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NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

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

Thanks From Maine.

Salisbury, Special.—Mr. P. B. Beard, president of the Old Hickory Club received a letter from Augustus B. Farnham, adjutant general of the State of Maine, thanking the club and citizens of Salisbury, through Mr. Beard, for the kindness and hospitality shown the Maine visitors here at the unveiling of the monument in the National Cemetery last month. Mr. Farnham was appointed by the Governor to represent the State of Maine at the unveiling of the monument here, as he could not himself come, and the following is a copy of the letter received:

State of Maine,
Adjutant General's Office,
Augusta, Maine.

June 1, 1908.

Mr. P. B. Beard, President the Old Hickory Club.

My Dear Sir:—I desire to thank you for myself and our entire party for the kindness showered upon us during our visit to Salisbury. It was believed by our party that every man, woman and child did everything possible for our comfort during our stay in your hospitable city. I am sure I do not know how we can repay you, but should any one from Salisbury visit us, we will try to make it apparent that we appreciated your kindness. Again thanking you, I am,
Yours very truly,

AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM,
Adjutant General State of Maine.

Miss Deal's Burns Fatal.

Lenoir, Special.—Miss Jennie Deal, the young lady who was so seriously burned while preparing supper at the home of her father one and one-half miles south of Lenoir, died last week from the fatal effects of the accident. The young lady's clothing in some way became ignited from the cooking stove as she was making coffee for the family and before she was able to extinguish the flames her body was enveloped and she fled from the kitchen into the yard. There was no other member of the family near when the accident occurred and before aid could reach her she was so seriously burned that she died about five hours later. Medical aid was at once sent for and everything done to relieve the intense suffering, but to no avail.

L. Banks Holt Shot.

A telephone message from Mr. McBryde Holt, at Graham, says: Mr. L. Banks Holt was found in his bedroom, about 11 o'clock, where he had supposedly gone for a nap, suffering from a severe scalp wound above his right eye. It is not known how the wound was inflicted. Gun wads, found in the room from the exploded cartridge, shows that the gun was loaded with No. 8 shot and it was possible that Mr. Holt was preparing to shoot some sparrows or cats. On account of serious illness in his family, and he aggravated by advancing years, has been very much depressed for several days past. The physician says that the wound, while serious, is not fatal. Mr. Holt is resting very well at this hour and his speedy recovery is hoped for and expected.

Chartered Recently.

Raleigh, Special.—Among recent charters are the following:
The Electric Laundry Company, of Concord, capital \$20,000; John F. Laughlin, W. S. Bingham, Lizzie Bingham and Fannie Laughlin incorporators.
North Carolina Rental and Collection Company, Winston; capital \$5,000; incorporators A. D. A. and Mrs. D. A. Nance.

Two Interesting Cases.

Asheville, Special.—The United States circuit court of appeals will sit in Asheville, commencing July 15. A number of interesting opinions will be handed down, among the most important being that of the South Carolina dispensary receivership case and the Westerveldt-Adams million dollar copper mine suit.

County Attorney Fired.

Asheville, Special.—As a result, it is alleged, of his activity during the recent campaign preceding the Democratic primaries, ex-State Senator Charles A. Webb, who for the past eight years has held the position of attorney for Buncombe county, was requested by the board of county commissioners, the chairman of which Mark L. Reed, was defeated for reelection, to tender his resignation, which he promptly did. The reason given for the dismissal was that Mr. Webb was not in harmony with the board. Mr. Gallatin Roberts of Asheville has been chosen as successor.

CENSUS REPORT ON COTTON

Bulletin Prepared Under the Direction of the Chief Statistician of the Department at Washington Shows the Production of the Staple During the Past Year.

Washington, Special.—Bulletin 95, which has just been issued by the bureau of the census, consists of a report on the production of cotton in 1907, prepared under the supervision of Mr. William M. Stewart, chief statistician for manufactures, by Mr. Daniel C. Roper, expert chief of division. The report is presented in four divisions: (1) Annual cotton production in the United States, as returned by ginners and delinters, distributed by States from 1899 to 1907 and by counties from 1903 to 1907, with statistics as to annual production compiled from trustworthy sources for previous years, beginning with 1790; (2) world's cotton production in 1907, by countries; (3) the growing, harvesting, and handling cotton, with illustrations; and statistics as to the manufacture of cottonseed products.

During the ginning season of 1907-1908, as for the two previous seasons, preliminary statements of cotton ginned to specified dates were issued. The present report gives the aggregate figures for the whole cotton crop, and covers the ninth consecutive year for which statistics of cotton ginned have been collected and published by the bureau of the census.

Production 11,375,461 Bales.

The finally revised figures for the crop of 1907, expressed in equivalent 500-pound bales and including linters, show a total production of 11,375,461 bales. This represents a falling off from 1906 of 2,220,037 bales, or 16.3 per cent, and is 2,304,405 bales less than the crop of 1904, the largest on record; while it falls short of the average production of the last six years by 345,914 bales.

Of the total production in 1907, 4,769,609 bales, or 42 per cent, came from the territory west of the Mississippi river, while the States east of the Mississippi contributed 6,605,852 bales, of 58 per cent. This is in marked contrast with 1906, when 53.2 per cent of the crop came from west of the Mississippi and 46.8 per cent, from the States east of it; in 1905, however, the corresponding percentages were 41.6 and 58.4, respectively. These variations are caused very largely by the fluctuations in the size of the crop in the States west of the Mississippi, as the difference between the largest and the smallest crop in the Eastern States during the last three years was but 298,970 bales.

Texas Shows a Falling Off of 44.9 Per Cent.

The State reporting the largest cotton crop in 1907, as well as in every other year since the inauguration of the ginning reports, was Texas, with a total of 2,360,478 bales. This represents an enormous decrease from 1906, however, amounting to 1,921,346 bales, or 44.9 per cent. As a result of this decrease Texas produced only 20.8 per cent of the total for the country, as compared with 31.5 per cent in 1906 and with 24.9 per cent, which represents the proportion contributed by it to the aggregate production of the last six years.

Other States showing large decreases are Louisiana and Arkansas, which reported losses of about one-third and one-fifth, respectively, as compared with 1906. The new State of Oklahoma reported 882,984 bales, a loss of about 4 per cent, which, however, was so insignificant as compared with the losses shown by other States that Oklahoma actually advanced from seventh place to sixth in the quantity of cotton produced.

Telegraphic Briefs.

President Roosevelt told Governor Glenn that under no circumstances would he be again run for President.

Secretary of War Taft is a member of the Unitarian Church.

Lieut.-Col. Harry F. Hodges was appointed Panama Canal Commissioner to succeed Commissioner Jackson Smith.

A fortune teller, Zeno Miller, is said to have disappeared from Bristol with hundreds of dollars of jewelry entrusted to him by residents.

Fire, apparently started to conceal a burglary, caused \$35,000 damage at Norfolk.

Lewis Wingate, of Grayson county, has been arrested charged with causing the death of his 12-year-old son.

Dr. Lyon G. Tylor, of Williamsburg, son of President John Tyler, is suggested for the Democratic nomination for Vice-President.

The Republican National Committee decided the contests involving the 24 votes of Alabama and Arkansas in favor of Taft.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

Principles Enunciated By the Republican Platform

THE ADMINISTRATION ENDORSED

Republican Platform Which Will Be Adopted by the National Convention Has Been Completed With the Exception of a Few Details.

Washington, Special.—That the platform which will be adopted at the Chicago convention and on which the Republican party will stand during the next campaign has been completed with the exception of a few details, which will be left for the committee on resolutions to insert, is the opinion of many who are in the confidence of the Republican leaders. The work has been done by Hon. Wade Ellis, Attorney General of Ohio, the draftsman of the recent Ohio State platform; Senator Hopkins, who will be the chairman of the committee on resolutions; Senator Long, of Kansas, and a few others, including the President and Secretary Taft, who have been freely consulted.

The policies of President Roosevelt will be endorsed unequivocally, and this endorsement will be the central idea of the document. These policies it will be declared, are quite in contrast with the policies of the Democratic party, which promises nothing good that can be assured of accomplishment. The Republican party's record as the party of protection and sound money, as the party of progress and good principles, as the party that gave freedom to Cuba and lifted the yoke from the necks of the people of the Philippines and Porto Rico, will be held up for admiration and made the subject of much praise, and the voting public will be asked to continue to patronize the political craft that has carried it across so many streams. Specifically speaking, more attention has been given by the platform makers to the tariff than to any other subject. There will be an unequivocal declaration for revision; but the disposition is to leave the working out of detail to the ingenuity of Congress. The action of the two houses of Congress instructing the committees which will deal with the tariff, the Senate committee on finance and the House committee on ways and means to make special investigation of the situation, will afford sufficient excuse for this course, as the results of these inquiries will be unavailable to the convention, while they will supposedly furnish Congress with a basis for action.

The declaration will take the shape of a pledge to equalize the duties as to give the consumer the benefit of the most favorable prices consistent with the protection of domestic industry and home labor. It will be emphatically stated that there must be no innovation that will permit American labor to come into competition with foreign labor, and accordingly it will be specified that in all cases the duty must be equal to the difference between the American and the European cost of production, including a reasonable profit to the American producer. The principle of protection will be endorsed in general terms, and there may be a declaration to a maximum and a minimum tariff as the one best calculated to insure the promotion of American interests under varying condition. A clause declaring against the utilization of the tariff for the promotion of monopoly is also among the probabilities.

Next to the tariff the financial plank has received most careful attention. Congress and the administration will be congratulated upon the passage of the Aldrich-Vreeland bill as in the interest of sound finance and as calculated to protect the business world against possible panics in the near future and at the same time provide for the permanent improvement of our currency system through the recommendations which it is anticipated will be made by the commission appointed under the new law. Reference will be made to the financial disturbance of last fall, and while the seriousness of that crisis will be recognized, the claim will be made that the Republican party was found able to meet the situation and the country will be informed that by its prompt action the business world was saved from long drawn out financial depression and industrial inactivity.

The administration will be commended for its railroad stand, also on labor, and the rights of all citizens, regardless of race or color.

His daughter accompanied "Rev." James T. Hargrave, who was taken to Ashland jail.

The bursting of a boiler tube on the cruiser Tennessee killed six men and injured 8.

The Missouri Pacific, a Gould road, passed its dividend.

Judge Parker may not go to Denver because he objects to attending a ratification meeting and thinks the nomination of Bryan will mean defeat.

New York banks will lead by organizing a national association under the new Emergency Currency law.

Large areas of Montana are flooded and communication is cut off, rain having fallen there for 30 days.

The verdict against Walter R. Gillette, former vice-president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, who was convicted of perjury, has been overruled.

A man who inherited \$10,000,000 announces that he will make 20,000 people, not all of them good, happy.

Defaulter Gets Ten Years.

Pittsburg, Special.—Admitting the charges made against them Henry Reiber and John Young, former paying teller and auditor of the Farmers' Deposit National Bank, were arraigned before Judge James S. Young in the United States District Court shortly after noon Saturday and sentenced to serve ten years each in the Western Pennsylvania penitentiary.

Confederate Veterans at West Point.

Highland Falls, N. Y., Special.—West Point was thrown open to the Confederate veterans camp of New York City, the United Southern Societies, the Dixie Club and the Daughters of the Confederacy and their friends. The party arrived by boat. There were about one thousand persons in the party and in honor of their presence the corps of cadets was turned out for dress parade.

Representative Sims to Look Into Wood Pulp Business.

Washington, Special.—Representative Sims, of Tennessee, has been designated by Chairman Mann, of the House special committee to investigate the paper and wood pulp industry to look after that part of the inquiry relative to the wood pulp business of North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee. There are pulp mills in North Carolina and Virginia for which East Tennessee furnishes much of the wood used in the industry.

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It Was Tough.
A Delphic response: "It's hard," said the sentimental landlady at the dinner table, "to think that this poor little lamb should be destroyed in its youth just to cater to our appetites." "Yes," replied the smart boarder, struggling with his portion, "it is tough."—Congregationalist.

MAJ. DREYFUS SHOT.

During the Canonization of Emile Zola in the Pantheon Louis Grogori, a Military Writer of Note, Draws a Pistol and Shoots Maj. Alfred Dreyfus in the Arm.

Paris, By Cable.—Just at the close of the ceremonies attending the canonization of Emile Zola in the Pantheon, when the President of France, the Premier and a host of ministers of State were taking their departure, Louis Anthene Grogori, a military writer of note, drew a revolver and fired two shots point blank at Maj. Alfred Dreyfus, for whose liberty Zola fought and won. Men distinguished in all walks of life filled the pantheon; and when the shots rang out there was intense excitement in fear that the President had been assassinated, but even the attempt upon the life of Major Dreyfus created a profound impression. Soldiers speedily surrounded Grogori and he was taken to jail, bruised and bleeding with his clothes almost torn from his back.

Allison Re-Nominated.

Des Moines, Iowa, Special.—Returns from Tuesday's primaries that are complete in nearly all the counties of the State indicate that Iowa Republicans nominated William B. Allison for re-election to the United States Senate. His majority is now generally conceded to be at least 10,000. B. F. Carroll was nominated for Governor over Warren Garst by about 20,000 votes.



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