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## TAR HEEL CHRONICLES

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

#### Fratricide in Wayne.

Goldsboro, Special.—Sunday evening about 6 o'clock Saturday, eight miles from this city, was the scene of a terrible tragedy, as a result of which David Bivens is dead and his brother, James Bivens, is held under a \$200 justified bond for the August term of court, charged with the killing of his brother.

The two brothers lived within one hundred yards of each other and the tragedy occurred in a cotton field between the two homes. James Bivens had just left his home when he heard his wife screaming in the cotton field and running toward the scene grabbed a hoe at the tobacco barn. He was startled to see his wife being choked to death by his brother, David Bivens, and struck his brother on the head, rendering him senseless. He died fifteen minutes later. As his brother fell from the blow, James Bivens carried his wife to her home and by vigorous efforts saved her. She had been nearly strangled to death, being black in the face. Upon his return to the scene of the attack he found his brother dead.

The only witness to the tragedy was the dead man's wife, who was a sister to the woman attacked. James Bivens surrendered to the authorities late Sunday night and was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace Ginn Monday morning. The widow of David Bivens testified that her brother-in-law was justified in killing her husband, and upon this testimony the defendant was released under \$200 bond for his appearance at the August term of court.

#### Southbound Re-Organized.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The Winston-Salem Southbound Railroad Company was re-organized at a meeting here Tuesday, Henry E. Fries being re-elected president and W. F. Shaffner, vice president, with the following other officers: T. M. Emerson, president of the Atlantic Coast Line, vice president; M. H. Willis, of Winston-Salem, auditor; Foster Wilkinson, secretary to president; Johnson, of the N. & W., secretary; C. H. P. Cornell, chief engineer (re-elected) and E. T. Burnett, of the N. & W. and E. T. Barnett, of the N. & W., purchasing agent. Directors: L. E. Johnson, Roanoke; T. M. Emerson, Winston; Alex Hamilton, Petersburg; Vice President and General Counsel of the A. C. L. Jos. I. Boran, Philadelphia; H. E. Fries, Winston-Salem.

At the meeting there were present, besides those named, General Manager N. L. Maher and Chief Engineer Charles S. Churchill, of the N. & W.; Frank K. Robbins and G. W. Newcastles, of Lexington; S. H. Hearn, of Albemarle; Col. H. Fries, H. E. Fries, W. F. Shaffner, W. T. Brown, M. H. Brown and others.

Bids for the construction of the road will be opened August 2 and work will be begun thereafter as soon as possible.

#### Spring Hope Has a Fire.

Spring Hope, Special.—A very destructive fire visited the town Sunday morning between 1 and 2 o'clock, and as a result the Stevens Box Factory almost in the very heart of the town was burned to the ground. The loss, as estimated by Mr. Stevens is as follows: Machinery, \$8,500; building, \$2,200, and stock on hand, \$5,000, making a total estimated loss of \$15,700. The insurance is \$9,200, being placed as follows: \$5,000 on the machinery; \$1,200 on the building, and \$9,000 on the stock on hand. The origin of the fire is unknown.

#### Soft Drink Establishments Raided.

Asheville, Special.—Three men, H. Adams, O. H. Herbert and A. T. Rodgers, supposed to be detectives brought here for the purpose, caused the issuance Tuesday of warrants against several Asheville soft drink establishment keepers and others, charging them with selling whiskey. A total of 14 warrants were issued and arrests made. It is said that other warrants will be issued soon.

#### Bust of Carnegie.

Davidson, Special.—The college has purchased from Prof. Carl Bentheim, of Charlotte, a bust of Andrew Carnegie, which will be placed in the new library building which this well-known philanthropist has given to Davidson. The bust is of Carrara marble and is a striking likeness of Mr. Carnegie. It is one of the busts that Mr. Bentheim made from life a few years ago, when Mr. Carnegie gave the sculptor several sittings under the auspices of Carl Schurz. This is the seventh building in North Carolina that will be adorned with a work of art done by Mr. Bentheim.

#### Old Comrades at Stanley.

Gastonia, Special.—An incident of more than passing interest took place at the annual picnic and old soldiers' reunion at Stanley last Thursday. Four of the six surviving members of the Kings Mountain Grays, the first company of volunteer soldiers which enlisted from Gaston to do service for the Southern Confederacy were present and stood on the exact spot where they gathered on the morning when they left the little hamlet just 48 years, two months and five days previous. They were Dr. W. W. Nolen, of Crouse; Wiley McGinnas, of Crouse; Miller Anthony, of Crouse, and A. Hovis, of Stanley. The other two survivors, Dr. W. H. Hoffman, of Gastonia, and James Hooper, of McAdenville, were not present. The company numbered 110 They left Stanley on the 10th of May, 1861. On their bonnie blue flag was inscribed "Kings Mountain Grays," and the valor they displayed on scores of battlefields was of that same quality which was shown by their forefathers at the decisive battle of Kings Mountain of the nearby battlefield, almost within sight. These four survivors who were present at the Stanley picnic were the guests of honor and nothing was left undone to make them enjoy the day.

#### The Survivors of Bethel.

Charlotte, Special.—A growing interest is being manifested in the State reunion which is to be held in this city August 25 and 26. Mr. L. Leon, a former resident of Charlotte, now of Wilmington, is urging that all the survivors of the first battle of Manassas be here at that time for a special reunion. He has addressed copies of the following letter to a number of his comrades:

Boys: There will be a State reunion of North Carolina Confederate Veterans in Charlotte the 25th and 26th of August. Why not have a reunion of the boys who fought at Bethel, June 30, 1861, 48 years ago, and see how many of us God has spared. And remember as yet there is not even a marker for our comrades, the first man killed in the battle, Henry Wyatt. If this meets the approval of the men of Bethel say so in the State papers and we will meet on one of the days of the State reunion. Your comrade, "Spring Chicken," Company C, First North Carolina Volunteers. L. LEON.

#### Statesville Cotton Mill Man Wounded by an Old Pistol.

Statesville, Special.—Mr. Baxter Scott, a young man who lives in Bloomfield, the cotton mill suburb on the west, was injured Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock by the accidental discharge of an old pistol in his own hands. Two of Scott's friends had called and asked to see his pistol and while he was handling the weapon rather carelessly and showing its good qualities, he accidentally pulled the trigger, and a bullet was sent almost entirely through his thigh. The ball barely missed the zone of the leg and lacked only about a half-inch of passing entirely through the fleshy part of the limb. Scott was taken to Dr. Long's sanatorium later in the afternoon and the bullet was removed by Dr. Long.

#### Two Men Are Drowned in French Broad River.

Hot Springs, Special.—A boat capsized in French Broad river, one mile below here Friday evening, in swift water, waist deep, drowning John Burke, white, and Sid Jones, colored, both croppers on C. T. Garrett's plantation.

#### The Historic Coach.

Raleigh, Special.—Mrs. S. G. Ayer, of Fayetteville, has loaned to the hall of history the coach in which General LaFayette made his famous tour through North Carolina in 1786. Having all these years been kept by a family in the country near Fayetteville. It will be brought from this historic town to Raleigh and placed on a base in the museum.

#### Prisoners Break Jail.

Murphy, Special.—James Brookshire, a notorious moonshiner; Wilburn James, a retailer, and Hill Loudermilk, convicted of betrayal, all serving terms in Cherokee county jail here, broke out early Sunday morning. Escape was effected by sawing through the stout steel bars of their cage and a window, but who furnished the implements with which they did the sawing is a matter the officers are yet trying to ferret out. Brookshire is a desperate character, his arrest in the mountains near Murphy ten days ago requiring the united efforts of a sheriff and a large posse.

## BRUTAL MURDER COMMITTED

Body of Miss Lydia C. Newman, a Well-to-Do Maiden Lady, of Sanner Township, Was Found Dead Near Her Residence—Skull Was Crushed With Bludgeon and She Had Been Dead For Several Days. Greensboro, Special.—Miss Lydia C. Newman, a maiden lady, who lived alone in the Burnett's Chapel section of Sanner township, was found dead Saturday with in three hundred yards of her residence. Her skull had been crushed by a bludgeon and she had evidently been dead for several days. She was last seen Tuesday morning, when a neighbor observed her going in the direction of the cow lot.

Coroner Wood summoned a jury and held an inquest Sunday afternoon, but no evidence was secured to throw light on the tragedy. There appears to be no doubt that the object of the murder was robbery, but it is not known whether or not the murderer procured anything of value. Miss Newman was possessed of considerable property and at times had large sums of money in her home. About two years ago her dwelling was burned and she was robbed of about \$1,000 in cash.

Miss Newman had a number of relatives in the community, but always insisted on living alone. Her dead body was discovered Saturday by a rural mail carrier.

#### Automobile Highway Selected.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The officials of the New York to Atlanta automobile highway, completed their deliberations here Saturday night and announced the selection of the route which will be followed in the good roads and reliability run between the two cities next October.

The New York Herald's experts decided to adopt the road leading from New York across Staten Island, to Perth Amboy, to Philadelphia, to Gettysburg across the historic battlefield down through the beautiful Shenandoah valley, through Lexington and Natural Bridge to Roanoke.

At Roanoke, Va., the Atlanta Journal's scouts look up the choice of roads and selected from Roanoke to Greensboro or Winston-Salem, to Salisbury, to Charlotte, to Spartanburg, to Greenville and on to Atlanta. The route was chosen after the scout cars of The Journal and The Herald had covered over 4,000 miles of road and is believed the best one available. The scouts say that both the capital to capital and the Bristol routes will be built, but in their judgment at present there are too many ferries and too few bridges to justify the selection.

The route selected is about 1,135 miles long and before the big contest begins next October, a sign board will be erected at every cross road to guide the drivers in the race.

#### Heart Pierced by Bullet.

Salisbury, N. C., Special.—A terrible tragedy, whether suicidal or accidental is not positively known, occurred at Organ church, this county, about 12 miles southeast of Salisbury, just before noon Sunday. The particulars as learned here late in the afternoon are as follows: Mr. Henry Kluttz and family had gone to Lutheran Organ church to worship, leaving a young son, Clarence, aged about 20 years, at home, he having been complaining of feeling unwell. When the family returned from the services to their home they were horrified to find the young man lying across the bed in his room dead with a rifle ball through his heart and the weapon, a small rifle, lying by his side.

#### Death List Increases.

New Orleans, Special.—With definite reports Saturday of 13 additional deaths as the result of the hurricane in Texas and Louisiana Wednesday, the death list Sunday night totals 41. Also six previously reported missing are still unaccounted for. Dispatches confirm the report that Maurice P. Wolfe, his wife, six children and negro servant had been drowned at Christian Bayou.

#### Most Successful Flight.

Washington, Special.—Orville Wright, at Fort Myer Saturday evening, surpassed all previous performances of the Wright aeroplane in the matter of speed and in the shapeliness of his turns. Wilbur Wright, who closely watched his brother's flight during every inch of his progress, calculated his average speed with and against the wind, at 47 miles an hour.

One of his circles at full speed was estimated to be within a diameter of 150 feet—an automobile could hardly do better than that at the high rate of speed.

## NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

The extra session of Congress will soon be a thing of the past and it is plain now, at this stage of the game, that the South is going to get a lemon, if not worse. Iron ore, coal and hides will be put on the free list. Lumber will be reduced as low as possible, retaining the House rate on rough lumber and the Senate rate on the finished product. Cotton bagging will be put back on the dutiable list. A drawback on ties will not be provided for. Sulphate of ammonia, used in fertilizers, is to be taken from the free list.

This is the way it looked Monday night. President Taft, Senator Aldrich and the House leaders seem to be together. Southern Republicans are taking the promised results to heart. In talking about the situation a leading Southern Democrat said: "It is going pretty hard with the boys who fought for their district, but the Republicans of the East have played a fine ruse. It does not see how the Westerners get much comfort out of the situation."

When the Senate met Tuesday, Senator Brown, of Nebraska, sought to have adopted the joint resolution directing the Secretary of State to transmit to the Governors of the various States, copies of the resolution providing for a constitutional amendment, authorizing the levying of an income tax, but under objection from Senator Keam, consideration was postponed. The Senate adjourned till Friday.

The tariff bill was hoisted above the bickering of congressional conferees, and transferred bodily from the Capitol to the White House. Dismayed because of the attitude of Representative Payne, who apparently has become convinced that he is in the minority, the conferees abandoned the usual afternoon session. Senator Aldrich and Speaker Cannon repaired to the White House posthaste to consult with President Taft, literally taking the tariff bill with them.

Better progress was made Wednesday by the tariff conferees than on any other day since the really troublesome disputes were reached. No trace of the ill-feeling which was manifested on Monday was apparent in the proceedings Wednesday.

Before schedules were taken up the conferees discussed briefly what reports could be made at the conference Wednesday night on the subjects of coal, lumber, hides, oil and iron ore, but no effort was made to fix rates upon any of these articles. It was evident that the Senate and House conferees were still far apart. Several subjects passed over in former conferences then were taken up.

The entire zinc schedule was adjusted. Spelter was made dutiable at 1-3-8 cents per pound, a reduction from the Senate rate of 1-1-2 cents and an increase from the House of 1 cent. All of the Senate differentials were adopted. Zinc sheets will be dutiable at 1-3-4 cents, and sheets coated or plated with nickel or other metal at 2 cents.

After a session of little more than half an hour Friday, the Senate adjourned until Monday, which is a day earlier than would have been possible under the unanimous agreement for sessions only on each third day while the tariff bill is in conference. The date was moved up in the hope that the conference report on the tariff bill might be in shape to be presented by Monday.

Senator Culbertson presented a brief statement showing the record of the Democratic party in the Senate on the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill. He asked for the printing of a series of tables showing the votes of the Democratic members on all the more important questions before the Senate in connection with the tariff in doing so, he made a brief explanation.

"An impression seems to have been created in some quarters," he said, "that in their action on the tariff bill, which is now in conference, the Democrats of the Senate have been divided and have often voted with the protectionist majority." He then presented the record to show this impression to be unfounded.

Openly charging that the Congress and the courts "had received and were receiving valuable gifts, employment or compensation from public service corporations, trusts and persons engaged in interstate commerce, or having an interest in legislation, Mr. Randall presented a resolution in the House directing the Speaker immediately to appoint the judiciary committee so that it may consider the question of amending the law so as to prohibit such conduct. The resolution was voted down.

The hide question was settled and unsettled Saturday and while there seemed little doubt that eventually

hides will fall among the unprotected articles on the tariff bill, the contest over their status cannot be regarded as closed. When the conferees adjourned for luncheon several of them said that it had been decided that hides should go on the free list. Saturday night the same conferees declare that hides will be free, but that that question has not been decided officially.

None of the questions made prominent throughout the country by President Taft's interest in them has been adjusted. The conferees spent a large part of Sunday in wrestling with these problems.

From a careful analysis of statements made by Senate and House leaders, taken in connection with the attitude of President Taft, the indications are that the conference rates upon the important questions still in dispute will be as follows:

Hides, free; oil, free; lumber, rough, \$1.25 a thousand feet, with proportionate differentials; coal, 45 cents a ton without the House reciprocal clause; iron ore, 15 cents a ton; print paper, \$3.75 a ton.

#### Flies Across the Channel.

M. Bleriot, a Frenchman, succeeded in flying across the English Channel Sunday morning. He left Les Barques, France, 3 miles from Calais, about 4:30 a. m., on one of the smallest monoplane ever used. He crossed the channel in a little less than half an hour, twice as swiftly as the fastest mail steamer. His speed averaged more than 45 miles an hour, sometimes it approximated 60 miles.

#### Believe Sutton Met Foul Play.

Annapolis, Md., Special.—In support of the theory of Mrs. Sutton and her daughter that Lieutenant Sutton was practically beaten to death, it is claimed that the report of the physician who performed an autopsy upon the body of Sutton will show that Sutton's skull was fractured, that there was a large lump under the cheek and that his forehead bore evidence of a terrific blow.

#### Rattlesnake's Bite Fatal.

Hendersonville, N. C., Special.—Pantney Stepp, the 14-year-old son of Mr. John Stepp, who lives about six miles from this city on the Polk county line, was bitten by a rattlesnake Thursday evening and died Thursday night.

Pantney and his brother were getting tankard near the edge of a field. When going near a large stump the boy was suddenly struck on the outside of the ankle by a monstrous rattlesnake. The brother succeeded in killing the snake and hurried home with Pantney, who in the meantime became very sick. The neighbors were called and all remedies known to the mountaineers were put in use. It was four miles to the nearest telephone, and required several hours before a doctor could reach the house. When the physician arrived the young fellow was in a sad state, and died two hours later.

This is the first person who has been fatally bitten by a snake this season.

#### GRINDING CORN FOR HOGS.

Authorities disagree as to the advisability of grinding the corn for hogs, some feeders claiming that it does not pay for the cost and trouble of grinding, while others think that it does pay well.

My experience is that some hogs will chew corn well, while others will not break half the grains. Usually a young hog will chew its food better than an old one. I fattened a hog last year on dry corn, but not one-half of the grains were broken.

Where a hog will not chew its feed well I think it will pay to grind its feed.

Hogs will not chew wheat well, and no hog will chew buckwheat well, so these grains should always be ground before feeding to hogs.

If corn is shelled and scattered on a floor or on the ground so that the hogs will have to pick up one grain at a time they will chew it better than when whole ears are thrown to them.—A. J. Legg.

#### General News Items.

President Taft went to a moving picture show Wednesday and saw himself in action on the canvas.

Mrs. Taft has improved greatly since her arrival at Beverly and now there is hardly any trace of her illness that caused the President so much worry.

A liberty pole 107 feet tall will be erected on Antietam battlefield by the Philadelphia Brigade Association.

The fatal disease called charbon is epidemic among cattle in Florida. Several human beings have caught it from the cattle.

Pellagra, a mysterious plague found only in the South and tropical countries, has appeared in Chicago.

Four cars of an excursion train on the Atlantic Coast Line turned over five miles north of Ocala, Fla., on Tuesday, while the train was running 30 miles an hour. Two men were badly injured, and a score of others were bruised or cut by flying glass.



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