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NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

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

Board of Charities Meets.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The quarterly meeting of the State board of Public Charities convened in the directors' room of the People's National Bank at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday night. The meeting was presided over by Col. William A. Blair, the chairman who has been a member of the board for the past fifteen years. The other members of the board are Miss Daisy Denson, secretary; Mr. Carey J. Hunter, of Raleigh; Col. J. C. McAlister, of Asheville; Mr. E. L. Haghton, of Jonesboro, all of whom were present at the meeting. The board was in session again in the afternoon the members visited the county jail, convict camp and county home and will visit similar institutions in neighboring towns. The board has charge of all the charitable and penal institutions in the State. At night reports were received from the State insane asylums at Morganton, Raleigh and Goldsboro, and of the deaf and blind of Morganton and Raleigh. Reports were also received from the nine orphanages and sanitariums, the county homes, county convict camps and jails, the State penitentiary, State farm and all hospitals. The board went over the list of the board of county visitors for the different counties of the State.

To Rebuild in Rutherford.

Rutherford, Special.—A special meeting of the commissioners of Rutherford county was held in Rutherford. The entire board was present. Upon motion it was unanimously ordered by the board that the court house which was destroyed by fire December 24th, 1907, be located and rebuilt at Rutherford, as soon as possible and practicable. It was also ordered that the matter of employing an architect and providing other things in connection with the building of the court house be left open until the next regular meeting of the board. The architects present at the meeting were Mr. Frank P. Milburn, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. R. S. Smith, of Asheville, and Mr. O. L. Hitecock, representing the Fall City Construction Company. No definite plans were decided on as to the location of the new court house, but those who are interested in the improvement of the old county seat want the court house moved about 100 feet north of the present site, on what is known as the old Iso-Thermal hotel lot. This is a vacant lot and is about 300x400 feet and is the most elevated lot on Main street.

John Hill Reported Taken.

Winston-Salem, Special.—News received here to the effect that John Hill, of the notorious Smith settlement, alleged to be implicated in the killing of Revenue Officer J. W. Hendricks at Smithtown a few days ago, for whose arrest the United States government offered a reward of \$500, was captured about 1 o'clock in the morning at his home, arrest being made by Messrs. Arkader and Walker, citizens of Robeson, Surry county. It is also reported that Hill was carried to Greensboro and turned over to the local authorities. Oscar Sisk, one of the trio alleged to be responsible for the killing of the revenue officer, was taken a few days ago. There is now one more for whose arrest the government has offered a reward, Jim Smith, for whom there is a reward of \$100.

Shot by His Sister-in-Law in West Virginia.

Mount Airy, Special.—James Meland, colored, was shot and killed Goodwill, W. Va., Saturday by his sister-in-law. The remains of Meland reached this place Thursday and were buried at colored burying here. The deceased was a son of Joseph McClelland, one of Mount Airy's old-time darkies.

Attempt Made by Negro Boy to Rob a Store.

Durham, Special.—Late Thursday afternoon a negro boy made a bold attempt to rob the store of W. R. Wynn, in the eastern part of the town. Mr. Brown was out and his wife was looking after the store when a negro boy entered and after finding something to eat darted into the counter and tried to get cash. He was nearly grown. The wife of Mrs. Brown and others tried to run and he made his escape.

State News in Brief.

There is much feeling against the Atlantic Coast Line railway people for their refusal to consider the compromise of the rate matter offered by the State.

Charlotte will soon have a new bank with a capital of one million dollars. The stock has all been subscribed and the charter applied for. A fine new building will be erected as a permanent home for the bank.

The increase in the assessed value of the property in the State under the assessment of 1907 did not pan out nearly so much as many people thought, being about ninety-two million dollars. Some had figured that it would approximate two hundred million dollars.

The Council of State has decided to go ahead with the work on the railway in Hyde county, which is being constructed under a special act of the last Legislature. The directors of the road desire the State to permit them to substitute a bond for the cash deposited, but this the Council of State declines to do. Of the road eighteen miles have been built, leaving twenty-five yet to be constructed. It is expected that the road will be completed by July or August. The penitentiary will carry the road's certificates. This matter was very fully discussed at Thursday's conference.

Operations Again Resumed at Whitney.

Salisbury, Special.—Word comes from the Whitney plant that operations, which have been suspended during the holidays, have been resumed, and that the work is to be prosecuted on a big scale. The erection of the big power house will begin in a short while, the excavating for the power house is completed and nothing is expected to prevent the Whitney people from turning on power July 1st, the date set for pressing the button.

Fayetteville Now Connected With Buckhorn Power.

Fayetteville, Special.—The power of the Cape Fear Electric Company at Buckhorn Falls coming into Fayetteville by electric transmission, and experimental connection is being made from the sub-station with the electric light plant, mills, etc. The work will be in full blast in a few days. The distance of transmission to Fayetteville is 32 miles. The plant which cost \$500,000, now generates 4,000 horse-power, 3,000 of which is of the first class power.

High Point Doctor Tries Suicide at Greenville, S. C.

Greenville, S. C., Special.—A man giving his name as Dr. B. Ramsey, of High Point, N. C., attempted suicide at the Blue Ridge Hotel, of this city, by drinking the contents of a bottle of laudanum. The attempt will probably prove unsuccessful, for after working for several hours the attending physicians succeeded in reviving the old man, and it was announced that he will probably recover. He appears to be about 65 years of age. It is thought that despondency over his financial condition was the cause of the attempt at suicide.

Heavy Loss By Fire.

Burlington, Special.—The Ossipee Cotton Mills Company, eight miles north of Burlington, suffered a heavy loss by fire, seven houses having been destroyed. The fire originated in an unoccupied house, and completely destroyed three adjoining houses. Three others were partly burned and torn down to check the spread of the flames.

Two Murders at His Door.

Wilmington, Special.—A jury of inquest empaneled by the coroner to inquire into a double murder which occurred at the house of one Josephine Pigford, colored, in which she and her paramour, Slocum Williams, also colored, lost their lives at the point of a pistol in the hands of a jealous rival, Will Richardson, colored, returned a verdict placing the responsibility for the double murder upon Richardson, who probably made his escape on the early morning Seaboard train.

MUNCIE UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Governor Hanly Issues Proclamation Declaring Martial Law For Riotous Town Brigadier General McKee Is Placed in Command of the Twelve Companies of State Troops.

Indianapolis, Ind., Special.—Governor Hanly issued a proclamation declaring martial law at Muncie and placing Brigadier General McKee in command of the State troops assembled there, namely, 12 companies of infantry and one battery. The martial law order covers a radius of four miles from the Delaware county court house, and takes in the factory districts of Muncie. Assistant Attorney General Dowling was sent to Muncie by the Governor to act as legal advisor for Brigadier General McKee.

Governor Hanly's action in sending troops, supplemented by the energy displayed by the authorities and citizens of Muncie, resulted in checking the mob spirit. Five hundred citizens, including some members of the Commercial Club, of Muncie, have been sworn in as special officers to preserve the peace. These men will endeavor to control the situation but will be backed by the soldiers. Mayor Guthrie has closed all saloons and ordered all women and children to keep off the streets except on errands of necessity.

The determination of the Governor to call out the State militia followed a riot at Muncie last Friday afternoon, when the police and the deputy sheriffs fought with a crowd of 3,000 men, women and children. The police were worn out and many of the deputy sheriffs resigned, leaving the city at the mercy of the unruly element. The Governor, therefore, on the request of the Muncie authorities on the advice of Adjutant General Perry, who was caught in the mob, ordered out the militia.

There has been no serious trouble at Anderson, Marion, Alexandria and Elwood. Twenty-seven employees of the Marion lines voted to strike, but the car service was only partly interrupted.

At Anderson a committee of citizens is endeavoring to induce the traction company officials to arbitrate. The strike breakers brought from Chicago to Anderson and Marion have been sent away.

Jury Acquits Pettibone.

Boise, Idaho, Special.—An end of the prosecution of the men charged with the murder of Former Governor Frank Stunenberg, except the cases of Harry Orchard and Jack Simpkins, came with the acquittal of George A. Pettibone and discharge of Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, both charged with conspiring with William D. Haywood to murder Stunenberg. Moyer will return with Pettibone in a few days to Denver. Haywood was acquitted last summer and Moyer will not be tried. Only two men on the Pettibone jury voted persistently for conviction and they finally ceded the verdict to the other 10 jurors.

The case of Orchard, confessed assassin of Stunenberg and Chief witness against Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, is in the hands of Prosecuting Attorney Vanduyne, of Canyon county, Idaho. No statement as to the future procedure in that case has been made, but it will be called during the next term of court at Caldwell, when it will probably be finally disposed of. Simpkins is still a fugitive.

Residence of Maj. Micah Jenkins Destroyed by Fire.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—The residence of Maj. Micah Jenkins, collector of internal revenue, was destroyed by fire at Ridgewood suburbs, practically none of the furniture being saved. The building which was the property of Mrs. Watkins, was worth \$7,000 and was partially insured. Major Jenkins' furniture was also partially insured. The fire resulted from carelessness of the servant in leaving hot ashes in the kitchen. The sword presented to Maj. Micah Jenkins, by the people of South Carolina, through President Roosevelt at the Charleston Exposition in 1902, for gallantry as a member of the Rough Riders in the Spanish-American war, was destroyed in the fire.

Earthquake in Jamaica.

Kingston, Jamaica, Special.—An earthquake of moderate intensity occurred in Jamaica the morning of January 2nd. It was one of many slight shocks that have been experienced during the past few months, and was felt here and generally throughout the island. The government seismologist declared that no damage had been done at Brownstown, Stewarttown or elsewhere and that there had been no loss of life.

THE SOUTH'S FINE SHOWING

Remarkable Showing Made of Industrial Activity

VALUE OF ITS LEADING CROPS

The Rice Crop Five Times Greater the Past Year and the Corn Crop Has Increased Nearly Fifty Per Cent.—The Wonderful Growth of the Cotton Crop the Subject of Extended Comment.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—The Tradesman Annual contains among its important features an elaborate review of Southern progress during 1907, in which the following interesting facts are given:

The principal crops were as follows:

Hay of all kinds, tons 7,590,000.
Wheat, bushels 91,433,000.
Corn, bushels 959,743,000.
Oats, bushels, 67,338,000.
Tobacco, pounds 437,139,000.
Rice, bushels 21,412,000.

Two notable increases over the previous year are shown by these figures, the Southern hay crop being 25 per cent. greater than in 1906, and the rice crop increased nearly the same percentage.

Progress of Agriculture.

During the last five years, however, agriculture has made such progress in the Southern States, that the corn crop has increased nearly 50 per cent. The rice crop is five times greater, while as already stated, the fodder crop has enlarged 25 per cent. in a single year. In 1900 the value of products of vegetable gardens of the South was \$13,000,000; at present the annual yield of orchards and vineyards in this section is over \$30,000,000, making the sum total of the annual fruit and truck product of the South fully \$150,000,000.

During the last cotton year we sent out of the country about 8,500,000 bales of raw cotton, fully two-thirds of the crop; but such is the growth of the cotton industry in the United States that the South now contains 700 mills, operating nearly 10,000,000 spindles and 1908 will add fully 20 more plants. The States of North and South Carolina have no less than 400 plants with 6,300,000 spindles.

The Metal Industry.

The metal industry, including the mining of ore, shows a notable increase compared with previous years. The total tonnage of iron produced by the Alabama furnaces during 1907 will aggregate about 1,750,000 tons, with a value of \$32,000,000. This is 100,000 tons more than the record for 1906 and about 150,000 tons more than the record for 1905, while the value has increased within the last two years nearly 50 per cent.

In Kentucky the total tonnage of pig iron produced aggregate over 125,000 tons, a gain of fully 100 per cent. in two years, while the value of the output of the smelters has actually more than doubled in two years.

Tennessee also shows remarkable progress, for the tonnage of pig iron made in this State in 1905 was but 372,692, while for the present year it will be about 450,000 tons, representing a value of about \$7,500,000.

The total investment of capital in miscellaneous industries in the Southern States increased no less than 50 per cent. in the brief period of five years, while the value of the manufactures has increased 25 per cent. and in 1905 exceeded the total investment in Southern industrial plants by the sum of nearly \$200,000,000.

North Carolina "Makes Good."

Rockland, Me., Special.—The armored cruiser North Carolina, built by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, arrived here Monday. While running for a short time under forced draught the cruiser averaged nearly the required speed of 22 knots. The standardization trial will be held later on the Rockland course.

Kansas Bank Dynamited.

Kansas City, Special.—A bomb was exploded in the basement of the magnificent three-story marble building of the First National Bank at the corner of Tenth street and Baltimore avenue, in the business centre a few minutes after the noon hour. The forces of the explosion was terrific and caused much damage; eight persons were injured, none fatally. There is no clue to the person who placed the bomb and set it off.

George Eliot's Church.

At a cost of £500 the three bells in Chlivers Cotton Parish Church tower are being recast and three others added. As a child "George Eliot" (Mary Ann Evans), the famous novelist, attended Chlivers Cotton Church with her parents, and long afterward she drew vivid word pictures of the ancient building and its incumbents. "Mr. Ghiffi" and "Amos Barton" were the vicar and curate respectively of Chlivers Cotton, the "Shepperton" of "Scenes of Clerical Life."—London Standard.

Greensboro Has \$45,000 Fire.

Greensboro, N. C., Special.—Fire damaged the plant of the Sherwood Bobbin Works Friday night at 9 o'clock to the extent of several thousand dollars. The alarm sounded at 6:30 from box 54 and the firemen responded promptly and did some very effective work, saving the main building, but the dry kiln, containing a large quantity of stock, and the boiler room were destroyed. The entire plant was insured for \$63,500, and the estimated damage is \$45,000.

Postoffice Receipts Very Large.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—The postoffice receipts for the month of December amounted to \$10,484.44 as against \$9,613.17 for the corresponding month in 1906. The total sales of the local office during the year 1907, were \$109,833.24, as against \$99,087.59 for the year 1906. The increase of \$10,745.65 is a very gratifying one.

Injured in Collision.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—Twenty-two persons were injured in a collision of street cars on the West Savannah line. The accident occurred through a large Mill Haven car slipping its trolley. This plunged the car in darkness, rendering it invisible to a rapidly following small car, which was crowded with passengers, mostly colored.

British Minister Will Visit Honduras.

Mexico City, Mex., Special.—Reginald Tower, British minister to Mexico, will sail from Vera Cruz on January 10th on board the warship Brilliant for Belize to pay a visit to Colonel Swayne, the Governor of British Honduras. The Brilliant will visit several Mexican ports en route. Mr. Tower will be absent about four weeks.

Schedule of No. 29 May Be Very Materially Changed.

Washington, Special.—The Southern is contemplating changing the schedule of train No. 29 so that it will leave here at 4:15 o'clock in the afternoon instead of 11 in the morning. This is to make connection with a fast train from New York for Jacksonville, Fla., to take the place of the Florida limited of former years. The schedule of No. 30 would remain the same as now. 29 would reach Charlotte at 3:25 p. m.

POLITICAL POT A-BOILING.

Secretary Taft's tour of the world is to be put on the stage.

A carload of snow is to be delivered daily to the Democratic National Convention at Denver.

Senator McCarren, of Brooklyn, turned prophet and predicted that Hughes could not be nominated for President.

There are more than ninety members of the House of Representatives who are serving their country for the first time.

Vice-President Fairbanks was enthusiastically urged for President at the biennial Republican "love feast" at Indianapolis.

Judge Willard M. McEwen will open in the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, within two weeks his fight for the gubernatorial nomination.

Indications are that the Iowa delegation to the Republican National Convention will support Governor Hughes for the Presidential nomination.

Mayor McClellan, of New York, asked the Supreme Court to compel Jackson to submit a more complete bill of particulars in his suit to oust the Mayor.

Senator Tillman attacked the policy of the administration in issuing Panama bonds and three per cent certificates of indebtedness and questioned the authority of law for such action.

The Missouri Republican State Committee endorsed William H. Taft for the Republican nomination for President and selected St. Louis for the meeting place of the State convention.

President Roosevelt told his friends that the nomination of Secretary Taft is practically assured. His confidence is based on the refusal of the New York County Republican Committee to endorse Governor Hughes for President.

A Pittsburg carpenter sat on the end of a board and sawed himself off from a trestle 30 feet high. That man was wasting his time in a humble trade, declares the Philadelphia North American. He should have been with the similar specialists in Wall street.



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