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## NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

The News of Old North State Gathered and Put in Condensed Form.

### Thirteen Post Offices Discontinued.

Advices received at the Raleigh post office from the Department at Washington are to the effect that the following post offices in North Carolina will be discontinued on the dates named, their territory to be served by rural free delivery routes from other post offices: Como, Hertford county, Aug. 15; Clear Run, Sampson, Dec. 14; Tribby, Person, July 15; Owensville, Sampson, July 31; Dobbersville, Wayne, July 31; Catas, Person, July 15; Union Hill, Surry, July 31; Valentia, Surry, July 31; Spencerville, Moore, Aug. 15; Poinceter, Yadkin, July 31; Yatesville, Beaufort, July 31; Pantehr Creek, Yadkin, Aug. 15; Gaylord, Beaufort, July 31.

### New Postoffices.

The following named post offices were established in North Carolina in July: Lundy, Mitchell county; Winsatt, Jones; Bee Tree, Buncombe; Boyden, Surry; Millbranch, Brunswick; Mayesville, Gaston.

### Centennial of Gate City Birth.

Greensboro, Special.—As an illustration of the interest already being taken in the proposed celebration next year of the centennial anniversary of Greensboro, and reunion of nonresident native North Carolinians, C. M. Vanstoy, chairman of the committee having the plans under consideration, is in receipt of many letters from inside and outside the State urging the culmination of the proposed function. He received the following from a very prominent divine:

"I note the proposed celebration on a large scale next year of the centennial for Greensboro. I am deeply interested in the plan and hope to be able to attend the celebration and reunion. My great-great grandfather, Ralph Gorrell, owned the land upon which the city is built and sold it to the commissioners for \$98. My great grandfather Hugh Forbis, was one of the commissioners. My grandfather, Rev. Amos Weaver, who served one term in the Legislature from Guilford, was the first pastor of the First Baptist church in Greensboro. These facts lead me to deeply desire me to participate or to assist in any way in this celebration I will be glad to comply. With all good wishes.

"Yours faithfully,  
"RUFUS W. WEAVER."

### High Point Tax Values.

High Point, Special.—The board of assessors of High Point are hot in the collar in regard to Greensboro's insinuations that the property here is undervalued, while Greensboro is paying her full share of the taxes. The men who composed this board did their work well, so much so that many were made mad at the high value put on their property and all of them felt like they were paying enough. Considering that High Point is some smaller than Greensboro it is safe to say that she is paying her just portion of the county's indebtedness in the way of taxes, and has no fear of comparisons.

### New Tobacco Sold.

Durham, Special.—The first new tobacco was sold on this market Thursday afternoon. The tobacco came from Chatham county and was the lower primings. The price paid, 7 1/2 cents, for this grade of tobacco, was such as to greatly please the man who had the weed for sale.

### Swannanoa Hermit a Suicide.

Asheville, Special.—William Jobe Cleveland, 86 years of age, and known hereabouts as the "Hermit," committed suicide some time Thursday night at his home on Swannanoa river by drinking carbolic acid. The remains were brought to Asheville and relatives in Salem, N. Y., notified by telegraph. No word, however, has yet been received from Salem.

### To Discontinue Trains.

Winston-Salem, Special.—It is being talked among the railroad people that the Southern has decided to take off the night passenger train operated between this city and Greensboro—the one leaving there at 8:30 and returning at 12:30. It is argued by those in a position to know that this train is not paying even the operating expenses. "If the railroad loses out in its fight against the 2-1-4 cent passenger rate you will see trains taken off branch lines all over the State," remarked a well-posted railroad man.

### Warrants for the Southern.

Lexington, Special.—Lexington still issues warrants for the Southern Railway for running its trains faster than six miles an hour through the corporate limits. The papers are served on Agent L. F. Barr. Several have been issued each carrying with it a fine of \$10 and the costs. Still the trains run as they list. This is all because train No. 34 is denied Lexington. Thus far there has been no trial. The conclusion of the matter is not in sight.

### Kope Elias, Jr., Weds Miss Kilgo.

Durham, Special.—At the residence of the President of Trinity College Thursday afternoon his accomplished daughter Miss Edna Clyde Kilgo was married to Mr. Kope Elias, Jr., Rev. Dr. J. C. Kilgo performing the ceremony. Both these young people and their distinguished parents are well known in North Carolina. The honeymoon will be spent in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

### Getting Ready for Collection of Taxes.

Work has begun in the State Auditor's office on the compilation of the returns from the various domestic corporations in the State, making lists to be sent to the Registers of Deeds of the various counties that they may make out the tax lists of stock holders in these corporations and turn them over to the sheriffs for the collection of taxes. The work is to be completed by August 15th.

### Laying New Rails.

Hamlet, Special.—About fifteen miles of the new rail has been laid on this the C. C. branch of the Seaboard and it is claimed that with good conditions, the work from Hamlet to Wilmington will be completed by the first of the year.

### Charge of Manslaughter.

Detroit, Special.—Representative Charles E. Ward, Speaker pro tem of the State House of Representatives and chairman of the ways and means committee, was arraigned in the public court here on a warrant charging him with manslaughter in connection with the death here from a criminal operation in April of Miss Edith Pressley, proof-reader for the State Senate. Mr. Ward stood mute and his attorneys asked for an examination in the police court, which Justice Stein set for September 6th. The justice then fixed bail at \$3,000 with two sureties which was furnished.

### Extra Session in Alabama.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—As a result of an all-night conference between Governor Comer and his lawyers an extra session of the Alabama Legislature will probably be called to look after certain railroad legislation. Owing to litigation the recently enacted railroad curbing laws are suspended and Governor Comer would have them repealed while undergoing examination of the Federal judicial bench. Then Governor Comer will try a new strangle grip on the railroads at the extra session. There are fine prospects of a big row over the subject in Alabama.

### Nationalists Win Election.

Manilla, By Cable.—The independence faction that united in the campaign under the name of nationalists appear to have won the general election for both independence candidates. It probably will be ten days or two weeks before the complete returns are received.

### Japanese and Koreans Clash.

Washington, Special.—The disarmament of the Korean army by the Japanese provoked hostilities and in the fighting that followed 40 Koreans were killed or wounded. The Japanese casualties were light. The information comes to the State Department from United States Consul General Sammons at Seoul.

### Will Try to Enjoin Duke.

Sommerville, N. J., Special.—Injunction proceedings are to be begun soon by the Haritan Woolen Mills to prevent James B. Duke, the tobacco king, pumping the Haritan river dry to make his two thousand acre park look like fairyland for his bride.

### Suspected Stranglers Held.

New York, Special.—Two suspects were held in a police court for the alleged strangling of two women here. One is believed to be implicated in several other murders.

## PRESIDENT MOORE PLEASD

### Dozen New Warehouses Launched Within 10 Days.

Charlotte, Special.—"I got about twelve new warehouses and holding companies launched on my recent trip over the State," said President C. C. Moore, of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association while relating his experience during the trip through the State on matters which are of interest to the association at large. This is one of the most successful trips that President Moore has ever made. He visited many counties to the section to the north and west of Charlotte on his rounds, and found everything in good shape and the cotton crop outlook fairly good—as promise as could have been expected. Mr. Moore is especially pleased with the momentum which the warehouse movement seems to be gathering as it progresses, and he regards this as the most important matter before the farmers at this time.

### Church Union Held Valid.

Fayetteville, Tenn., Special.—In his opinion delivered here on the Presbyterian Church case between the unionists and the anti-unionists, involving the right of possession in the property of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Chancellor Walter Bearden held that the "union" was valid and in substantial conformity to the Church constitutions but decided that under the deeds conveying the property to the trustees of the several Churches the bill of the "unionists" asking for exclusive possession in the name of the united church must be dismissed. Both sides appealed. The court refused to enter into the merits or demerits of the various ecclesiastical questions.

### New Corporations.

Raleigh, Special.—The Charlotte Realty Company filed notice with the secretary of the State of an increase of capital from \$100,000 to \$300,000.

The Dixie Real Estate Company of Greensboro was incorporated \$25,000 authorized, \$600 actual capital; C. G. Wright, W. S. Lynn and others incorporators.

A charter was granted to the Elise Mining Company, Hemp, Moore county; J. J. Jones of Glendon an others incorporators; \$50,000 authorized capital.

### The Charges of Peonage.

Raleigh, Special.—Judge Purnell has gone to Beaufort where on Monday he will begin a special term of the Federal District Court for the trial of the peonage cases. A man named McNeill who is construction superintendent of the Norfolk and Southern Railway will figure as the chief defendant. The cases will be prosecuted by Assistant Attorney General Russell from Washington, assisted by the district attorney. Much interest and importance is attached to the trial.

### Convicts on the Railway.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn and council of State took up the matter of using State convicts on the Mattamuskeet Railroad and decided to allow the use of convicts in construction work in Hyde county, the State to accept as pay for the convicts stock in the new road. The road made the deposit required by the new law to guarantee completion of construction. This is the first road of five to accept the State's offer to aid the railway construction in this way.

### Forty Killed or Wounded.

Washington, Special.—A dispatch received at the State Department from Consul General Thomas Sammons, at Seoul, Korea, says that forty Koreans were killed or wounded Friday in a fight precipitated by the disarmament of the Korean army. The casualties on the Japanese side, the dispatch adds, were slight.

### Four Men Crushed to Death.

San Pedro, Cal., Special.—Four men lost their lives when 40 feet of the trestle leading from the wharf of the Pacific Storage Company collapsed. The dead men were crushed by car loads of rock or drowned in the harbor. Four others who went down with the teams were rescued. All were Greek laborers who were put to work and their names were not on the pay roll. The trestle collapsed as a train of 20 flat cars laden with rock backed off the wharf.

## LARGEST FINE ON RECORD

### Standard Oil Company Must Pay \$29,000,000

### JUDGE LANDIS STANDING FIRM

### Standard Oil Company Given Largest Fine Ever Imposed in History of American Jurisprudence More Than 131 Times Amount Received Through Rebating Operations.

Chicago, Special.—Judge Kenesaw M. Landis Saturday in the United States District Court fined the Standard Oil Company of Indiana \$29,240,000 for violations of the law against accepting rebates from railroads. The fine is the largest ever assessed against any individuals or any corporation in the history of American criminal jurisprudence, and is slightly more than 131 times, as great as the amount received by the company through its rebating operations. The case will be carried to the higher courts by the defending company.

The penalty imposed upon the company is the maximum permitted under the law, and it was announced at the end of a long opinion in which the methods and practices of the Standard Oil Company were mercilessly scored. The judge, in fact, declared in his opinion that the officials of the Standard Oil Company who were responsible for the practices of which the corporation was found guilty, were no better than counterfeiters and thieves, his exact language being: "We may as well look at this situation squarely. The men who thus deliberately violate this law would counterfeit the coin, or steal letters society more deeply than does he who from the mail."

Judge Landis commenced reading his decision at 10 o'clock and occupied about one hour in its delivery. He reviewed the facts in the case took up the arguments of the attorneys for the defense and answered them, and then passed judgment upon the company, which he declared violated the law for the sole purpose of swelling its dividends.

The court held that the railroads have no more right to make a secret rate for a shipper than a board of assessors have to make a seancebant assessors would have to make a secret assessment of any particular piece of property.

The court expressed regret that the law failed to provide a more serious punishment than a fine, but insisted that the penalty should be sufficiently large to act as a deterrent and not of such a size as to encourage the defender to persist in lawlessness.

At the conclusion of his opinion and after announcing the amount of the fine, Judge Landis directed that a special grand jury be called for the purpose of inquiring into the acts of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, it having been proved in the case just closed that the oil company accepted rebates from that corporation. This jury is summoned for August 14th.

The decision of Judge Landis aroused almost as much public interest as did the presence of John D. Rockefeller and other officials of the Standard Oil Company in the court room on July 6th. The crush was so great that a large force of deputy marshals had much difficulty in controlling the crowd that was anxious to force its way into the court room. The government was represented in the court room by United States District Attorney Sims and Assistant District Attorney Wilkerson. The attorneys who tried the case for the Standard Oil Company, John S. Miller, Mertz Rosenthal and Alfred D. Eddy were not present the company being represented by Merritt Starr a partner of Mr. Miller and Chauncey Martyn from the office of Mr. Eddy.

### The Boll Weevil in Mexico.

San Antonio, Texas, Special.—A special from Durango, Mex., to The Express says: Consternation reigns among the cotton planters of this State Cuernavaca district, of what is generally supposed to be the boll weevil. The pest multiplies with great rapidity and the crops are being destroyed.

### Injunction is Granted.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—Federal Judge McCall denied a petition of the Central Trust Company of New York City, holder of the Memphis street railway bonds, asking an injunction to restrain the city of Memphis from inaugurating 2-cent street car fares. The case had been appealed to the State supreme court from the State circuit court, the issue being the constitutionality of the city's State circuit court, the issue being the constitutionality of the city's State circuit court, the issue being the constitutionality of the city's State supreme court.

## NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Philadelphia is to have a new \$10,000,000 art gallery.

The Missouri State University now has a "chair of poultry."

Japanese guards have been placed along the Korean railway lines.

Japan's speculative bubble burst and many banks and business concerns failed.

The Rock Island Railroad announces that it is going to oust its political lobby.

"Old Home Weeks" are growing more and more popular in the New England States.

The Venezuelan Government, replying to the recent note of Secretary Root, refused to arbitrate the American claims.

J. M. Bell, a New York tailor, declares that London craftsmen now come to America for their styles in men's attire.

President Mellen says the New Haven road appropriated the Boston & Maine to save it from the New York Central.

Despite the expose made by the Interstate Commerce Commission, it is doubted that E. H. Harriman will be prosecuted.

Target records with Whitehead torpedoes were broken by the submarine boats Octopus and Cuttlefish at Newport, R. I.

Congratulations on the victory of the State over the railroads in the rate war poured in on Governor Glenn, of North Carolina.

Filipino students at the Cornell University summer school declared that their fellow countrymen at home would welcome a Japanese invasion.

Commissioner Bingham ordered the police of New York City to stand at attention when a citizen asks a question, and touch his hat if the questioner be a woman.

### Will Report Favorably Bill on Negro Disfranchisement.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—House committee on constitutional amendments decided to report favorably the Senate bill on negro disfranchisement. The bill is likely to come before the House for final action late this week. The prohibition bill probably will be ready for Governor Smith's signature Monday, when it will become a law, to be effective January 1, 1908.

### Caught Almost in the Act.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Ira Cook the young adopted son of Mr. T. L. Cook, of Waughtown, is languishing behind the city prison bars charged with twice entering Hurley's saloon in Third Street and stealing money from the cash drawer. He was arrested about midnight Friday night by Deputy Sheriff Cofer, who caught the lad soon after he turned out of the alley leading to the rear of the saloon. He made no attempt to deny the fact that he entered the saloon.

### IDEAL WIFE FOR A POOR MAN.

He—Marry me and you shall want for nothing.  
She—But I don't want to want for nothing. I want to want for something I want.—Philadelphia Press.

The trouble seems to be to the Atlanta Constitution that Japan didn't whip Russia long enough.

## PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Joseph G. Cannon has served thirty-two years in Congress.

United States Senator Hepburn, of Idaho, weighs more than any other Senator.

Secretary Elihu Root is said to have been one of the best paid attorneys in the United States.

Ambassador Reid gave another great party, which was attended by many of the most distinguished men and women in London.

Friends of Senator Daniel, of Virginia, deprecate the suggestion that he should be put forward as a candidate for the Presidency.

Judge Uriah M. Rose, of Arkansas, one of the American delegates to The Hague conference, is regarded as one of the most scholarly lawyers in America.

President Roosevelt has ordered an annual or biennial test of the physical condition and horsemanship of all field officers of the infantry, artillery and cavalry.

King Alfonso is besought by the representatives of South American republics to visit them this year, the idea being that he might nearly follow the route taken by Secretary Root.

Colonel William C. Gorgas, the United States Commissioner in the canal zone, told the Cornell medical graduates that within the next two or three centuries "the centres of wealth, civilization and population will be in the tropics, as they were in the dawn of man's history."

Frank Steinhart, American Consul-General to Cuba, has been in the service of the army and State departments for twenty-five years. He speaks four languages and has been nicknamed "the consul of all nations" because of his ability to help the people of other nationalities besides his own.

It is surprising to the Baltimore American, that the alkermments of the Chesapeake are not better known to owners of small pleasure craft in the big cities that can reach the bay without going outside. The Chesapeake abounds in attractions for those who journey leisurely in houseboats or motor boats.



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