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NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

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

Sensation at Fayetteville.

Fayetteville, Special.—S. M. Grant a negro teacher in the State Colored Normal School, which is located in this city, was dismissed from service as a result of his arrest for carrying a concealed weapon. Grant was arrested, a pistol having been found on his person, and in the mayor's court was bound over to the coming criminal court. Being unable to furnish bail, he was placed in jail. The directors of the normal school were notified of the affair and after a careful investigation, including a statement from Grant himself, decided that his dismissal was necessary.

Hazers Have to Withdraw.

Raleigh, Special.—The senior class of the Agricultural and Mechanical College reports that two men have been required to withdraw from the college because they were implicated in the recent sensational hazing affair, and two others are on probation pending the result of further investigation. They appeal to the people of the State that all have been done that could possibly be done in the matter, and express the belief that there is now a sentiment among the students of the college that will make it impossible for the occurrence of any more severe or brutal hazing.

Negro Killed Near Wilson.

Wilson, Special.—Wednesday night about 8 o'clock, on H. H. Walston's farm, better known as the Lane place, located about seven miles from Wilson, Davis Hagan was severely cut by Warren Ward. Both men were drinking when the fight occurred. Hagan died at 1 o'clock Thursday morning, after bleeding profusely for five hours. Both were negroes about 25 years old. As soon as Ward did the cutting he skipped, going east from Saratoga. The sheriff and deputies left for Saratoga, but the negro could not be found in that vicinity and is still at large.

Tragedy in Marshall.

Asheville, Special.—A telephone message from Marshall, Madison county, is to the effect that a fire at 2 o'clock Thursday morning in the cotton mill district at that place destroyed a large double house and that a Miss Blazer, 14 years of age, was burned to death. The girl was a member of one of the families occupying the house. The other members of the two families occupying the house barely escaped with their lives. The girl's head, legs and arms were burned off.

New Charters Granted.

Raleigh, Special.—The following new charters were granted Thursday: Cronley Brick Company, Wilmington. The capital is \$10,000, with \$25,000 authorized; G. T. Flynn, W. J. Flynn, J. H. Hooper and others, incorporators. Amendment to Independent Ice Company, Wilmington, increasing the capital from \$100,000 to \$200,000. The David Dewyn Company, Bessemer City, with a capital of \$10,000; Robert Knuckley, of Bessemer City, and David and George Dewyn, of Charlotte, are the incorporators.

No Interruption of Publication.

Raleigh, Special.—In the Superior Court, with the consent of all parties concerned the temporary receivership of The Evening Times was made permanent and Receiver Pace's bond increased to \$5,000. There will be no interruption in the regular publication of The Times pending the adjustment of the paper's financial obligations.

A Generous Offer.

Asheville, Special.—George W. Vanderbilt has agreed to pay \$1,000 additional tax on property in south Biltmore for public school purposes if the other property owners will tax themselves another thousand, the amount being necessary to establish a high school with three teachers and an eight-months' term. The matter will be considered at a mass meeting and it is practically certain that the tax will be voted. It is probable that compulsory school attendance in south Biltmore will also be voted.

Jonesboro Mills Assign.

Raleigh, Special.—The Clark Manufacturing Company and the Eugenia Manufacturing Company, the only two cotton mills at Jonesboro, in Lee county, were placed in the hands of a receiver, ex-Judge A. W. Graham, of Oxford being named by Judge Biggs, now holding court in Raleigh, as the receiver. The mills were in charge of David Clark, the capital stock being \$53,900 with 3,800 spindles and 101 looms. The financial depression caused the application for a receivership.

Tragedy Prevented.

Concord, Special.—A tragedy almost equalling that at Fayetteville Sunday, was prevented by the coolness of our Chief of Police Booker, when one Johnson, usually a quiet citizen, tanked up on the "red-eye" and defied arrest. He had the chief covered until Policeman Sides came on the scene; when his attention was drawn to him. The chief took advantage, and before Johnson knew what he was about he was on the way to the guard house.

Burns May Prove Fatal.

Gastonia, Special.—Mrs. Rhoda Mauney, aged 35, wife of William Mauney, an employe of the Gastonia Manufacturing Company, was so badly burned that she will probably die. Mrs. Mauney was doing some washing in the yard at her home at the old mill and her dress caught from the fire under the washpot. Just one year ago their 4-year-old son met death in a similar manner.

Debtors Idle, Couldn't Pay.

Tarboro, Special.—Execution was served on M. P. Williams, a grocer of this city, judgment having been obtained by R. B. Peters Grocery Company for \$198.86. The store is closed while the inventory is being taken. Mr. Williams says the cause of his embarrassment was poor collections of debts due by those who are idle on account of being thrown out of work.

Girl Commits Suicide.

Kinston, Special.—Miss Nellie Fields, the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fields, committed suicide about 10 o'clock by shooting herself with a pistol at their home on Peyton avenue. Several weeks ago the young girl contracted the grip and had an unusually severe attack having been confined to her bed ever since. For several days she had been despondent and depressed, but no one suspected that she was contemplating self-destruction.

Working Up Water Power.

Greenville, Special.—A promoter whose name is so far withheld, is in the city working up the organization of a power company which is to be capitalized at \$5,000,000 and whose intention is to furnish power for the mills of Greenville and vicinity. The ones promoting the enterprise have talked with mill men and a well-known mill architect. Nothing definite has been given out.

Surveys for Consideration of Inland Waterways.

Beaufort, Special.—Mr. Alfred Shoney, of Kinston, is here, where he has his headquarters while engaged in surveying and preparing maps, etc., of the waters in this section to be used by the government in the consideration of the proposed inland waterway.

Greenville Bonds are Sold.

Greenville, Special.—The city of Greenville disposed of \$18,000 in refunding school bonds at 103. The entire issue was taken by Thackston & Son, brokers of this city. The premium paid for the issue was \$325. The Thackston bid was nearly \$200 above the next highest offer, made by a Cincinnati firm. Several bond brokers were here when the bids were opened. The bonds bear 5 per cent interest and under the present satisfactory conditions of the market the sale is considered very advantageous to the city.

COST OF RATE LITIGATION

What the Railway Rate Dispute Cost the State — Interesting Figures From the Books of the State Auditor.

Raleigh Special to The Charlotte Chronicle:

An examination of the State Auditor's books reveals the following figures of expense in connection with the cost of the controversy between the State and Railroad companies in the railway rate litigation. Total litigation expense to State \$18,820.

Paid to lawyers:

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| F. A. Woodard..... | \$3,938 |
| E. J. Justice..... | 3,750 |
| J. E. Shepperd..... | 1,301 |
| Aycock & Daniels..... | 3,150 |
| Winston & Bryant..... | 1,517 |
| Merriman & Merriman..... | 835 |
| S. G. Ryan..... | 250 |

Other items:

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| Stenographer and auditing services..... | 3,088 |
| United States Court costs..... | 758 |
| Attorney General and assistant..... | 36 |
| Printing..... | 185 |

The cost of the extra-session of the Legislature is yet to be added, which will fully double the amount, bringing up the total expense to the State to \$38,000 or more, into which the \$17,500 the railways offered and the Governor accepted is to be thrown, and this will bring the actual expenses to the State to less than \$20,000.

Friday's Charters.

Raleigh, Special.—Among the new charters issued Friday is one for the Buckstone Lodge Association, Manchester, Cumberland county, with a capital of \$50,000. The incorporators are J. H. Alexander, of Elizabeth, New Jersey; Henry D. Spears, New York; W. Strother Jones, Red Bank, N. J.; James F. Jordan, Greensboro.

The Bradshaw Electric Company, Charlotte, amends its charter, changing its name to "The Ideal Electric Company."

The Hamilton Drug Company, of Oxford, is also chartered.

MAIN BUILDING BURNED.

\$4,000 Fire Loss Sustained By Industrial Union Training School at Southern Pines.

Raleigh, N. C., Special.—The main building of the Industrial Union Training School and Orphanage was destroyed by fire early this morning, the total loss amounting to about \$4,000. The building, pipe organ, furniture, etc., were a total loss.

This school is for the industrial training of colored youth and is under the supervision of Rev. J. M. Henderson, president. The institution had the endorsement of Grover Cleveland and other eminent men.—News and Observer, Raleigh, N. C.

The Building of the Southbound.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The building of the Southbound Railroad from Winston-Salem to Wadesboro is now being agitated all along the line. The people look upon it as a "good thing" for every section through which it would pass. It is reported that Lane Bros., railroad contractors, who double-tracked for the Southern, are now engaged in preparing a bid for construction work on the Southbound.

Looking Into Immigration.

Raleigh, Special.—Agents of the United States Immigration Commission from Washington, Messrs. Kellett, Ball and Bacon, are in Raleigh on official business. While in North Carolina they will also visit Wilmington, Charlotte, Winston, Fayetteville and some other points. They say they find out people favor a restricted immigration, limited to desirable classes.

Bond Secured For Men Charged With Murder.

Chester, Special.—Messrs. S. E. McFadden and A. L. Gaston, attorneys for W. G. Dye and Henry Gibson, two of the young men charged with killing Reuben Douglas, colored, a few days ago near Rieburg while attempting to arrest one of his sons, appeared before Judge R. C. Watts at Winstonsboro and secured bond for their clients in the sum of \$500 each, the motion not being resisted by the solicitor. The bond was readily furnished, and the young men are again at liberty.

FIRE AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Severest Conflagration in the City's History

EIGHTEEN BLOCKS BURNED OUT

Three Hundred and Eight Buildings Destroyed, Embracing Five Cigar Factories, With a Total Loss Estimated at \$600,000.

Tampa, Fla., Special.—The entire extreme northeastern section of the city proper was destroyed by fire, which raged until interrupted from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Sunday. The area burned covered 55 acres or eighteen and one-half city blocks and three hundred and eight buildings were destroyed, with a total loss estimated at \$600,000.

The burned section included four large and one smaller cigar factories, numerous restaurants, saloons, boarding houses and over 200 dwellings occupied by cigarmakers. The factories burned were, M. Stachelberg & Co., loss \$100,000; M. Perez & Co., loss \$50,000; Gonzales, Fisher & Co., branch of Stachelberg, loss \$40,000; Fernandez & Bro., loss \$20,000.

Cigar Factories Suffer.

All factories carried large stocks of tobacco and cigars. The area swept by fire embraced all that portion of the city between 12th and Michigan avenues and Sixteenth and Twentieth Streets. It originated in the boarding house of Antonio Diaz, 174 Twelfth avenue, and fanned by a strong wind, spread out, fan-shaped, defying the efforts of the entire city fire department which was crippled by very weak water pressure, owing to the smallness of the mains in that section. Occupants of over two hundred dwelling houses, thrown into a panic, rushed out, attempting to save but little of their belongings. One fatality is reported, a Cuban woman in a delicate condition, who dropped dead from the shock, her body being rescued from the burning house with difficulty. In the big factories it was possible only to save the most valuable of records, books, etc., and the valuable stocks of leaf tobacco and manufactured cigars, ready for shipment, were left to the mercy of the flames.

Fire Chief Overcome.

Fire Chief Savage was overcome by heat and smoke early in the fire, but recovered later. Citizens volunteered assistance to the hard working firemen, but the spread of the flames was so rapid that little effectual work could be done.

Among the buildings, other than factories destroyed, were the hotels and cafes of Perez and Castro and Maximo Caras, six saloons, 12 restaurants and 10 boarding houses. The car barns of the Tampa Electric Company, containing 20 cars, were endangered, and owing to the destruction of trolley wires cars could not be moved. The big Seirensberg branch factory of the Havana-American Cigar Company was also reached by the flames, but was saved and St. Joseph's Catholic Convent and Academy barely escaped. The fire finally burned itself out at the extreme northeastern corner of the city.

Fully half the people rendered homeless were out of work, owing to the dull season in the factories, and also practically out of funds and their shelter became an immediate problem.

Prominent West Virginian Dead.

Morgantown, W. Va., Special.—Dr. Eli Marsh Tueker, formerly president of West Virginia University, died suddenly Sunday of apoplexy. He had apparently been in the best of health and last evening consented to take the nomination for mayor on the Citizens party ticket.

Chinese to Surrender Japanese Steamer.

Pekin, By Cable.—It is announced the Chinese government will surrender the Japanese steamer Tatsu Maru, which was seized on February 7th by the Chinese customs cruiser outside of Macao while unloading a large consignment of rifles and ammunition, the rifles numbering several thousand. It was originally charged that an attempt was being made to bring war supplies into China for revolutionists.

PROMINENT PEOPLE

Pilgrims of the United States gave a banquet at Delmonico's for Ambassador Whitejaw Reid.

Yale intends to confer the degree of M. A. on Walker Camp, the university's athletic adviser.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., denounces the use of fbs in business. "Tell the truth," he says, "even if it's not expedient."

The Rev. F. F. Reese, D. D., of Christ Church, Nashville, Tenn., has been chosen Bishop by the convention of the Diocese of Georgia.

Friends of Mayor Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland, declare he should be considered among available Democratic candidates for the Presidency.

At the University of Pennsylvania Washington Birthday exercises an address was made by Joseph H. Choate, who was the recipient of a degree.

Andre Tardieu delivered his eighth and last lecture before the Cercle Francais of Harvard University, at Cambridge. His subject was "France and the United States."

Representative Steenerson, of Minnesota, was called from Washington to Newport, R. I., where his son, Benjamin G. Steenerson, a private in the Marine Corps, was drowned.

General Nelson A. Miles left Boston for Washington, D. C., to make his future home in the latter city. The General's personal effects have already been sent to Washington.

Oscar S. Straus, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, spoke at a dinner given by Boston business men who have formed an association for the general commercial and civil welfare.

Dr. Mandley has given \$150,000 toward the expense of building an institution in London for the care of persons suffering from mental diseases, without the necessity of incurring the stigma of a certificate of insanity.

News in Brief.

Two bombs were thrown at the Shah of Persia, one killing three outsiders, but the Shah escaped.

A bomb was thrown at the carriage of President Alcorca, of Argentina, at Buenos Ayres, but failed to explode.

The Women's Enfranchisement bill passed its first reading in the House of Commons and was then shelved for the rest of the session.

President Pardo, of Lima, visited Admiral Evans and toasted Roosevelt.

The House Naval Committee reported in favor of two large floating drydocks, one for the Atlantic, one for the Pacific Coast.

The House Banking and Currency Committee voted to report favorably the Fowler Currency bill.

Ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert argued for the suspension of the Nine-Hour law on the Seaboard Air Line.

No men lying are more worthy to be trusted than those who toil up from poverty—none less inclined to take or touch taint which they have not honestly earned.

More interest would be manifested in the discussions of the population of Mars, thinks the Washington Star, if there were any chance of their being registered and voted.

NEWSY CLEANINGS.

Ex-Governor Yates, of Illinois, announced his candidacy for re-election to that office.

Secretary Taft asked in a speech, "What under heaven do we want to fight Japan for?"

The Archbishop of Paris has issued a decree condemning the last two works of the Abbe Loisy.

The authorities in Philadelphia have forbidden the holding of anarchist meetings in that city hereafter.

Private advices to German firms trading in Japan confirm reports of serious financial trouble in the Eastern empire.

The present New York City season of grand opera will be a record breaker in the amount of money taken at both houses.

Governor Hughes declared in a speech in Chicago that gamblers should not be allowed to hide in masks of trade.

Theodore Challelian, Russian basso, sailed. He declared the Americans were children in art and business and liked to be bluff.

Great crowds visited the American battleships in Callao Harbor, Chile; Admiral Evans' system of shore patrols resulted in excellent order.

Congressman Nicholas Longworth, in a speech at Peoria declared the President was in no way responsible for the existing financial conditions.

Because of the great increase in loans sought by the unemployed, the Provident Loan Society reduced its maximum loan to any individual to \$50.

The Australian government has invited the American battleship fleet to visit the principal seaports; the Premier issued a statement saying that he welcomes given in South America would be eclipsed in Australia.

SWEEPING CARPETS.

Before sweeping a woolen carpet throw over it small pieces of paper thoroughly soaked in water. After the carpet is swept very little dust will have been raised and the carpet will look as bright almost as a new one.—Boston Post.



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