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## BEE CULLINGS OF NORTH STATE NEWS

of Interest Gleaned from All Sections of the State and Arranged for Busy Readers

### High School Teachers.

Special.—The State Department of Public Instruction last issued State high school teachers' certificates to 38 applicants and special certificates for near were issued to a small number receiving the three year certificates are as follows:

A. Hornaday, Liberty; Miss M. Jones, Franklin; Herbert Macon, N. W. Britton, Wintour; C. M. Gallamore, Fletcher; A. Freeman, Dobson; Miss Beth F. Powell, Lenoir; M. H. Truman, Abbottsburg; Z. H. Rose, Johnston; D. Z. Newton, Lincoln; Miss Emma DeLoraine, Aerial; Horace Stewart, Wallace; J. C. Hadden, Honea Path, S. C.; Miss V. Wilson, Lenoir; Edwin P. Mars Hill, Isaac T. Newton, Abbottsburg, S. C.; Miss Brownie Johnson, Rich Square; J. O. Alderman, Tyner; Lonnie E. Osborne, Independence, Va.; Julius M. Weather, Kernersville; Cameron E. Pennington, Kittrell; Maria E. Bristow, Fayette, Va.; Andrew McNair, Fayetteville; John G. Viser, Walkertown; A. Patterson, Shelby; M. K. Adams, Lewisville; Andrew B. Brevard, Isaac Horne, Swan Point; Miss Anna May Withers, Johnston; Emmett C. Willis, Trinity; T. Lincoln, Elon College; Benjamin E. Phillips, Aulander; Chas. C. Speer, Greensboro; Wm. P. Henley, Wilmington; Earl R. Franklin, Merry Hill; Miss Lizzie Moore, Burgaw; H. McKeown, Stanly; J. O. Gooden, Helton.

### A Peculiar Accident.

Special.—A peculiar accident occurred here Thursday afternoon at four o'clock, when the two painters began work on the residence of Mr. W. L. Minish on West Main street. The street was raised two feet in front of Mr. W. L. Minish's residence. The aldermen agreed to have the residence raised to the street and this was being done when the accident happened. The house had been raised and locked up and while the workmen were about their work these afternoon the house gave way on the southwest corner and collapsed and a complete wreck.

Mr. Minish's oldest daughter, Miss Maude was up stairs in the room over the corner where the sill gave way and was thrown against the window and only saved herself from serious injury by catching to the window sill. She emerged from the wrecked building with only a gash cut in her arm caused by falling against the window sill. The "L" to the back of the house, used as the kitchen and dining room, a total wreck, tables turned up side down, crockery and glassware smashed, canned fruit and everything breakable is almost a total loss. The housekeeper was in the kitchen at the time of the accident ironing, but was not hurt. None of the workmen were hurt. As the house fell it over to the left and the front porch and the "L" were torn from the main building.

### Warning to Farmers.

Raleigh, Special.—Rev. S. J. Betts has just lost a two hundred and fifty dollar mule, and Mr. Ben Sasser a fine horse, their sickness and death having been caused by eating corn half cured on the stalk, not green, but not properly seasoned. It was only a few days ago that a mule was seen rolling on one of Raleigh's principal streets, suffering from colic. It is understood that many farmers are feeding their stock on such corn and that many of their best animals are suffering from it.

### New Corporation.

Raleigh, Special.—The Smith's Lithia Water Company was granted a charter last week to build a hotel and sell mineral water, with a capital stock of \$50,000. The incorporators are Mrs. H. T. Smith, R. T. Smith, L. W. Starke, W. B. Shaw, of Oxford, and J. B. Mayes, of Stem.

### Shot at His Wife.

Wilson, Special.—H. D. McDowell, a bad, bad negro, who has caused no end of trouble here, filled up on dispensary booze, hired a horse and buggy, armed himself with a breech-loading shot gun and went to the home of his wife on East Nash street and demanded admittance. The couple have been separated for some time. When he reached the woman's house he knocked and demanded admittance. The door was slammed in his face, when he raised his gun and let drive—perforating the door in several places.

### The N. C. Peace Congress.

Greensboro, Special.—The North Carolina Peace Congress is to be in session at Greensboro October 12th to 16th, in connection with the Centennial celebration of the founding of Greensboro and the programme that has been arranged is especially attractive. United States Senator Lee S. Overman will discuss "International House of Representatives," Hon. John Sharp Williams, "The Modern Amphyetonic Council," Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the North Carolina Supreme Court, "The International Judiciary," Hon. Geo. W. Norris, of Nebraska, "A Practical Plan for International Peace Conference," Hon. Richmond Pearson Hobson, "Arbitration and Armaments." There are other special speakers including a number of prominent men in this and other States. Ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock is president of the North Carolina Peace Conference, and the board of directors include James Sprunt, William E. Springer, Wilmington, A. A. Thompson, Raleigh, Hayne Davis, W. E. Holt, Julian S. Carr, Hugh G. Chatham, Thomas H. Wright and others; Thomas H. Wright, Wilmington, being secretary.

### Forsyth Sunday School Convention.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The Forsyth County Sunday School Convention, at Kernersville, was largely attended, quite an elaborate and interesting programme having been prepared. Among those taking prominent parts in the convention were Mr. E. A. Ebert, president of the association; W. B. Broughton, chairman State executive committee; Rev. A. S. Betts, Mr. J. B. Robertson, Rev. W. A. Lambeth, Rev. E. S. Crossland, Rev. W. R. Lowdermilk, Mr. F. H. Stockton, Mr. G. S. Norfleet, Mr. R. B. Horn, Rev. J. A. Hopkins, Mrs. L. F. Owens, Mrs. J. K. Nordfelt, Mrs. J. F. Griffith, Mrs. G. T. Lampkins, and Rev. E. A. Sehenk.

### \$17,500 For Her Husband's Death.

Asheville, Special.—What is declared to be the biggest verdict for a death ever rendered in any court in North Carolina was returned by a jury in the Superior Court here when an award of seventeen thousand and five hundred dollars was made against the Southern Railway Company and in favor of Mrs. Matilda Hough, widow of the late Conductor Hough, killed at Swannanoa Station several years ago. The case has been on trial since Monday, Mrs. Hough demanding fifty thousand dollars damage. Locke Craig, who with P. H. Winston, represented the plaintiff, made the concluding argument.

### Left Insane Hospital.

Statesville, Special.—An attendant at the State Hospital at Morganton was in Statesville Wednesday searching for a patient who escaped from the hospital some time after midnight Tuesday night, but he failed to find any trace of the fugitive there. The man who escaped is a Mr. Williams, of Yadkin county, and he effected his escape by removing the bars from a window of his cell. It was thought by the hospital people that he would pass through Statesville en route to Yadkin after making his escape.

### Cotton Gin Burned.

Raleigh, N. C., Special.—Fire declared to be incendiary Thursday night destroyed F. R. Gray's gin, 43 bales of cotton, several mules and two buildings at Cary, near here. Rural Free Delivery Carrier Ivory says men told him that notice had been sent to Gray and also posted, telling him he must shut his gin down but Gray has received no such notice.

### Fatal Fire at Morganton, N. C.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—Will Mull was roasted to death in the flames that burned his residence Tuesday morning at Morganton, this State. Eddie D. Mull, a cousin, who was with him at the time, narrowly escaped a like fate. The deceased and his cousin went into the house and after building a fire went to sleep. Ed Mull was awakened by the roof of the house falling in and made his escape, but his cousin, who did not wake, was burned to a crisp.

## REPORT OF CROP CONDITIONS

Condition is 69.7 and Number of Bales Ginned 2,282,000.

Washington, Special.—Crop condition, 69.7; number of bales ginned, 2,282,000. These are the reports issued by the government Friday morning, the crop condition being based until September 20th and number of bales ginned until September 25th.

Compared with the reports issued on the same date last year the crop condition is 2 per cent higher and the number of bales ginned one million less. The reports had an inappreciable effect on the market.

The variance in the number of bales ginned this and last year is attributed to the fact that the weather this fall has been much more favorable to the gathering of the staple than at the same time last season. In many sections of the country it is stated that a large part of the crop has been gathered.

### Cotton Ginned During Year.

Washington, Special.—The census bureau Friday announced that 2,582,688 bales of cotton had been ginned from the growth of 1908 to September 25th, as compared with 1,532,602 to the corresponding date last year. The number of active ginneries reporting is 23,650.

### Condition of Cotton Crop.

The crop reporting board of the bureau of statistics of the department of Agriculture reports the average condition of the crop on September 25th at 69.7, as compared with 70.1 on August 25th and 67.7 on September 25th, 1907. North Carolina 69; South Carolina, 68; Georgia, 71, and Texas, 71.

### New Georgia Railroad Opened.

Valdosta, Ga., Special.—The Georgia & Florida Railway, a newly constructed line running from this place 100 miles northwest to Hazlehurst, was formally opened to the public Friday. A special train brought 500 representative citizens from points along the line to this city. Work is rapidly progressing with a view to uniting the newly constructed road with other divisions now in operation, which will give a new short line between Madison, Fla., and Augusta, Ga.

### Lincolnton Men Interested in New York Corporation.

New York, Special.—According to official report of the Secretary of State "The Mutual Farm Commission of New York City," capital \$10,000 has filed articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State at Albany with permission to increase capital to \$200,000. The directors chosen are named as Daniel E. Rhyne and James A. Abernethy, of Lincolnton, North Carolina, and Frank Guy Hull, of 1644 Nineteenth avenue, Brooklyn.

### To Extend Trolley Line.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—The street car company will soon begin the work of extending its North Church trolley line to the fair grounds. Preliminary work is now under way and a large force of hands will be put to work shortly and the laying of the rails will be rushed. The county fair will open November 3rd and continue until the 6th.

### Indictment of T. Jenkins Hains.

New York, Special.—District Attorney Dorris appeared before the grand jury in Queens county and demanded the indictment of T. Jenkins Hains as accessory before the fact in the murder of William E. Annis, who was shot and killed by Peter C. Hains. The principal witness against him before the grand jury was Mrs. Annis, widow of the victim.

### Four Killed on Ohio Central.

Toledo, O., Special.—Four persons are dead and two fatally and three seriously injured as a result of a wreck on the Ohio Central Railroad at Sugar Ridge, when an extra freight train plunged into the rear of a special passenger train. The dead are George Gosler, Richard Rideout, Thomas Crane and Leslie Fuller.

### Texas Raises the Quarantine Against Cuba.

Austin, Tex., Special.—The State health department, through Acting State Health Officer J. H. Florence, raised the yellow fever quarantine which has been in effect against Havana and other Cuban points for some time past. This action was based on a message received from the surgeon general of the marine hospital service conveying the information that the government had raised the embargo existing at Havana.

## TRIUMPHS OF MEDICAL SKILL

### The President Addresses the Tuberculosis Congress

### PRaises Great Achievements

Grand Meeting of Scientists Adjourns to Assemble Next at Rome—President Speaks.

Washington, D. C., Special.—The International Tuberculosis Congress, which has been in session here closed Saturday to meet next in Rome.

One of the most pleasant surprises of the closing scenes of the congress was the appearance for the first time during its proceedings of President Roosevelt. In a characteristic address President Roosevelt paid a notable tribute to the assemblage of so many scientists of international reputation. The President spoke in part as follows:

"It is difficult for us to realize the extraordinary changes, the extraordinary progress, in certain lines of social endeavor during the last two or three generations; and in no other manifestation of human activity have the changes been quite so far-reaching as in the ability to grapple with disease. It is not so very long, measuring time by history, since the attitude of man towards a disease such as that of consumption was one of helpless acquiescence in what he considered to be the mandates of a supernatural power. It is but a short time since even the most gifted members of the medical profession knew as little as any layman of the real cause of a disease like this, and therefore necessarily of the remedies to be invoked to overcome it."

"Take, for instance, the work that the United States government is now doing in Panama. The Isthmus of Panama, which was a by-word for fatal disease, has become well-nigh a sanatorium; and it has become so because the investigations of certain medical men which enabled them to find out the real causes of certain diseases, especially yellow fever and malarial fever, and to take measures to overcome them. The older doctors here when they were medical students would have treated the suggestion of regarding mosquitos as the prime source of diseases like that as a subject of mirth. These utterly unexpected results have followed patient laborious, dangerous and extraordinary skillful work that has enabled the cause of the disease to be found and the diseases themselves to be combated with extraordinary success."

"At this moment in the middle of the great continent of Africa there is a peculiarly fatal and terrible disease the sleeping sickness, a disease which if it had been known to our ancestors in the middle ages would have been spoken of as the black death was spoken of in the middle ages—as a scourge of God, possibly as something connected with a comet, or some similar explanation would have been advanced. We all know that it is due to the carrying of a small and deadly blood parasite by a species of biting fly."

"And the chance to control that disease lies in the work of just such men as, and indeed, of some of the men who are assembled here. You who have come here, however, have come to combat not a scourge confined to the tropics, but what is on the whole the most terrible scourge of the people throughout the world. But a few years ago hardly an intelligent effort was made or could be made to war against this peculiarly deadly enemy of the human race. The chance successfully to conduct that war arose when the greatest experts in the medical world turned their trained intelligence to the task. It remains for them to find out just what can be done."

"I feel that no gathering could take place fraught with greater hope for the welfare of the people at large than this. I thank you all, men and women of this country, and you, our guests, for what you have done and are doing. On behalf of the nation I greet you, and I hope you will understand how much we have appreciated your coming here."

### Tennessean's Brutal Crime.

Bristol, Tenn., Special.—A special from Johnson City says: L. A. Bayless, a magistrate attacked his brother-in-law, Berney Bayless, while the latter was asleep in bed at his home in this city and almost literally chopped his head off with an axe. He then attacked Bayless' wife, fatally wounding her. Turning the weapon upon his own wife, who was in the house, he struck her several blows inflicting probably fatal injuries. Bayless was arrested and half an hour later was found dead in his cell having hanged himself.

## NEWSY GLEANINGS.

### A Revolutionary monument was unveiled at Fort Lee, N. J.

Fred D. Yuengling, son of a brewer, died in the prison ward of Belleme, New York City.

The merger of the Andover Theological Seminary and the Harvard Divinity School has been effected.

Dr. Robert Koch, of Berlin, arrived in Washington, D. C., to attend the International Tuberculosis Congress.

Twenty lives were lost in the wreck of the British ship Loch Finlas, from Port Pirie for Callao, on the Tasmannian coast.

In London it is believed that the British railways will be purchased by the State as a result of combinations now effected.

Japanese bluejackets, who committed an attack on Chinese in Shanghai were permitted to escape easily by the Japanese consular court.

Mail advices from Berlin say that the dynasties of eleven German States are threatened with extinction and may soon pass into the hands of the Emperor.

It was reported in Tokio that the Japanese Premier, Marquis Katsura, and the Elder Statesman had decided upon liberal treatment of China in disputed matters.

Mr. Chue announced that he was ready to open in Chinatown, New York City, the first Chinese school where children would learn the wisdom of Confucius.

Alleged rebates in favor of the Sugar Trust granted by the trunk lines from New York west were attacked by a Philadelphia shipper before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

More than 100 voluntary changes in transportation rates during the past few weeks were announced in the weekly bulletins issued by the Public Service Commission at Albany, N. Y.

### Young Man Killed at Oil Mill.

Vienna, Ga., Special.—Millard Sheppard, the night foreman at the Vienna Cotton Oil Company, was caught in a belt at the mill early Saturday morning and instantly killed. The body was badly mangled, one arm being torn from the frame and nearly every bone being broken. Young Sheppard was a member of a prominent Dooley county family and had a large circle of friends here.

### Five Negroes Drown in the Tennessee River.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—A row boat containing five negroes capsized in the Tennessee river and all the occupants were drowned. Three of the victims were men and two women. The party had rowed across to Moccasin Bend, and while returning one of the women became frightened and in attempting to jump from the boat the light craft was overturned. But one of the number could swim. The other four clung to him and all sank.

### Officer Kills One and Wounds Another.

Hartwell, Ga., Special.—James E. Carter, a prominent business man, while acting as a special policeman, Friday shot and killed John Teasley, and seriously wounded William Hall, both negroes. It is said Carter fired in self-defense, the negroes having made an attack on him. He has surrendered to the sheriff.

## PROMINENT PEOPLE.

A life of Sir Henry Irving shortly will be published.

Leslie Carter, former husband of the actress, died in Chicago.

Andrew D. White is visiting Berlin for the first time since his retirement as Ambassador to Germany.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., decided to begin work with the Hartford Carpet Works at Thompsonville, Conn.

Professor Frank Parsons, of Boston University, author, lawyer, lecturer and sociologist, died in Boston.

The Peary Arctic Club received a dispatch from Commander Peary saying that he left Etah on August 17 on his dash for the Pole.

Lord Northcote, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, who is en route from Sydney to China, arrived at Manila, P. I.

General George W. Wingate, chairman of the committee on athletic fields, said he approved opening the four public playgrounds on Sundays and during school hours.

Dr. Frank Huntington Snow, entomologist and ex-Chancellor of the University of Kansas, died at Belleme, Kan., aged sixty-eight years. He was a native of Pittsburg, Mass.

President Roosevelt has designated Assistant Secretary of the Interior Frank Pierce to represent the Government at the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress in San Francisco.

Banker Morosini's will, filed for probate in New York City, left only \$75,000 to the daughter who eloped. Three children get \$150,000 each, and Giulia all the rest, estimated at \$2,500,000.

Brigadier Scott Girard, head of the Iowa Anti-Suicide Bureau of the Volunteers of America, who had dissuaded many from ending their lives, attempted to commit suicide with strychnine taken from one of them.

### Shipbuilding Depression.

The English shipbuilding industry has shared in the universal trade depression. There was a tonnage of only 799,000 constructed in the first half of 1908, as against 1,250,000 in the corresponding half of 1907.

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