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Happenings And Doings Gleaned From All Parts Of The Old North State.

PRESS ASSOCIATION. STATE

Annual Convention Held at Hendersonville.-Rev. J. O. Atkinson Elected President and J. B. Sherrill, Secretary-Treasurer.

Hendersonville, Special.-The editors of North Carolina were literally presented with the key to the city Wednesday morning of last week,

blessing upon the town of Henderdially welcomed the editors to town. M. L. Shipman, on behalf of the local press, spoke a few words of appreciation and Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children, responded gracefully on behalf of the association. Dr. Atkinson then read the annual address of the president, who, be present in person. It took to task | the editors feel at home. the criticisms some politicians and others make of the press and closed with proposing "Optimism and Good Cheer," as the note the press should The association voted to wire President Thomas its appreciation and its regrets that he was unable to be with them. The big W. Atkins, J. J. Farriss, H. B. Varner and Archibald Johnson. At 2:39 ian's paper. Full of interest and listened to attentively was Thad R. Manning's talk on the subscription was followed by the transaction of miscellaneous business. At night,

audience to the end of his address. Thursday morning was pleasantly spent in a drive to Lake Osceola and to Mount Hebron, the pleasure of which was not marred by a slight shower, which, Mr. J. P. Caldwell remarked, was but a pleasant diversion. The editors and their families went in a body and the string of carriages was a long one.

before an audience which completely

filled the big court room, Mr. John M.

Julian, of The Salisbury Post, deliv-

ered the annual oration. He com-

manded the closest attention of his

The ball at the Gates at night was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed by both visitors and home people and was distinctly a success.

At the afternoon session the following officers were elected: President, Rev. J. O. Atkinson; first vice president, M. L. Shipman; second vice president, J. R. Swann; third vice president. W. K. Jacobson; secretary and treasurer, J. B. Sherrill; historian, Archibald Johnson; orators, W. C. Hammer and Josephus Daniels; poet, D. F. St. Clair; executive committee, H. A. London, W. C. Dowd, H. B. Varner, Josephus Daniels, D. T. Edwards.

A resolution was adopted condemning the United States government for maintaining a job printing office to compete with the country's job printers, and a copy of the resolution was ordered sent to every Representative and Senator of North Carolina.

Interesting articles were read by Rev. J. O. Atkinson, Clarence H. Poe and R. R. Clark.

The important address of the day was that of M. V. Richards, land and industrial agent of the Southern Railway.

The Wheat Crop is Fine.

Mount Airy, Special.-Never in the history of farming in Surry county have the farmers been in a deeper hole with their plowing and harvesting. The wheat crop is fine and ripe but up to Friday heavy rains have fallen daily, rendering it impossible to cut grain and plow corn, etc.

In the Hands of Receiver.

ray tteville, Special .-- The Consolidated Street Railway and Power Company of this city was placed in the hands of a receiver by Judge C. C. Lyon, resident judge of this distriet, at Elizabethtown last week. Mr. W. D. McNeill, president of the company, being appointed receiver. pected here Monday.

Resolution of Thanks. The following resolutions, offered by Mr. Josephus Daniels for the committee, were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

"Resolved. That the thanks of the association be and are hereby tender-Company and the railroad companies for courtesies in the matter of railroad transportation and particularwhen, at their opening session held ly to the Southern Railway Company; in the court house, Col. S. V. Pickens for the courtesy of an excursion to gave them an ancient, rusty, two Lake Toxaway; to W. A. Smith, for foot-long jail key, recently uncovered a car ride to Laurel Park and an enhere by workmen in excavating for joyable afternoon at that beautiful resort; to Capt. M. C. Toms and John At 9:30 the convention was called L. Orr and their associates for exto order by Dr. J. O. Atkinson, third tending the courtesies of Mount Hebvice president, who invoked a divine ron; to the management of the Gates Hotel for excellent service and for sonville and the members of the as- the courtesy of a ball tendered the sociation, Mayor Staton then pre- association; to Mayor R. H. Staton sented Col. S. V. Pickens, who cor- and the reception committee and all bar with the utmost tact and unlimitthe public spirited citizens who ten- ed talent and legal force. No stone, dered many delightful courtesies, as it were, was left unturned. It was including the mountain drives and to plead that the man had suffered a than can be enumerated; to Mr. M. had preyed upon his mind till men-L. Shipman, editor of The Hender- tal confusion had brought him to the sonville Hustler, and to Mr. T. R. Barrows, associate editor, for their enormity of the deed which he conon account of sickness, was unable to brotherly welcome which made all templated and actually committed.

way, returning to their homes from second degree.

following eighteen new The members were enrolled at the session: The case had taken 11 days in its V. Sims, Raleigh Times; I. Underwood, Greensboro audience in the court house listened Patriot; J. A. Parham, Fayetteto short talks on timely topics by J. ville Index; Owen G. Dunn, Newbern Sun; R. A. Deal, Wilkesboro Chronicle; W. E. Pharr, North Wilkesboro p. m., J. F. Hurley read the histor- Hustler; M. L. Yeager, Southern Publisher; R. E. Ranson, Spring Hope Leader; Andrew Joyner, Greensboro News Bureau; C. A. price of the weekly newspaper. This Eury, King's Mountain Herald; Clint N. M. Johnson went into the jail to Gosorn, Bakersville Kronicle; H. H. spent the day reading the Bible and ator Penrose's amendment fixing a are no Hamlin, Beaufort Lookout; D. L. St. getting religion. Why he took a duty of half cent a gallon on crude rand. Hendersonville Hustler; J. R. Roundtree, Kinston Free Press; Chas. H. Williams, Polk County News.

Rev. F. J. Murdock Dead.

Salisbury, Special.—Rev. F. Murdock, D. D., rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church in Salisbury, died suddenly Tuesday morning in Charleston at the home of his brother who he was visiting. He was 63 years old, had been rector of the church here for 35 years and was widely known in both church and business circles. He was president of the Vance Cotton Mills, secretary and treasurer Salisbury Building and Loan Association and was a bank director. He is survived by a widow, one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Bell. and one son, F. J. Murdock, Jr. Heart failure is said to be the cause of his death. The interment took place in Salisbury.

Private Laws Ready.

Raleigh, Special.—The private laws of the session of 1909 of the General Assembly are now almost ready to be issued, as the printing of these has been completed, only the index is yet to be completed.

This is quick work and it follows public laws, which were issued early in May. The printing of the laws this session has broken past records the State has therefore access to the full information in the laws at a much earlier date than is usual.

Killed by Live Wire.

Greensboro, Special.—Bryan Benton, the 12-year-old brother of James M. Benton, city editor of the Morning Telegram, was instantly killed by a live wire late Tuesday afternoon. The boy was at a lawn party at the Christian church, and with a playmate climbed a tree. His fingers touched an uninsulated electric wire, his leg another, the short-circuit causing him to drop.

Death of Miss Sallie Underwood.

Charlotte, Special.-Miss Sallie Underwood, the young lady struck by lightning near her home in Gaston county last Thursday afternoon, died Sunday morning at 3:30 o'clock without regaining consciousness. The funeral took place at the home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the service being in charge of Rev. J. B. This action will not affect the operat- Tabor, of Mount Holly. The intervalue of the property nor the ment was made at Castania church. progress of Fayetteville. Cars are The funeral procession is said to handle of Fayetteville. Cars are the functal product that handle and will be able to have been one of the longest that handle the great crowds that are ex- ever followed a funeral in Gaston

BIGGERS IS ACQUITTED

Jury Holds That He Was Insane a the Time of Killing Hood.

Charlotte, Special.-The jury of twelve freemen, the select body chosen to pass upon the merits of the case of State against W. S. Biggers, charged with the murder on the morning of Tuesday, February 9, of J. Green Hood, reached a verdict Saturday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock. their decision being that the defened the Western Union Telegraph dant was "not guilty" of the crime as charged.

> ed the trend of this great legal bat- ment to the coal schedule, offered by tle whose results held within it the freedom if not the life of Biggers, a ton and eliminating the reciprocity the plea of insanity was the entire clause from the House bill, was issue. It was not that insanity for adopted. The two Senators from which the asylums are built and maintained, but that termed variously emotional insanity, brain storm, and the like, but in this case termed "confusional" insanity.

The case was fought before the Lake Osceola, and for more pleasures wrong and that his financial straits stage of not being conscious of the

At the first vote of the jury 10 The association left on a stood for acquittal, one for murder opinion as to whether the law prospecial car Saturday for Lake Toxo- in the first and one for murder in the hibiting payment for overtime is not

> The jury had the case just four hours when it became unanimous.

Shepard the Slayer of Holt.

Durham, N. C., Special.-Solomon Shepard, the negro of mysterious action, has confessed that he killed Engineer Holt near Durham last December and that he had no assistant.

This startling turn in the dreadful affair came Saturday night when Dr. N. Brown, Salisbury Post; T. H. attend a sick prisoner. Shepard had ones discussed in the Senate. Sen-Clair, Sanford Express; E. P. Pepper, notion to unburden himself to the oil was lost. Increases over the Danbury Reporter; T. R. Barrows, doctor, is not known, but he did and House rates were made as follows: said that he slew the engineer that night without the aid of anyone.

The negro tells a reasonable story. There never has been any large numshotgun was commonly called a Reuben Barbee characteristic, but nobody ever found the motive whereby Reuben Barbee became the assassin of Fred Holt. The brothers of the dead man believed that their kinsman had been murdered by mistake and the

Suspicion for this crime has been resting on Reuben Barbee who is now in jail awaiting trial.

It seems that Shepard had been put off the train. In his rage he secured a shot gun and went to kill the brakeman who put him off. Not finding his man he fired a random shot, as he says, to scare somebody. This shot put out the life of a popular and most valuable engineer.

Joe Brown is Governor.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.-Joseph M. Brown, son of "Joe" Brown, one of Georgia's war-time Governors, took office Saturday amid ceremonies of Jeffersonian simplicity.

Governor Brown's address was brief. At its conclusion Governor close on the early publication of the Smith handed Governor Brown the seal of the State of Georgia and the ceremony was complete.

Governor Smith's last official act for the rapidity in punblication and Saturday was the signing of 15 par- upon until Senator Clapp, taking exmurderers and three persons convicted of violationg the prohibition laws.

Firemen Lose Case.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The Geor- | bill. gia Railroad strike arbitration board Saturday night decided against the seniority of white firemen over negroes. The arbitrators, however, placed a premium on intelligence among firemen, which it is believed will ultimately result in the gradual elimination of all except the most expert negro firemen.

From Chicago to Charleston.

Winston-Salem, Special.-The official announcement Saturday by the Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk and Western that the Winston-Salem Southbound Railroad would be pushed to completion within the next 18 months is received with great satisfaction here. The movement for this through line from Chicago to Charleston, with the Twin City as a prominent junction point, was begun about three years ago, Col. F. H. Fries and Mr. Henry E. Fries, of this city, being among the leaders in the enter- proposition tax upon the net earnings prise. Henry E. Fries is now presi-

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

Much voting and little talking dens off the smaller corporations. characterized the work in the Senate Wednesday. The lumber schedule was disposed of and the duty on pineapples was increased, the finance committee suffering a defeat in the latter case. An attempt to reduce the finance committee's rate of \$1.50 per thousand on sawed lumber to \$1, the House rate, was lost. The entire wood schedule making reductions of about 25 per cent from the present As noted by every one who follow- rates was agreed to. A new amend-Mr. Aldrich, reducing the duty on bituminous coal from 67 to 60 cents Florida, a pineapple- producing State in upholding the amendment to increase the duty on pineapples from \$7 to \$8 per thousand, were opposed by the two Senators from Maryland, in which State there are a number of

large pineapple canning factories. The Wright brothers, whose time in which to complete their official tests with their areoplane would have expired next Monday, were granted an extension of thirty days.

The question of the eight hour law was submitted to President Taft in the form of a request by Thomas Dolan, president of the Steam Shovelers' Union, that the President obtain from the Attorney General an being violated on the Panama canal.

Just before the Senate adjourned about 7 o,clock Friday night, Senator Aldrich, chairman of the finance committee, introduced the corporation tax amendment to the tariff bill, recommended by President Taft.

To encourage American shipping, Senator Elkins introduced an amendment which would allow to American vessels a reduction of five per cent in tariff duties.

Petroleum, linoleum and scrap iron tariff schedules were the principal On harness from 35 per cent ad valorem to 40 per cent; on scrap iron from 50 cents to \$2.50 per ton; and on wire nails from 1-4 to 1-2 cent. ber of people who did not believe that | and from 1-2 to 3-4 cent per pound, Engineer Holt met death meant for the former for those less, the latter another man. The wanton use of a for those an inch or more in length.

Although it devoted almost eight hours to strenuous effort in that direction, the Senate Saturday afiled to conclude its consideration of the schedules of the tariff bill, and at 5:12 o'elock, an adjournment was reached, there were stil la number of important rates to be determined. The day, however, was full of achievement and a number of provisions were disposed of.

Probably the most exciting incident of the day was the vote on Senator Beveridge's amendment reducing from 30 per cent ad valorem to 15 per cent ad valorem, the duty on cash registers. The Indiana Senator began his fight for this reduction some days ago and was enabled to force a vote on it Saturday after compratively little discussion. The vote resulted 31 ayes and 33 noes. Stating that after the vote was announced several Senators had informed him that they had voted against his motion under misrepresentation, Mr. Beveridge said he would renew the motion at a later date.

The wood pulp provision also again received attention, and it was supposed that it had been finally acted dons. Those set free included six ception to the retaliatory provision of the schedule as amended, stated that he would make an effort to have the provision entirely eliminated before final action should be taken upon the

> In the Senate Monday the finance committee's amendment to take hides from the free list and place a duty of 15 per cent ad valorem on them was under discussion all day. Senators Warren, of Wyoming, and Carter, of Montana, spoke in fovor of the amendment, while Senator Page, of Vermont, opposed it.

> Orville and Wilbur Wright, who arrived here Sunday, started in Mouday at Fort Meyer to asemble their aeroplane, the official government test of which will begin in a few days. Orville expressed the belief that his new machine will make an average speed of forty miles an hour. President Taft set June 28 as the time when a hearing as to "what is

whiskey" will be granted the attorneys for the various distillers. The President consulted with Attorney General Wickersham for an hour and a half on the subject of the

of corporations.

There seems now to be little doubt but that the corporation tax as passed will exempt net earnings of \$5,000 and less so as to take any undue bur-

Late Tuesday the Senate reached the voting stage on the hide schedule and after several amendments had been defeated, the amendment of the finance committee fixing a duty of 15 per cent ad valorem on hides was agreed to, 46 to 30. This is the rate of the present law, but under the rulings of the Treasury Department is applicable only to hides weighing more than 25 pounds. The House placed all hides on the free list, but the committee restored the Dingley policy.

Senator McLaurin undertook to have the provision amended so as to make the duty applicable to hides weighing less than 25 pounds, but failed, his amendment being voted down 31 to 48. An amendment by Mr. Stone, placing no only hides but many of their products on the free list, was also lost.

BASEBALL NOTES.

Fred Tenney is getting the homerun habit. He made three within a week.

Catcher Pat Moran is doing satisfactory work for the Cubs in the absence of Kling.

Elberfeld is the keystone of the New York American infield, and without him the structure is not nearly so strong.

The New York National Club has asked for waivers on pitcher Jake Weimer. His probable destination is Milwaukee. Catcher Ritter has been appointed

manager of the Fort Smith (Arkansas League) Club in place of Hugh Bezdek, resigned. Marquard evidently made good

with the Giants in his first game. McGraw says his \$10,000 beauty is worth the money.

The Chicago players say that Pat Moran is filling Johnny Kling's shoes, and judging from Mr. Moran's allround work in the games of late, Kling has nothing on the Fitchburg

President John I. Taylor, of Boston, is convinced that the timeris not far off when every State in the Union will sanction Sunday baseball, as they are now doing outside of New Eng-

Manager Bowerman, of Boston, warms up his pitchers before each "Come on! Show me something!" is his cry. The man who shows him the best line of samples is

Members of the Rube family in the big leagues are Waddell, Marquard, Vickers, Kroh and Oldring-all pitchers but one. The Cys are not so numerous, Young and Seymour being the two most distinguished scions of

Perished in Pack Ice.

Tromsoe, Norway, Special.-The steamer Arctic, of Walter Wellman's North Pole expedition, returned here Sunday from Spitzbergen with her flags at half mast, bringing the news that Knul Johnson, one of the two men who remained at the Wellman camp this winter, had perished in the pack ice when his sirship had been destroyed by a heavy storm.

On May 19 Johnson went with his fellow watchman, Paul Bjorvig, on a hunting expedition over the pack ice.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Frederick De Martens, a famous Russian statesman, died suddenly in a railway station.

A bomb wrecked the house of Father James Zuccarelli, in Newark, but harmed no one.

A Wall Street rumor that E. H. Harriman was dead in Vienna caused a big slump in stocks.

George Kraus, of Pittsburg, eighty-three and despondent, committed suicide by taking poison.

Colombia has decided to present the tripartite treaty to the National Assembly, which will be elected on July 20.

Brown University formally recommended that the institution become non-denominational. The Rev. Dr. Leon Harrison said

A committee of the trustees of

in his sermon in the Free Synagogue, New York City, that Christians shouldn't marry Jews. Philip Lamb dived into the East River, New York City, to show his

uncle how well he could swim and never came to the surface. General George B. Loud protested to the War Department against the

"desecration" of Memorial Day at West Point by a baseball game. Edwin Hawley's railroad system obtained an outlet on the Pacific by a traffic agreement with the Kansas

City, Mexico and Orient Railway, The State Department is satisfied that American capitalists will be allowed to share in the profits of the

loan to enable China to build a rail-Frederick Cudmore, a young clerk, illustrated in a boat on a pier, in New

York City, "how a fool rocks a boat." He fell off the pier and had a narrow Exonerates Man Convicted of Murder Palatka, Fla., Special. - When James Kelly and D. M. Davidson were setenced to life imprisonment

for murder, Kelly said: "I accept the verdict of the jury, but as for D. M. Davidson, he is as innocent of this crime as any man in the hearing of my voice." The men were convicted of the murder of W. C. Sellars, a night watchman of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad three years ago at High Springs, Fla.



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