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NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

Terms of Interest From Many Parts of the State

MINOR MATTERS OF STATE NEWS

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

Charlotte Mill Burned.

Charlotte, Special.—The George A. Howell coarse yarn mill, at No. 206 West Fifth street was burned to the ground Friday night. The loss was estimated at \$20,000 to \$25,000 which was fully covered by insurance. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin, matches having been discovered in the cotton Thursday by J. H. H. The fire was a fierce one and difficult to manage. The adjoining property was in great danger, but by heroic work the firemen confined the blaze to the single building.

North Carolina Mill Men.

Greensboro, Special.—The first annual meeting of the North Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' Association convened in the Guilford-Benbow hotel here. Two sessions were held. The first was held at 11 o'clock, and lasted only a few minutes, a committee on resolutions consisting of Messrs. Caesar Cone, D. Y. Cooper and S. B. Tanner being appointed. The afternoon session was called to order at 2:30 o'clock. President R. A. Miller, Jr., presided. The first item was his report for the year. It was a highly encouraging one and was received with enthusiasm. The manufacturers, he said, are to be congratulated upon the condition of affairs. Labor and capital are co-operating and wonderful progress is the result. Organized with a membership of 50, the association now has a membership of 167. President Miller called attention to the scarcity of labor and also discussed freight rate discriminations. He said that such discriminations are unfair on the part of the railroads and a great injustice to shippers. He closed with a recommendation that the association have a committee go before the United States commerce commission and seek relief. The report was unanimously received. The secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. L. Myrick, then read his report, which was received and adopted. Mr. D. A. Tompkins, chairman of the committee on commerce, then read the report from that body. This was also adopted.

The Retail Merchants.

Greensboro, Special.—After having chosen Charlotte as the place for the next meeting and elected officers for the ensuing year, the North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association adjourned Thursday at noon. The fifth annual session, which covered three days of the week, has been in many ways a successful meeting. Among the things determined upon are the appropriation for a fight on the test cases for alleged freight discriminations, the organization of a fire insurance company with a capital of \$100,000, and other matters of a routine nature. The officers elected are as follows: President, N. L. Crawford, Winston-Salem; vice president, J. N. McCausland, Charlotte; secretary, J. W. Carter, Winston-Salem; treasurer, Alexander Nichols, Asheville; general counsel, Norman H. Johnson; directors, J. H. Scott, E. B. Broughton, and Clarence Sawyer. The following named are the district vice presidents: First, R. P. Tuttle; second, N. B. Josey; third, A. A. Joseph; fourth, W. D. Watkins; fifth, E. E. Smith; sixth, E. D. Nail; seventh, J. A. Morris; eighth, T. B. Brown; ninth, J. O. Gardner, tenth, Taylor Rogers.

North State Notes.

The plant of the Norfolk Lumber Company, at Wade, was completely destroyed by fire Saturday night. The origin of the fire is unknown here. The plant was insured, but the amount of insurance has not been learned.

The State Board of Education announced that the first examination for year certificates for public school teachers will be held by each county superintendent the second Thursday in July. This is under the new law which also fixes the minimum salary of holders of such certificates at \$35 a month. The first examinations for high school teachers' certificates will be held July 25th. The minimum monthly salary for these is \$40.

With skull crushed and one hand severed, the lifeless body of Charles Cheek, of Burlington, was found early Thursday morning lying beside a point near Holt's Chapel.

N. C. FARMERS' INSTITUTES

The Schedule of Those for the Summer Months Given Out Seventy-Five Counties to be Covered—Mecklenburg Has Four Dates—Institutes for Women of the Farm in 44 Counties.

Raleigh, Special.—State Veterinarian Tait Butler who has charge of the schedules of the Farmers' Institutes, has prepared the schedule for the summer sessions, which cover 75 counties, and has made this public. The counties are arranged alphabetically. The following is the list: Alamance, July 31st, Graham; Alexander, August 4th, Taylorsville; Alleghany, August 15th, Sparta; Anson, July 23d, Morven; Anson, July 24th, Polkton; Ashe, August 17th, Jefferson; Beaufort, August 16th, Washington; Brunswick, August 6th, Boliva; Buncombe, August 12th, Weaverville; and 13th, Sand Hill; Burke, August 1st, Morganton; Cabarrus, July 29th, Coarod; Caldwell, August 21st, Lenoir; Caswell, July 23d, Semora; and 24th, Pelham; Catawba, July 31, Newton and August 22d, Hickory; Chatham, August 10th, Pittsboro; Cherokee, August 23d, Andrews; Clay, August 24th, Hayesville; Cleveland, July 27th, Shelby; Columbus August 7th, Whiteville; Cumberland, August 3d, Fayetteville; Duplin, August 22d, Warrenton; Davie, August 1st, Mocksville; Durham, August 22d, Warsaw; Edgecombe, July 11th, Wrendale Oil Mill; and 12th, Tarboro; Forsyth, July 29, Winston-Salem; and August 9th, Rural Hall; Franklin, July 16th, Louisburg; Gaston, July 25th, Dallas; Gates August 19th, Gatesville; Graham, August 22d, Robbinville; Granville, July 19th, Oxford; Greene, August 10th, Snow Hill; Guilford, July 30th, Guilford College, and August 8th, Alameda Church; Halifax, August 17th, Enfield; Harnett, August 2d, Lillington; Haywood, August 17th, Waynesville; Henderson, August 14th, Hendersonville; Hertford, August 20th, Winton; Iredell, July 27th, Mooresville; and August 23d, at State test farm near Statesville; Jackson, August 20th, Sylva; Johnston, August 24th, Smithfield; Lee, August 12th, Jonesboro; Lenoir, August 14th, Kinston; Lincoln, July 26th, Lenoirville; McDowell, August 2d, Marion; Macon, August 19th, Franklin; Madison, August 9th, Mors Hill, and 10th, Marshall; Mecklenburg, July 26th, Hickory Grove, July 29th, Piedmont Industrial School, July 30th, Huntersville, July 31st, Sardis; Mitchell, August 6th, Bakersville; Montgomery, August 7th, Troy; Moore, August 13, Carthage; Nash, July 13th, Nashville; New Hanover, August 8th, Wilmington; Northampton, August 21st, Rich Square; Orange, August 1st, Hillsboro; Pender, August 9th, Burgaw; Person, July 22d, Roxboro; Pitt, August 15th, Greenville; Polk, August 16th, Columbus; Randolph, August 6th, Asheboro; Richmond, July 23d, Rockingham; Robeson, July 18th, Raft Swamp Church, and 19th, Barnesville; Rockingham, July 25th, Sylvania School House, and 26th, Leaksville; Rowan, July 30th, Salisbury; and August 2d, China Grove; Rutherford, August 3d, Rutherfordton; Sampson, August 23d, Clinton; Scotland, July 22d, Sneed's Grove; Stanley, August 5th, Albemarle; Stokes, July 27th, I. G. Ross' farm, near Walter's Cove; Surry, August 12th, Dobson; Swain, August 21st, Bryson City; Transylvania, August 15th, Brevard; Union, July 24th, Marshallville, and 25, Carmel; Vance, July 18th, Henderson Wake, August 9th, Green Level; Warren, July 17th, Warrenton; Watuga, August 19th, Boone; Wayne, August 12th, Powell's Springs, near Fremont, and 13th, Woodland; Wilkes, August 10th, Wilkesboro; Wilson, July 10th, Elm City; Yadkin, August 13th, Yadkinville; Yancey, August 7th, Burnsville.

Institutes for the women of the farm: home will be held in the counties of Asheboro, Alexander, Anson, Beaufort, Bladen, Cabarrus, Catawba, Chatham, Cleveland, Columbus, Cumberland, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Franklin, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Iredell, Jackson, Johnston, Lee, Lenoir, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, New Hanover, Orange, Pender, Pitt, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly, Union, Vance, Wake, Warren, and Wayne.

Sale of Valuable Property.

Gastonia, Special.—At a meeting of the central committee having in charge the Whetstone and Vermont Mills, of Bessemer City, which passed some months ago into the hands of a receiver, it was decided to sell these two valuable pieces of property at public auction and the receiver, Mr. L. L. Jenkins, has been instructed to carry out this plan. Wednesday, August 28th, is the date set for the sale. Persons interested will be shown the property either by Receiver Jenkins or by the superintendent in charge of the plants.



Schoolhouse, New London, Conn. Where Nathan Hale was teaching in 1776 when he received his commission as captain in the Continental Army. Now owned by the Katherine Gaylord Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.

Go fling the Starry Banner out,
The Emblem of the Free;
Go turn the Eagle loose to scream
For Us and Liberty!

Oh, say
Ain't this the Day
Of Days?
And don't we go the strenuous ways
To tell the world
Our Banner is unfurled?
Sure, Mike,
And Giuseppe and Bill and Fritz
And Ali and Ivan and Wing Lee and
Sambo
And
But what's in a name?
We're all Fourth of Julyers
And we get there just the same.
We are a band of brothers
United here to make
This land our land—one land,
And give the rest the shake.
Gee, whiz!
And sizz and fizz!
What a Country ours is!
Ain't it?
—W. J. Lampton, in the New York World.

Memorable Utterances.

The Declaration of Independence has been in all subsequent history designated as "a document immortal," and the story of the struggles for American independence comprise the most thrilling incidents related to the revolutionary movement to plant freedom in the New World. History gives honorable place to the utterances of the heroes whose names are linked with the achievements of the Continental Congress. We quote:

WORDS OF JOHN ADAMS.

"Yesterday the greatest question was decided which ever was debated in America, and a greater perhaps never was, nor will be, decided among men. A resolution was passed without one dissenting colony, that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."—From a Letter to His Wife.

WORDS OF THOMAS JEFFERSON:

"The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time."
"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."
"We mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinion of mankind requires that they should declare the causes that impel them to the separation."—From the Declaration of Independence.

In England the seller bears the expense of an auction sale; in France and Italy the purchaser pays five per cent. commission.

A Sensational Surprise at Lenoir.

Lenoir, Special.—There occurred a sensational surprise here when A. W. Dula, jeweler, had his clerk, H. H. Tomberlin, arrested for stealing. Tomberlin had in his possession several watches and some small pieces of jewelry. He was bound over in \$200 bond until court, which was quickly given.

Railroad for Baker County.

Pelham, Special.—The Southern Engineering and Contracting Company, of Atlanta has applied for a charter to build and operate a railroad from Pelham to Leary via Newton, Ga. The Engineers have been over the route and given an excellent report. A draw bridge will be erected over the Flint river at Newton. This road will be the only one in Baker county. It will connect the Central of Georgia and the Atlantic Coast Line and will be a great convenience to the public.

HEADLESS BODY IN SWAMP

The Young Italian Boy Kidnapped in New Orleans.

ITALIAN TELLS STORY OF CRIME

Lad Kidnapped and Held for \$6,000 Ransom at New Orleans Strangled to Death Because of His Cries and Pleading to be Taken Home—Confession of Being Taken From One of the Suspects, Who Was Taken From His Home Into the Woods and Put Through Slaughtering Process.

New Orleans, Special.—Two miles in the interior of a big swamp near this city the headless body of Walter Lamana, an Italian child between 7 and 8 years old, who was kidnapped and held for \$6,000 ransom two weeks ago, was found by police and vigilants just before daybreak Sunday. He had been strangled to death according to the confession of one of several Italians held by the police. The boy's neck is supposed to have been broken when he was strangled, causing the head to become separated from the body when decomposition set in. The head was found a short distance from the body.

Five Italians, two of them women, are under arrest charged with being accomplices to the murder and extra details of police and deputies are maintaining order in the excited Italian quarter of the city. All day long small crowds have been dispersed promptly by the police despite whose precautions a report has gotten out summoning a mass meeting at Elk Place. Seventy armed deputies have been placed on guard at the Orleans Parish prison, the strongest in the State, where three of the prisoners are held, and some apprehension has been felt over the safety of two other prisoners who were Saturday night taken to an adjoining parish.

Seldom since the Mafia lynchings, 16 years ago, has New Orleans been so stirred with threats of violence as Sunday and some of these threats are made by those who participated in the disorders at that time. The law and order element is much stronger than it has been heretofore, a large number of leading citizens having pledged themselves to prevent violence.

Eight Killed and Thirty-Five Hurt.

Hartford, Conn., Special.—Eight workmen were killed and 35 injured when a passenger train on the Highland division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad crashed into the rear of a work train that was backing into the city from New Britain at the Sigourney street crossing. Of the injured two probably will die. Some of the victims within easy reach were dead, but were left while the rescuers tried to extricate the living. In one instance it took an hour and a half to rescue one workman. His head was hanging down backwards and he suffered severely, but the rescuers encouraged him while doctors reached between the frame work which held him a prisoner and treated his wounds on his face and head. There are three unofficial versions of the cause of the wreck. One is that the passenger train for New Britain went out on a wrong track. The second is that the work train had the right of way until 7 o'clock and should have had a clear track, that the passenger train was ahead of time at that point. The third is that the work train opened a switch and failed to close it.

Wilmington Firm Makes an Assignment.

Wilmington, Special.—Bremer & McMillon, proprietors of the Elite Market, Second and Market streets, made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. The liabilities are about \$4,000, and the assets about \$3,500. Mr. Sol Sternberger, Jr., is the assignee.

Lad Killed By Lightning.

Moorestville, Special.—Brodie Allen Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kennedy, who lived near Mazepa, was struck by lightning Saturday afternoon about 6 o'clock and instantly killed. The young man, in company with two other young men of the neighborhood and his brother, were returning from a neighbor's house and when within about one hundred yards of his home the bolt of lightning came. All of the boys were severely stunned by the shock and all were knocked down. His brother was the first to recover and learned that Brodie was dead.

FEMINE NEWS NOTES.

Only good-looking girls can get jobs in the St. Petersburg postoffice. Paris society has been shocked by a society hostess giving a cockfight in her conservatory. Dowager Queen Margaret of Italy has offered a prize for successful balloon passage of the Alps. The Women's League and the United Women of America were at war over the platforms of their duplicate clubs. Lawyer Ezra A. Tuttle offered to give the women teachers, of New York \$1000 to form a union to fight for equal pay. Mrs. Carrie Nation in Washington paid her twenty-ninth fine for creating disturbances in saloons throughout the country. According to the laws of the State of New York the property of the wife is her own, free from all claims of the husband, and can be disposed of without consulting the husband in any way. Mrs. William H. Playford, the wealthiest woman in Western Pennsylvania, announced the engagement of her grand-daughter, Miss Gwendolyn Carey, to Francis Potter, a nephew of Bishop Potter. Mrs. Elizabeth Schaulloffell, of Chicago, worth at least \$50,000, widow of a former Atlas liner captain, was found dead in a tenement room of a lodging house. She was miserly in her habits. The first woman to win the Otten-dorfer Scholarship is Miss Gertrude Schoppert, a graduate of Wellesley. The scholarship, granted by the New York University, is worth \$900 a year for study in Germany. Mrs. William H. Taft, the War Secretary's wife, has given 20,000 acres of land and \$5000 toward the construction of the projected Nueces Valley railroad in Texas. Her Catarina ranch (200,000 acres) will benefit by the road.

Seven Firemen Injured by Falling of Burning Porch.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—One fireman was probably fatally injured, one badly hurt and five others slightly injured by the collapsing of the porch of a burning residence in the west end. The most seriously injured are G. W. Watts, spine wrenched, believed he will die and Cliff A. Smith. Five of the injured men were on the roof and three under it when it fell.

A Pistol Duel to the Death.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—Constable J. H. Goad is dead and Isora Reed, who it is stated, had been drink-wounds which are considered fatal, as a result of a pistol duel late Sunday between the constable and the negro. Reed, who is stated, had been drinking had taken possession of the home of a negro woman, and when Goad, at the request of the woman, attempted to arrest the negro, he was fired on by Reed and fatally wounded.

TO PRESERVE COLORS.

It is not generally known that a spoonful of ox-gall in one gallon of water will set the colors of almost any goods which are soaked in it before washing; also, that a teaspoonful of lye in a pail of water will improve the color of any black goods. Vinegar in the rinsing water will brighten pink or green calico, and soda will do the same for purple or blue calico.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

King Carlos of Portugal has established an absolutist regime. Graft will be the issue in the coming municipal and State campaigns in San Francisco. About 3000 students graduated from institutions of learning in New England this year. President Diaz of Mexico says the Central American republics should be consolidated under a strong head. Mexican letters stated that preparation in that country for a possible war with Guatemala was going on. College candidates for West Point have been proven deficient and hereafter must undergo entrance examinations. Secretary Cortelyou ordered an investigation of the charge of attempted smuggling against Commander Winslow. The Imperial Railway Administration Bureau of Japan is to construct eighteen railways, a total length of 1275 miles. The Rev. Sidney C. Partridge, Episcopal Bishop of Koto, declared there would be no trouble between Japan and the United States. Vice-Chancellor Bergen, of New Jersey, held that the owner of a poultry yard must prevent the nocturnal crowing of his roosters. Germany seems to be gaining a dominating influence in Asia Minor. The French Government pledged itself to suppress wine frauds. Japan's Constitutional party leaders adopted a resolution counseling the Japanese people not to mistake the acts of lawless persons for expressions of American sentiment. It was announced that the Government of Ontario had arranged, through a generating company, to supply power from Niagara Falls to sixteen municipalities at \$10.40 a year for each horse power.

THE SONG BIRD.

They say the birds are timid! Great heavens, to be so small and lovely in a world of hawks and snares and yet dare to sing as if the gods were good! In all the wide creation there is nothing braver than the heart of a singing bird.—Pittsburg Press.

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