. Julian S Carr and began his professional life at Raleigh.

The Capital Club will give a very elaborate reception to Gov. Glenn and the other State officers and the Legislature on the evening of the 19th. Preparations will be made for at least 1,000 persons, as that number attended the reception the club gave Gov. Aycock four years ago.

Col P M Fearall, who was private secretary to Gov. Aycock, is yet at that post, and will probably be here until the end of the month, when he will return to New Bern to resume the practice of law.

The farmers institutes now in progress under the direction of the agricultural department, in the Northeastern counties, are being well attended. The programs are well prepared. Dr Talt Butler and Prof Hume are conducting them and will be aided by W F Massey and Franklin Sherman.

**SHORT PASSING EVENTS.**

The steam heating apparatus in the Citizens Bank building was put in by John C. Green, the plumber, steam and gas fitter, of this city.

The funeral services of Mrs. Margaret Havens, the wife of E. Havens, will be held at St. Peter's A. M. E Church on Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to be present.

The friends in this city of the late Dr. A. G. Carr, brother of Julian S. Carr of Durham, will be grieved to learn of his death which occurred yesterday morning at Durham.

A prominent feature before nearly every clothing and dry goods store yesterday, was a stand of umbrellas and rubbers.

Mr. E. S. Street, Jr., who was formerly with C. B. Hollister, wholesale grocer, has accepted a position as traveling salesman with the Brown and Williamson firm of Winston.

The wind was from the northeast yesterday, and while no storm prevailed, there was a fine rain falling all day which made it very disagreeable out doors. The forecast for today is fair weather with a cold wave.

Today between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. will be the last opportunity to see the fine engravings on exhibition at the Graded School.

Passenger coach No. 28 of the A. and N. C. road has just come out of the Company's shops, completely repainted and refurnished inside and out.

Engine No. 19 of the A. and N. C. road is in the shops being fitted out as a coal burner.

The civil engineers employed in surveying the yards, sidings and tracks between Goldsboro and this city of the A. and N. C. road, have about completed their work. The next thing is for the plans announced in way of improvements to be made.

Additional room has been added to the station at Falling Creek, in the way of a new warehouse which now gives two waiting rooms for travelers. This work was done by the Howland Improvement Company and will be appreciated by the people at Falling Creek.

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## THE LOST PARADISE

THEORIES AS TO THE LOCATION OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN.

The Consensus of Learned Opinion Supports the Belief That Adam and Eve's Original Home Was on the Great Babylonian Plain.

Almost every spot of the globe has had the claim made on its behalf that it is the site of vanished Eden. Most persons seem agreed on the fact that paradise has disappeared from our midst. The question is, Where was it situated? To those who deny the Biblical story of man's genesis the question takes another form, and they perplex themselves as to the spot in which man first appeared on this earth. Some evade the difficulty by saying that man appeared in many different spots—that he did not spring from one original.

If we accept the doctrine of the Darwinians we are forced to confess that the place where man first evolved must have been anything but a garden of Eden. It must have been a haunt of more animalism, and its food would certainly not have been fruit. Roughly speaking, therefore, there are two schools—those who believe that man came from a divine original, but fell away from his first estate, to which with infinite labor he may return, and those who believe that he evolved from the beast and is still evolving to the greatness that he may ultimately attain. Setting aside these somewhat discordant theories, we may well ask, Where was Eden?

The soundest scientists are agreed that mankind came from a single origin—whether a distinct creation or an evolution is beside the mark—and the original man must have had a local habitation. The geographical manuals and maps of the middle ages leave a good deal to be desired in the matter of accurate detail, but they have at least the merit of boldness, and if we go to them for an answer to our question we may get something like a definite reply. According to an old map of the thirteenth century, paradise is a circular island lying near India. It is surrounded by a wall in which is a gateway opening to the west. The gate is closed and the wall quite insurmountable. Our later atlases do not locate this happy island.

Other early maps would have us believe that Eden lay in central China. We can go with these ancient geographers so far as to place the probable site of man's birthplace in Asia, but the consensus of learned opinion does not incline either to India or China. Eminent authority supports the idea that Eden lay somewhere on the great Babylonian plain, watered by the Tigris and the Euphrates—the Perath and Hiddekel of Genesis. Other authorities give their vote for Armenia, possibly influenced by the tradition which says that the Ark rested on Mount Ararat, but this tradition would only point to Armenia as the probable first home of the human race.

Professor Delitzsch and Professor Sayce favor Babylon; Heidegger favors Palestine; Media, Arabia and the upper Nile have all their supporters. Quotations, treating the subject solely from a scientific standpoint, conclude that linguistic and other human types point to central Asia, but does not decide on any precise locality.

With the author of Genesis, as Dr. Kailash has remarked, "Eden is geographically described in a manner which leaves no doubt that distinct locality was before the mind of the author." Even to those who think that this author was building on uncertain traditions it must be of interest to know what this locality was. Babylon was the most fertile land known to the ancient world; its poorest fields repaid cultivation fiftyfold, its better a hundredfold. Its luxuriance of fruit and grain was so great as to be actually embarrassing. There is no question at all that this district was the seat of Asia's earliest civilization and therefore why not say of the world's?

The idea of man created perfect and living in a garden of fruitful loveliness has always had a fascination for poor humanity, recognizing its present imperfections and the frequent distressing dimness of its present surroundings. Even those who knew nothing of the Bible story pictured such a spot for themselves. Every early mythology has its fortunate isles, its Atlantis, its Hesperides, its Arcadia and its Golden Age.

Some persons even conjectured that paradise had not been on the earth at all, but was an island floating in the air, something like the island visited by Gulliver. They did not wish to think that the sacred spot could be submerged by the waters of the deluge, and by this device they raised it above any such calamity. On this island dwelt the sacred phoenix; the well of life flowed there, the elixir of immortality; leaves never fell from the trees; the sun shone always on a perpetual summer. Man declined to believe that Eden had been destroyed forever. They preferred to imagine that its gates were closed to them for a season. To dream that such a spot could vanish seemed sacrilegious.

Mankind an early voyager and explorer had strange dreams of discovering some fertile paradise when he set out for unknown shores—dreams perhaps not spoken, but secretly nourished and strengthened by unconquerable force of romantic superstition that lived in the heart of ages in other ways as dark. Even the Elizabethan dreamer always of some more wonderful country to be discovered. Their tales and poems and legends had over the re-echoing glamour of romance. In those days was the true poetry of travel. There was always some St. Brendan, some Alden, who, to be reached—Kansas City Independent.

**New Orleans Cotton Convention. Merchants Invited.**

The Waco Business Men's Club has instructed its Secretary, Homer D. Wade, Esq., to send out to the Secretary of every business men's organization in the cotton States and territories a copy of the resolutions recently passed by the Club inviting each organization to send one or more representatives to the New Orleans Cotton Convention. The merchants attending the convention will be invited to attend a conference of merchants at the St. Charles Hotel on Wednesday, January 25th 1905, being the second day of the convention, to appoint a committee of merchants to act with a like committee to be appointed by the cotton convention and also a like committee to be appointed by the conference of bankers now being called to meet at the St. Charles Hotel, Wednesday, Jan. 25th 1905, at the same hour the conference of merchants will meet.

These three committees of cotton growers, merchants and bankers will take up the subject of warehousing cotton throughout the cotton States and Territories, and either devise some plan of their own, or possibly adopt what is so generally known as the "Waco Plan."

The following is the letter now being sent out, calling upon the secretaries of all business organizations to appoint representatives to New Orleans. All secretaries will note that they are requested to give this matter their prompt attention and write the Waco secretary. This is a very important work which should receive the heartiest concert of action on the part of all Secretaries of business men's organizations.

Waco, Tex., Jan 6, 05.  
To the Secretary—  
Dear Sir:—  
The following resolution adopted by the Waco Business Men's Club is called to your attention:  
**RESOLVED** 1st, That as a conference of merchants is hereby called to meet at the St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans, La., January 25, 1905, at 11 o'clock A. M., to act with a committee of cotton growers to be appointed by the Interstate Cotton Convention to be held in New Orleans January 24, 25, and 26, 1905, and a committee of bankers attending the Convention, to devise or adopt a plan for organizing a cotton warehouse system throughout the cotton States and Territories.  
Second: That the secretary of every business organization in these States and Territories favorable to this warehouse movement be and is hereby requested to have one or more merchants representing his organization attend this conference, and in the meantime to write the Secretary of this Club, that there may be concert of action.  
Third: That all newspapers of the cotton growing States and Territories are requested to publish these resolutions.  
Permit me to urge you to take up this matter with your organization at once and see to it that some merchant is appointed who will attend this New Orleans convention. I trust that you will fully agree with me on the importance of the conference named above and will not wish us in getting this particular interest represented. Please have this resolution brought to the attention of your newspapers and assist in any way which may occur to you as proper and efficient.  
Hoping to hear from you and trusting that these suggestions will meet with your approval, I am,  
Yours very truly,  
HOMER D. WADE,  
Sec'y.

**New Bern Water Analysis**

The following water analysis from the Biological Laboratory at Raleigh, shows the excellent condition of the water which New Bernians have to drink:  
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 10, 1905.  
Laboratory No. 1299.

Dear Sir:—The sample of water from a tap marked Dec. sent from New Bern, N. C., by your order date of Jan. 8, 1905, shows following characteristics:

Temperature 13 C; Turbidity 0; Bediment 0; Color 0; Odor 0; Residue sika-lime Chloride, parts per million: 2.5; Nitrate, parts per million: 0; Nitrate, parts per million: 0  
Contains Algae 9 per cubic centimeter.  
" Infusoria 6 " "  
" Organic Detritus 0. "  
" Bacteria of Saprophytic groups Total bacteria per cubic centimeter (10 microns) 600.  
Remarks: Good Water.

**A War Belle.**

An interesting relic of the Civil War was brought to this office, yesterday, by J. C. Barker, a young man of this city. It being a rifle cannon shot, about five pounds weight, which was picked up by Barker on the beach of Port Peral, two miles below this city.

The shot was found in a place usually covered by the water, but owing to the recent winds, the water was very low, leaving the beach bare to some distance towards the channel. The shot gives evidence of having never been used. It is rough and worn from long exposure to the elements.

The Federal has been requested to forward it to the Brain Museum, which will be done.

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