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NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

Items of Interest From Many Parts of the State

MINOR MATTERS OF STATE NEWS

Happenings of More or Less Importance Told in Paragraphs—The Cotton Markets.

Directors' Meeting.

Morganton, Special.—The board of directors of the Deaf and Dumb School met here this week for the election of officers and teachers for the ensuing year. There are a number of changes. Capt. George L. Phifer, the popular steward since the establishment of the school, retired, to be succeeded by Mr. J. R. Clodfelter. Captain Phifer was not an applicant for the position, there having been some understanding last year that he would not stand for reelection, owing to ill health. His health having improved during the past year, his friends hoped that the board might see fit to re-elect him. Mr. Richard Peger, of Morganton, was placed in nomination for the position of steward. Mr. Clodfelter has been connected with the school before in the capacity of stenographer.

Misses Clark, of North Carolina; Taylor, of Texas; Kellogg, of Indiana; Conn, of Mississippi, and Talliferro, of Virginia, were elected to take the places of Misses Orr and Murphy, discharged; Mrs. Smith, Misses Bryan and McNamar, resigned, and Miss Ball, deceased.

The office of chaplain was abolished, but upon application was re-established and Prof. David Tillinghast retained in the position.

Mame Massey Convicted.

Charlotte, Special.—Mame Massey, the large and muscular negroess who has been on trial, charged with the killing of her husband, Dave, or Dumps Massey, last December, was convicted before Judge Ward and sentenced to five years in the State prison. She was tried seven months ago but the jury could not agree on a verdict. The State made out a better case than it did before. Former Recorder Shannonhouse worked up the evidence and did it exceptionally well. Many points that were not made in the first trial were brought out this time. Messrs. McNinch and Kirkpatrick, who represented the defendant, made a strong fight for their client but did not let her go on the stand to testify; they did not believe that the prosecution had made out its case. Yesterday, when the verdict of guilt, followed by the sentence of the court came, those friends of the negroess who had stood by her from the first to the eventful hour, appealed to Judge Ward and begged him to change the sentence so that Alderman P. M. Cave, the woman's employer, could hire her and not let her go to jail. The sentence was later changed to two years at hard labor, the woman to be hired out to her former employer, Mr. Cave.

Foul Play Suspected.

Hope Mills, Special.—Mr. Malcolm Morrison, one of the oldest citizens of Hope Mills, disappeared last Tuesday and was heard from no more until Thursday afternoon, when a searching party found the body about half a mile from town dead. When last seen he was on the Aberdeen Railway, going in the direction of Aberdeen. His body was about 100 yards from the railroad track. He was for many years head machinist for the Hope Mills Manufacturing Company. There seems to be some suspicion as to his death and the coroner held an inquest.

A Mass-Meeting Called.

Salisbury, Special.—The Law and Order League organized Sunday and designed to make war upon the parent vices of the city, has issued a call for a mass-meeting Sunday when some speaker will make an address to it. At the Tuesday evening meeting W. F. Snider was chosen president, P. S. Carlton, vice president, and J. J. Stewart, secretary.

A New Bank For Hamlet.

Hamlet, Special.—Monday night about 30 of the business men of the town met in the office of the Hamlet Grocery Company and launched a second bank for the town. The meeting was very enthusiastic and all present were of the same mind, that another bank was needed. It was decided to organize at once, and build a home for the new institution. The new bank will be called the People's Bank, and will begin business on a paid-up capital of \$15,000.

WAGED FIERCE FIGHT

H. Clay Grubb and R. D. W. Connor, Jr., Engage in a Rough and Tumble Affray During an Educational Meeting.

Lexington, Special.—A public speaking on the question of special school tax at Piney Academy, in Boone township, Saturday night ended in a sensational fight between H. Clay Grubb, the distiller of Boone, and the principal speaker of the occasion, Mr. R. D. W. Connor, Jr., of Raleigh. The following is a partial bill of particulars as reported by one of those present.

The Bill of Particulars.

In the middle of his speech, Mr. Connor was interrupted by Mr. Grubb calling him a liar, prefacing this short ugly word with the usual adjectives of condemnation. Mr. Connor was game. Without any preliminaries, he left the speaker's stand and made for Grubb, shedding his coat as he went. He met Grubb half way, landing a heavy blow full in Grubb's face. Then the speaker and his interrupter clinched. For two minutes or more a fierce fight ensued on the floor. First one party seemed to have the advantage, then the god of battle favored the other side. Grubb got Connor's finger in his mouth and bit a hole in same. Connor beat Grubb with his fists. Grubb's friends prevented any interference with the combatants. Finally, through sheer exhaustion more than anything else, the two men separated with honors about even.

The Battle Renewed.

Then Mr. Connor discovered his bloody finger. He seized an umbrella from the corner and with all his might let Grubb have it again in the face. It is not known exactly what occurred next, but the meeting was adjourned sine die and Messrs. Hankins and Connor returned to Lexington, from which place Mr. Connor left for Raleigh Sunday morning, bearing with him evidence of the actual warfare which he waged for education in Boone, an injured finger and bruised face. It is stated that if Grubb's friends had not been present in such large numbers, the fight would have resulted in a victory for Mr. Connor. Grubb bears marks on his face enough to show that he had serious opposition. It was a fair fight, with no weapons, except the umbrella used by Mr. Connor.

Foreign Missionary Society.

Greensboro, Special.—The annual conference of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina conference M. E. church South, closed Monday. Interesting exercises were held. Sunday at eleven o'clock the annual missionary sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. G. H. Detwiler, pastor of West Market street M. E. church. The sermon was appropriate, interesting and scholarly. A large audience attended the service.

Sunday afternoon a special service for children was held. This, too, was quite largely attended. At five o'clock Sunday afternoon a consecration meeting took place. This was attended by delegates and missionary workers. Sunday night Miss Mamie Gibson, of the St. Louis Public school made an address in West Market street M. E. church.

Convict Makes His Escape.

Asheville, Special.—A convict guard here Friday reports the daring escape of Herbert Gaddis from the county farm several miles from the city, late Friday afternoon. The convicts had just quit work for the day, when Gaddis darted out from under the guns of the guards and started on a run for a nearby creek and laurel thicket with double chains a-clinking. The guards fired, but Gaddis continued to run. At the bank of the creek the guards fired twice and Gaddis yelled and tumbled in. The guards thinking they had killed the escaping convict, hurried to the creek to pick up the "remains." They found, instead of the remains, Gaddis going through the laurel thicket. He succeeded in making good his escape.

Burglars Use Chloroform.

Burlington, Special.—The home of Mrs. Mattie Ireland, of North Burlington, was entered by burglars a few nights ago and a purse containing jewelry and some money left lying on a dresser was taken. Mrs. Ireland's physician states that it is his opinion that chloroform was used.

\$100,000 Fire in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., Special.—Fire destroyed a building in the heart of the financial district occupied by John R. Hathaway & Brother, printers; G. W. Jackson, printer, and other offices were scorched. Loss \$400,000.

21 DIE IN SUDDEN FLOOD

Twenty-One People Are Swept Away in Flood

MUCH PROPERTY DESTROYED

Thousands of Acres of Growing Crops Ruined — Cloudburst Causes Big Creek to Submerge Gradyville and Vicinity, Waters Leaping From Creek Bed and Taking New Course With Force of a Tidal Wave.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—Twenty-one persons dead, the village devastated and several thousand acres of growing crops ruined are the havoc wrought by a cloudburst that caused Big Creek to submerge Gradyville, Ky., and vicinity. All the dead are residents of Gradyville and, although reports are meagre, it is believed that no farther fatalities will be reported from the surrounding country.

The dead:

MRS. L. C. NELL, wife of State Senator Nell.

FOUR CHILDREN of Senator and Mrs. L. C. Nell.

MRS. LUMHILL.

ONE CHILD of Mrs. Lumhill.

MRS. CARL WILMERE.

DAUGHTER of Mrs. Wilmere.

GRANDDAUGHTER of Mrs. Wilmere.

MRS. HARTFIELD MOSS.

SIX CHILDREN of Mrs. Moss.

MRS. J. W. KELTNER.

ONE CHILD of Mrs. Keltner.

MISS MARY MOSS.

The disaster was due to the erratic behavior of Big Creek which was already swollen by recent rains. When the cloudburst precipitated three inches of rain in an hour on Gradyville and vicinity the creek leaped from its bed and took a new course with the force of a tidal wave.

Inhabitants of Gradyville were nearly all in bed when the foaming waters struck the town, carrying away six residences, a mill and a large number of small houses. Nearly all the victims were drowned, but four were crushed by the collapse of dwellings.

State Senator-Nell, who is a physician owes his escape from the fate that overtook his family to the fact that he was several miles away in the hills, sitting up with a patient. When the news of the disaster reached Columbia, Ky., the nearest town of any size, several hundred citizens departed for the scene with wrecking appliances, food and clothing. All the physicians available went along. They found the residents of the devastated village dazed and helpless, but by nightfall all the relief possible had been afforded. Several persons were injured, but none of these will die.

Gradyville is a village of 175 inhabitants in Adair county, six miles from Columbia and 18 miles from the nearest railroad station.

Chicago, Special.—Dispatches from various places in Southern Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky tell of severe storms of tornado severity which have caused some loss of life and the destruction of much property.

Early Saturday the town of New Minden, Ill., 25 miles southeast of St. Louis, was visited by a tornado which killed four persons and injured a score of others.

At Gradyville, a cloudburst is said to have caused the loss of from 10 to 15 lives, and washed away eight residences.

At York, Ill., Saturday 25 or 30 houses were destroyed and a number of people are said to have been killed. Because of the loss of telegraph wires, exact details are not available.

The storm is said to have been especially severe in southern Indiana and at Farmersburg and Sullivan much damage was done by wind and rain.

Duquoin, Ill., was also visited at night by the same storm that caused the destruction at work. A number of houses were blown down, but no lives were lost.

59 Per Cent in Mississippi.

Jackson, Miss., Special.—Commissioner of Agriculture Blakeslee gave out a bulletin showing crop conditions on June 3, and estimating the average condition of the cotton on that date at 59 per cent, against the government-estimate of 65 per cent. The difference is attributed to the considerable bad weather between May 31 and June 3, the dates on which the data was compiled. Blackslee estimates the cotton acreage at 83 per cent, and the corn acreage at 99 per cent, or about normal. The average condition of the corn crop is placed at 69 per cent.

THE IDAHO MURDER CASES

Harry Orchard Gives Details of Cold-Blooded Crimes

MURDER PLANNED BY HAYWOOD

Assassination of Former Governor Stuenenberg, He Declares, Was Plotted by the Man on Trial, Moyer, Pettibone and Himself, Financed by Haywood and Executed by Himself After Failure of Attempt in Which Jake Simpkins Had Participated.

Boise, Idaho, Special.—Harry Orchard crowded his admissions of grave crime when continuing his case against William D. Haywood, he made a detailed confession of the murder of Frank Stuenenberg by an infernal machine that directly opens the way for his own conviction and execution for the mortal offense. He swore that the assassination of Stuenenberg was first suggested by Haywood, was plotted by Haywood, Moyer, Pettibone and himself, was financed by Haywood and executed by himself after the failure of an attempt in which Jake Simpkins had participated.

Orchard lifted the total of his own murdered victims to 18, detailed the circumstances under which he tried to murder former Governor Peabody, Judge Goodard, Judge Gabbart, Gen. Sherman Bell, Dave Moffat and Frank Herne. Incidentally he confessed to a plan to kidnap the child of one of his former associates.

Hunt for Stuenenberg.

Then under cross-examination by the defense Orchard confessed guilt of the sordid social crimes of deserting his young child and wife in Ontario, fleeing to British Columbia with Hattie Simpson, the wife of another man, and committing bigamy by marrying a third woman at Cripple Creek. Through the shocking details of murder plots, stories of social bomb-making and tales of manhunts with sawed-off shotguns and infernal machines as weapons, the witness went on in the same quiet off-hand manner that marked his demeanor the day before. His voice dropped to a lower key as the pitiful story of the long hunt for Stuenenberg narrowed down to the last day and he told of the race from the hotel to the house of his victim walking into the death trap and the meeting in the evening gloom as the victim walked unconsciously to his doom. Through it all he winced but once, and that was when the defense made him name his six sisters and his one brother and give their residences in Ontario and New York.

State Gets Full Story.

The defense fought the story with a multiplicity of objections and succeeded in heading off an attempt to tell the story of the murder of Arthur Collins at Telluride and temporarily shut out the contents of a telegram received and a telegram sent by Orchard after his arrest. Except for this the State managed to get in its story intact.

The State began its corroboration of Orchard's crimson tale by producing the lead casing of the Peabody bomb. Orchard identified it, swore that he brought it from Canyon City to Denver and then on to Wallace, where he gave it to a man named Cunningham. It was thrown into the river, and the State promises later to prove its recovery.

Haywood and his kinfolk listened quietly to the long recital and about their first show of feeling was one of amusement when Attorney Richardson began his onslaught and brought out Orchard's domestic crimes.

There was the same precautions and the same armed guards to protect Orchard and the same court room scenes except that among the spectators the women to men were two to one. There was another rush for admittance and the doors of the court had to be closed at both sessions.

Orchard finished his direct examination at 2:35 o'clock and the cross-examination only reached the Coer d'Alene days of 1899, when the court rose.

Death of a Bride.

Knoxville, Special.—Miss Nellie Ruth Lyon, daughter of J. B. Lyon, a well-known newspaper man of Greeneville, Tenn., died at her home there within twenty-four hours after her marriage to Ellis E. Crabtree of Virginia, a student for the ministry in one of the Boston theological seminaries. Some time ago they had arranged their wedding and, although the bride was ill, her condition was not considered alarming at all. The wedding was performed, she grew rapidly worse and died.

PARASITE BEE KILLS GREEN BUGS.

Professor S. J. Hunter, of the University of Lawrence, Kan., who has taken charge of the fight against the green bug in the wheat fields, is sending out a parasite bee, which lays an egg in the greenbug that causes its death. The bee has five hundred offspring, while the green bug has only forty. The bees are kept in cold storage at the university and sent out when called for.

New York Quarantine Against Havana.

New York, Special.—The quarantine against passengers arriving from Havana went into operation, and as a result 34 steerage passengers on the steamer Monterey were sent to the detention hospital for observation. The suspects were found to have abnormally high temperatures when they were examined by the health officer. If no serious disease develops they will be released Monday.

Anti-Race Track Law Knocked Out.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—Judge Palmer of the criminal court of Shelby county held in a test case that the anti-race track gambling bill passed by the recent legislature was unconstitutional, because the caption contains more than one subject. The race horse owners are jubilant, asserting that the decision will permit racing in Nashville and Memphis in the fall as the case can not reach the supreme court for several months.

Dead in Bed With Gas Turned on in Room.

Washington, Special.—Arthur Ludewitz, of New Orleans, a Confederate veteran, formerly of the Louisiana "Tigers," who came here from the Richmond reunion for a few days visit, was found dead in bed in a local hotel with the gas turned on in his room. The police believe Ludewitz turned the gas on by accident.

'Night Raiders' Scrape Several Dozen Kentucky Tobacco Beds.

Henderson, Ky., Special.—A report received here states that several dozen tobacco beds near Jordan Springs, Ky., were scraped Friday night. The plants destroyed would have been sufficient to set out several hundred acres in tobacco. The work is supposed to have been done by "night raiders."

Raise Railroad Assessment.

Jackson, Miss., Special.—The Mississippi Railway commission, sitting as a board of equalization, increased the assessment of the property of common carriers two and a quarter million dollars, making the total assessment about \$48,000,000. The heaviest increase was on the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City line, amounting to about one million. The Cumberland Telephone Company was also increased a quarter of a million.

BURCHELL'S ZEBRA.

One of the larger South African mammals now verging on extinction, if, indeed, it has not already ceased to exist, is the typical race of Burchell's zebra, the bontequana typical of zoologists, writes Mr. Lydekker in knowledge. This race apparently inhabited the plains to the north of the Vaal River, now forming British Bechuanaland. It is characterized by the complete absence of barring on the legs and of stripes on the lower part of the hindquarters; while between the dark brown body stripes were faint "shadow stripes" on the still paler ground color. The original specimen in the British Museum brought home by the great African traveller, Dr. Burchell, was, unfortunately, destroyed at a time when but little attention was paid to the priceless value of "types," and there is now no example of this race of the species in the national collection. According, however, to a paper, published by Mr. R. L. Pocock in the Annals and Magazine of Natural History for 1897, there is, however, one specimen in the museum at Tring and a second one in the Bristol Museum, both of which come very close to the typical form, although neither is exactly similar, and each differs slightly from the other. In these circumstances it is interesting to learn that a specimen exists in the American Museum of Natural History.—Scientific American.

The north pole. There it stands, protected by the ice trust, announces the Boston Transcript.

Krupp Company Sues Gen. Crozier.

Washington, Special.—Suit was begun here in the supreme court of the District of Columbia in the name of the Krupp Manufacturing Company of Essen, Germany, against General William Crozier, chief of the bureau of ordinance of the war department, charging an infringement of the company's patent on recoil gun brakes and asking for an accounting.



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