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## NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

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

### State Farmers Union in April

Charlotte, Special.—The North Carolina division of the Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America will be organized in Charlotte on April 1st and 2d. Mr. G. W. Fant, State organizer, who has been in the city several days perfecting plans for the big meeting, has issued a call to all of the county unions to name delegates for the big convention. Mr. C. W. Barrett, of Georgia, national president of the organization, will be present and make an address. The basis of representation will be one delegate to every 100 members or majority fraction and one delegate at large from each county. This means that Charlotte will have the pleasure of entertaining a vast host of farmers on this occasion. The union in North Carolina has grown very rapidly during the past few months, with the counties having little less than 1,000 members. Union county is 810 strong and Mecklenburg has 500. There are 5,500 members of the union in North Carolina, 50 more than the number required for forming a State organization. Mr. Fant has also extended an invitation to all State officers of the Farmers' Alliance to attend the meeting next month. It is likely that the two organizations will be merged. The place of meeting has not yet been decided upon.

### Grenesboro Bank Liquidates

Grenesboro, Special.—The officers of the City National Bank have decided to place the institution in voluntary liquidation, owing to the continued financial depression and inability to collect outstanding notes. National Examiner Hull will take charge of the bank Saturday. Negotiations are in progress with one of the strongest banks in Greensboro to take over the collateral of the bank and assume the payment of all deposits, and this will be done as soon as the consent of the stockholders and the Comptroller of the Currency is secured. Every depositor will be paid in full. The bank has \$255,058 in deposits and \$405,663 in bills receivable. The City National is an old institution and has been an important factor in the business life of Greensboro. Many of the city's most prominent business men are connected with it. The directors are: W. S. Thompson, president; W. C. Bain, C. H. Dorsett, J. A. Hoskins, M. W. Thompson, J. Van Lindley, Lee H. Battle and G. A. Grimsley.

### No Location Decided On

Hickory, Special.—The committee consisting of Rev. Dr. G. H. Detwiler, of Greensboro; J. A. Glenn, Charlotte; Rev. N. R. Richardson, of Hickory; Rev. Frank Siler, of Charlotte; J. L. Nelson, of Lenoir; S. L. Rodgers, of Raleigh, and C. H. Ireland, of Greensboro, appointed by the Western North Carolina Conference to select a suitable place on which to build an orphanage, met here last Thursday. The committee, which convened at 2:30 o'clock p. m., at the Methodist church, adjourned for some future date for a final decision. The subcommittee, consisting of J. L. Nelson, J. A. Glenn and G. F. Ivey, on properties and subscription was contained and instructed to visit the various sites as soon as practicable. Hickory, Lincolnton and Rutherfordton are all making vigorous efforts to secure the location of the orphanage.

### Winston's New Drug Firm

Winston-Salem, Special.—The articles of incorporation of the Winston Drug Company were forwarded to the Secretary of State at Raleigh Thursday morning. The incorporators are Messrs. J. P. Lawson, T. L. Farrow, Jr., and L. E. Fishel. The object of the concern is to manufacture, drugs and sell at wholesale.

### Dr. Kilgo at Winston-Salem

Winston-Salem, Special.—Governor R. B. Glenn and Dr. J. C. Kilgore, president of Trinity College, have accepted invitations to address the Forsyth County Teachers' Association here Saturday. The faculty of the graded school the Salem Academy and Salem Boys' School have been invited to hear these two distinguished speakers. Dr. Kilgore will go from here to Walkertown, where he will preach on Sunday morning occupying the pulpit of Love's M. E. church.

### Train Robbery

Elizabeth City, Special.—The first news of a train robbery which occurred February 17, reached here Thursday when Special Detective Stevens arrived in the city. As the through freight train of the Norfolk & Southern was passing Northwest, Va., four men got aboard and concealed themselves somewhere under the cars. When the train was speeding along at a rapid rate through the woods, the men broke into one of the box cars and threw out everything that they thought would be useful to them. After throwing out about all they could conveniently handle they jumped off and went back and gathered up the plunder from the side of the tracks and carried it away. The robbery was not discovered until the train reached Norfolk, when the proper authorities were notified. For special reasons the affair was not given to the public. Special Detective Stevens, assisted by Hugh Roberts, was engaged to take charge of the case. Since then the detectives have been busy following up different clues and now have four men under arrest whom they think are the guilty parties.

### A Tragedy Near Wilson

Wilson, Special.—Wednesday night at his home a few miles from Wilson Cad Page, a white farmer, was shot and killed by his 15-year-old son, Ernest. The elder Page had been drinking for two days and was abusing his wife and threatening to kill her, advancing with a pistol, in one hand and a knife in the other. His son, seeing this, picked up a shotgun and fired, killing his father. The coroner's inquest is now being held. Young Page did not attempt to escape and will doubtless be justified by the jury. Will Lewis, the white farmer who, while drunk last week knocked his wife in the head with an axe, killing her, died in jail here. Heart failure caused his death.

### A Contractor Charged With Contempt

Asheville, Special.—Judge Pritchard will hear an interesting matter here Wednesday when J. D. Elliott, of Hickory, is cited to appear and show cause why he should not be attached for contempt of court for interfering with the management of the Seaboard Air Line, now under control of receivers. It is said that Mr. Elliott had a contract for building the freight terminals of the S. A. L. at Jacksonville; that the company owed him about \$83,000 and that after the road went into the hands of a receiver it was agreed that he should have \$12,500 to complete the contract. It is alleged that he now claims possession of the property and refuses to deliver it into the custody of the receivers.

### Mid-Year Mission Meeting

Salisbury, Special.—The Executive Committee of the Foreign Mission Board of the Western North Carolina Conference met in Salisbury and arranged for a mid-year meeting in the interest of missions to be held at Marion, in Western North Carolina, April 7th to 9th. Rev. W. R. Ware, of Gastonia, is president of the board and Rev. J. E. Gay, of Lincolnton, is treasurer. A strong program is being arranged for the occasion when it is expected that one of the returned missionary secretaries and a number of other able speakers will be present. The cause of missions has advanced rapidly in the conference during the past year.

### Chief of Police Elected

Fayetteville, Special.—Mr. John McD. Monaghan, who was appointed acting chief of police following the murder of Chief Benton on the 23d ult., has been elected permanently to the position by the board of aldermen. Mr. Monaghan is a very courageous man of high character, and will doubtless prove an acceptable head to the police department.

### Hunting Season Closed

Raleigh, Special.—State Game Warden John R. Upchurch stated that the game season, under the general law, had closed, and he desired to call special attention to sections 3480 and 3481 of the Revised making it a misdemeanor to hunt on the lands of another without consent of owner and written permission, and he said that he will pay special attention to this law and prosecute all persons ascertained to have violated these sections. He asks that information of the infractions of the law be reported to him.

## FUNERAL OF BURNED CHILDREN

Mutterings Against the Janitor Could Be Heard on Every Side, The Grief-Crazed Parents Forgetting That the Janitor Himself Walked Behind a Hearse Containing Three of His Loved Ones.

Cleveland, O., Special.—Collinwood Friday came to a full realization of her woe. Slowly and solemnly the processions of death began to wend their way toward the cemetery, bearing the battered and charred remains of some of the hundred and sixty-seven children whose lives were snuffed out in Wednesday morning's catastrophe in the Lakeview school. From 9 o'clock in the morning until dusk there was no cessation in the funeral corteges. Those who had no dead to mourn as a personal loss stood in the streets with bare heads as the grim processions passed. There was scarcely a dry eye in Collinwood. One of the sad funerals was that of the three children of Janitor Hirter, held jointly with the services for three other little ones.

### Talk Against Janitor

Mutterings against the janitor could be heard about the village as grief-crazed parents sought an object upon which to wreak vengeance, forgetting as they did that Hirter himself was walking with bowed head and broken-hearted behind the biers of three of his loved ones. A detail of police was placed about the Hirter home when the hour of the funeral came. Fully five hundred persons had gathered, but when the coffins were carried to the doorway the crowd spread and opened the way for them without protest or expression of hostility.

Altogether there were 50 burials Friday and Saturday the grewsome task was repeated. Sunday will witness the last of the individual burials and on Monday the remains of all those who are yet unidentified will be laid to rest with one funeral. There are 28 of these bundles of flesh that await claimants.

### Stories of Heroism

Testimony describing the mad rush to death of the school children was given Friday at the continued session of the coroner's inquest. Stories of heroism on the part of the women teachers were recited. F. P. Whitney, superintendent of the Collinwood schools, stated his belief to be that no fire department could have done any effective work after the fire had started. Two of the teachers told of their unavailing attempts to open one of the double doors at the rear which they said was locked. The inquest also developed the fact that, after the first crush at the door, it was beyond human possibility to aid or save those whom the tongues of fire were devouring in the charnel house. The inquest will be resumed Monday.

In a statement Chief Wallace, of the Cleveland fire department, after an examination of the ruins, of the Collinwood school, said it was his opinion that the loss of life would not have been so great had there been no partitions at the sides of the storm doors at the rear entrance. Two feet eight inches had been taken off either side of the hall for the partitions. His examination developed that the doors opened outward. Chief Wallace doubtless will be a witness before the coroner.

### Cleveland Learns Lesson

Drastic steps were taken by the Cleveland school board to place all the Cleveland educational buildings in a condition that will preclude any loss of life from fires. Basements will be fireproof, wooden stairways replaced by iron and spiral fires escapes enclosed in towers installed. Inner doors in vestibules also will be removed.

### Another Priest Threatened

Providence, R. I., Special.—The fate that overtook Father Leo Heinrichs, of Denver, threatens Rev. J. H. Beland, pastor of Notre Dame French Catholic church of Central Falls. Letters have come to him containing a notification that he will be killed at the altar. His friends appealed to the authorities when they learned of his danger.

### Big Horse Show in Texas

Fort Worth, Tex., Special.—Entries have closed for the horse show exhibits at the National Feeders' and Breeders' Show, which will open next Wednesday in the great coliseum erected at a cost of \$250,000. There are fifty-four different classes in the horse show lists and \$3,000 will be awarded in premiums. A prize list aggregating \$20,000 is offered on the live stock which will be on exhibit. Governor Campbell will preside at the opening of the show on Wednesday morning and will deliver an address.

## DISPENSARY MONEY HELD UP

Judge Pritchard Appoints Receivers For S. C. Funds

STIRS UP LIVELY RESENTMENT

Judge Pritchard at Asheville Appointed Three Permanent Receivers for the \$800,000 South Carolina Dispensary Fund and Ordered It Turned Over to These Men.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—After hearing lengthy arguments on the motion of the Wilson Distilling Company and the Fleischmann Company for the appointment of a receiver in the South Carolina dispensary matter Federal Judge J. C. Pritchard decided to make permanent the appointment of temporary receivers and named Judge Joseph A. McCullough, C. K. Henderson and B. F. Arthur as permanent receivers for the trust fund of \$800,000 and directing that the fund be turned over to the receivers upon demand.

In a memorandum Judge Pritchard referred to the fact that two of the dispensary commissioners, W. J. Murray and John McSweeney, appointed as temporary receivers, had refused to accept and that Commissioner Avery Patton had not made reply to the notice of appointment, while Commissioners Henderson and Arthur had accepted; he said that these gentlemen were appointed upon the theory that the court was anxious to adopt the instruments provided by the State in this instance for the administration of the trust fund in their hands, but that inasmuch as a majority of the commission had either declined or refused to indicate a purpose to serve the court had decided to appoint Messrs. McCullough, Henderson and Arthur permanent receivers for all the funds and property in the hands of the defendants constituting the State commission. The court said that it regretted exceedingly that any of these defendants should have declined to accept the appointments, feeling as it does that their acceptance would have been in harmony with the State under which they were appointed.

In the order appointing permanent receivers creditors of the dispensary are restrained from prosecuting or attempting to prosecute suits in courts other than the court that has taken jurisdiction without first having had its sanction.

The regularly constituted dispensary commission, which is practically put out of commission by the appointment of receivers, is restrained from interfering in any way with the receivers or the property or funds of the dispensary. Notices will be promptly served on the banks and trust companies having this trust fund on deposit, commanding them to turn the fund over to the receivers upon demand.

### Will the Orders Be Obeyed?

There is some speculation as to whether or not the majority of the dispensary commission and the banks and trust companies will refuse to obey the orders of the court. It was indicated by Mr. Rountree, of counsel for the commission that it would refuse to obey. Mr. Rountree said that in making such a statement he meant no disrespect to the court, saying that the commission could refuse to obey and that the matter could be taken up. He said that presumably the court would hold the commissioners in contempt and make some suggestions as to the most convenient place to hear the contempt proceedings.

### Attorney General Lyon Talks

Attorney General Lyon was greatly displeased with Judge Pritchard's action. In an interview he said among other things:

"Judge Pritchard's order will most certainly be disregarded by me if it undertakes to in any way restrain or direct me in this or any other proceedings I may deem it advisable to institute."

### Lyon's Statement Resented

Asheville, N. C., Special.—The remarks of Attorney General Lyon caused considerable comment here. There will be an effort made to have Judge Pritchard attach Mr. Lyon for contempt of court.

### He Will Save the State

Columbia, S. C., Special.—When Attorney General Lyon was shown the press dispatches as to the threatened attempt to have him attached for contempt on account of the strictures of Judge Pritchard, contained in the interview given out by him in Augusta, Ga., he said:

"It is not surprising that these harpies (referring to the liquor law-

yers) should wish to have me attached for contempt. This wail is probably caused, not from any disregard which may have been shown the learned judge, but more probably from the prospect of being kept for a long while from plundering and feasting upon the revenues of South Carolina. The attorneys' fees and costs of the various satellites of the court may possibly be \$50,000, or more. It is, therefore, not hard to understand the cause of the wail, nor their unseemly haste to have the court take action with the manifest purpose of circumventing the Governor when he advised the Legislature to act and protect the revenues and autonomy of the State.

"I repeat again that I will use every lawful means to save the State from the possibility of such plundering and will proceed in the courts of the State to checkmate the liquor houses that have fed upon the State whenever it may be proper to do so, any orders of the United States Circuit Court to the contrary notwithstanding."

### The Suit Over Virginia's Debt

Washington, Special.—The big suit between the States of Virginia and West Virginia over the claim of the former that the latter should share the latter's \$33,000,000 debt advanced one stage when attorneys for West Virginia presented to the Supreme Court arguments for limitation of the powers of the master whom the court proposes to appoint to take testimony in the suit. Virginia wants the master given a wide field.

### Senator Depew Praises Hughes

Washington, Special.—In a speech on currency legislation Friday afternoon Senator Depew endeavored to show that Wall Street was not the den of iniquity that it has been painted of late. He charged that "hasty and ill-considered legislation in many States had much to do with the recent panic." Incidentally he warmly praised Governor Hughes for his veto of the two-cent fare bill, and favored the Aldrich bill.

### Big Fire at Columbia, N. C.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—A special to The Virginian Pilot says Columbia N. C., was visited by a disastrous fire Thursday, destroying the heart of the business section. The fire originated in the large store of Davis Bros., general merchandise, the Hotel Scupper non catching fire and spreading to other business houses. No estimate of the damage or as to the number of losers, could be secured, all communication being cut off.

Only a few years ago no respectable restaurant allowed a MAN to smoke in the main dining room, recalls the New York Journal. Whenever women were at table men were supposed to get along without blowing smoke into one another's faces. But that idea went out some time back. Of late years, to eat in the public restaurants means to absorb with your dinner part of the various kinds of tobacco that modern men may happen to be blowing into the faces of the modern women with them.

## NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Wall Street markets stay be-muddled.

British administrations are charged with selling titles.

The merger of Mexican railroads is said to be practically perfected.

The next President will probably have the appointment of four new Supreme Court Justices.

Comptroller Metz issued a report that \$102,834,327 is due New York City in uncollected taxes.

Baron Takahira, the new Japanese Ambassador, said war with the United States would be a crime.

The great diamond company of De Beers has taken fright at the disastrous fall in the price of gems.

Plans are being prepared for making Vladivostok, Siberia, a first class fortress at a cost of \$6,000,000.

Peter Cooper Hewitt, of New York, will build a big dirigible balloon as a fighting machine for the Government.

A bill which will wipe out 30,000 licenses in Great Britain was introduced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

E. R. Thomas' creditors in New York City were worried on learning that his debts are nearly \$5,000,000 instead of the \$2,700,000 they had supposed.

There was much comment over the announcement of the declaration of an extra dividend of \$75 a share on Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company stock.

Varnum Lincoln, of Andover, Mass., has left by will \$5000, the annual income of which is to be distributed in cash prizes to the best spellers at a spelling bee.

The Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court decided that a tenant who stays in a cold flat cannot collect damages from the landlord, but that the tenant may legally break his lease and move.

It should be remembered that the naval strength of Britain is not only its war vessels, asserts the New York American, but the great swarm of swift and very large steamers of the merchant marine built to carry batteries and calculated to transport troops. In that respect the United States is notably deficient.



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