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TAR HEEL CHRONICLES

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

Teachers at Windsor.

Windsor, Special.—The Bertie county teachers (white) have been attending an institute here for two weeks. Prof. J. Henry Highsmith, of Wake Forest College, and Miss Fulghum, of the Goldsboro graded school, have been very busy instructing them. Their teaching has been very entertaining and the teachers and public have enjoyed them. They both stand at the very top of their profession. Superintendent Askew has been of great assistance in this excellent work. Hon. Francis D. Winston delivered an admirable address on "Local History." He gave a great number of unknown but highly interesting facts and incidents relating to this historic county. He urged the formation of a society in each county having for its object securing portraits of the county's useful men and women to be hung in the court rooms. He narrated more than fifty of Bertie's noble sons and daughters who, by the usual standards of greatness, would be entitled to adorn the walls of our splendid court room. Striking was his appeal for more local work on the part of our historical societies. He has given this matter much thought. It will be recalled that he introduced the bill, establishing "North Carolina Day" in the public schools. His idea is that the great movements have all been written up; that court houses and homes are full of hidden valuable material; that a study of each locality will be the basis of a fine State history. He suggested a course of lectures at our colleges in the different counties by a person from each of them.

The address was interesting and most instructive. Old Soldiers' Day will be observed here on Thursday next. A great crowd will be here. Generally about four thousand people attend.

Farmers' Alliance Picnic.

Gold Rock, Special.—Beaver Dam Farmers Alliance, at Powell's school house, gave their annual barbecue and picnic. It was a day of feasting for all present. Mr. H. M. Cates, of Alamance county, State Lecturer, was on hand, who after dinner delivered an able address which made a lasting impression upon all who heard him. With his wit and humor, combined with hard, plain facts, he drove things home. All who heard him enjoyed his address, for all expressed a longing for the time when he shall come again. When the speaking was over the Alliance met in regular session, taking in several new members. They elected to the State Alliance, which meets at Hillsboro, August 10, T. E. Powell, delegate, and Dr. Henry Whitaker, alternate. The Alliance is widening in its influence. It is bringing the farmers to realize their position and they are beginning to grasp some of the many advantages which it holds out to them.

Being Carved in Italy.

Raleigh, Special.—The Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission has received a letter from Mr. F. W. Ruckstuhl, the eminent New York sculptor, who is executing the marble bust of Governor William A. Graham for the Commission, that he would sail from New York for Florence, Italy, where the bust is being carved, to put the finishing touches on the work himself. It will be carved from the best Carrara marble, will be one and one-quarter life-size, and will cost when completed, exclusive of the pedestal, \$1,000. It will be shipped to America about September 1st, and will be delivered to the Historical Commission about the middle of October.

Cotton Oil Mill For Whitakers.

Rocky Mount, Special.—Mr. S. S. Toler left Tuesday for Whitakers for the purpose of beginning upon the work of the erection of a cotton seed oil mill for the Southern States Cotton Oil and Refining Company, in accordance with a contract recently received by the firm of D. J. Ross & Co. The contract calls for completion of the three mills in time to handle the fall crop.

Rural Carriers in Nash Hampered by High Water.

Rocky Mount, Special.—During Tuesday and Wednesday the rural letter carriers were forced to go out of their regular route on account of swollen streams and the streams and the river as well were swollen beyond their banks and the roads in many parts of both counties are impassable. All of rural route No. 4 could not be served on account of the fact that Compass creek, near Mrs. George Battles, about five miles from this city, was so swollen as to be impassable.

An Unruly Convict.

Goldsboro, Special.—News has just reached this city of a very unfortunate occurrence that took place Friday at the county home, situated seven miles north of Goldsboro. A gang of convicts is at work on the farm, and one, Will Snead, a negro who is serving a sentence for burning a house to gain the insurance, has of late refused to work, complaining that he was not well. The superintendent, E. D. Williams, called in a physician to examine the negro. He was pronounced to be in a thoroughly sound condition. Upon such medical advice Mr. Williams ordered Snead to return to his labors along with the rest. The negro grew more and more obstinate, absolutely refusing to touch an implement, when Williams, assisted by his seventeen-year-old son, Edgar, endeavored to place shackles on the unruly convict, who resisted to the extent of even attacking the superintendent. Mr. Williams was obliged to shoot. The bullet missed the negro, but took effect on young Williams, passing through his leg a little above the knee. Luckily it is only a flesh wound and the young man is reported as doing well.

Let Train Run Over Him.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Suicide, terribly planned and spurred on by fear that he had slain his wife was the fate of Harrison Cline, 22 years old. The young man's body was found cut to pieces on the tracks of the Southern Railway in Salem early Sunday.

Saturday night he fired three shots from a revolver at his wife of a year, who had left but a few months ago, just before their child was born.

Cline went to her father's house, where she was staying, Saturday and begged her to return to him. She refused and he fired upon her at a distance of six feet. One bullet grazed her fingers and she fell fainting. Her father, W. F. Gordon, grappled with him, but Cline broke away, leaving his revolver. Apparently he believed he had killed his wife and this led to his horrible suicide. The coroner's jury found a note in his pocket indicating that he was desperately inclined before he visited his wife.

New Bridge Over Tar River a Big Undertaking.

Rocky Mount, Special.—For the past several days the American Bridge Company has kept a large force of hands at work putting into position the new steel bridge which it has the contract to build for the Atlantic Coast Line across the Tar river near this city. The contract is quite a large one and it will require several weeks before the large double track bridge is placed into position. The bridge company has about seventy-five carloads of material at South Rocky Mount and it is being unloaded and put into position as fast as possible. The two waterings on either side will be rebuilt and will be spanned in the future by steel girders instead of the wooden trestle that has given service there for many years. The plans of the company include a putting into commission of the new bridge during the early fall and it is expected to put the double-tracking from this city to Battleboro into use before the winter.

Heavy Rain Fall.

Kinston, Special.—The heaviest rainstorm of the summer passed over this city Sunday afternoon which continued until early Monday morning. The total amount of rainfall was 2.65. Since June 1st, the total rainfall has amounted to 21.84 inches.

To Protect Young Boys.

Winston-Salem, Special.—A society has been formed here to exercise supervision especially over young boys who become enmeshed in the coils of the law, in order to prevent the little fellows from becoming hardened criminals. The society is largely the outcome of the efforts of Rev. Crawford Jackson, general secretary of the Juvenile Protective Association, who has been here several days.

Still Another Circus Booked For Winston-Salem.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The third circus to be booked for Winston-Salem this season is Haag's Railroad Shows, which will appear August 14. Shows, which will appear August 14. A big street parade is advertised. The big license tax is not scaring the showmen, apparently, and there is much speculation as to whether there will not be a suspension of the tax after all. Otherwise, it is feared by many, the showmen may use their own "strong arm" methods to get the people to pay the increased expense. However, this is but street talk of the insistent sort, withal.

DISTURBERS SHOT BY OFFICER

One Died Sunday Morning—Other May Recover—Officer's Story Justifies Shooting—Negro Employee Implicate Officer.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—Mr. John Bunting of Wilmington, a traveling salesman of the Chattanooga Medicine Company, died in the Mission Hospital here Sunday morning, soon after midnight as a result of a shooting scrape at the Gladstone Hotel, Black Mountain, Saturday morning at 1:30 o'clock, while Mr. P. C. Collins, a prominent banker of Hillsboro, is also at the hospital in an adjoining ward with a bad wound in the right side. The two men received their hurts at the hands of F. C. Watkins, town constable of Black Mountain, in a room at the Gladstone Hotel Saturday morning about 1:30 o'clock. The men were brought to Asheville Saturday morning several hours after the shooting occurred and taken to the hospital for treatment. It was found that Mr. Bunting was suffering from internal hemorrhage. Mr. Collins, while dangerously hurt, will probably recover.

The officer tells the following story: "I went up to the room," said the constable, "where the men were and entered. The room was in darkness and as I entered I struck a match to see my way and lighted a lamp. One of the men, I don't know which one, asked who I was and I said a police officer—the town constable. One of the men with an oath said in effect, 'Well, we take care of all police here.' At about that time one of them kicked the door shut and then the light was snuffed out. One of the men jumped at me and grabbed me about the neck, the other at the time also closing in and clinching. The men were both of strong build; one of them had something in his hand but I don't know what it was. When they closed in on me and grabbed me, one reached for my pistol pocket. I drew my revolver, a .32-caliber Smith & Wesson and in the darkness fired two shots and the men staggered back; one of them fell. When I went in there was a third person in the room, but whether he got out before the shooting I don't know. I called for the door to be opened and it was opened. I don't know whether from the inside or outside. A light was secured and the manager came in. I assisted one of the men to a bed; the other one went out into the hall. A physician was summoned and in company with the physician the men were brought to Asheville for medical treatment."

At the inquest over Bunting however, two negro men, employees in the hotel, give a story to the effect that the officer was not justified in the shooting, that the men showed no disposition to resist. The officer gave bond in the sum of \$5,000.

He said that when he reached the hotel women were running around in their night clothing, barefooted and frightened.

Various guests of the hotel, men and women, testified as to the disturbance created by Bunting and Collins in their room about midnight. Several of them stated that the two men were shouting and using profane language, and that on complaint to the proprietor of the hotel the latter sent for the village constable to quiet the disturbers.

Sunday Merrymakers Drown.

Toledo, O., Special.—Two men and one woman were drowned and seven men were rescued with difficulty when a launch containing a gay party of merrymakers capsized in Maumee bay 500 feet off of the Casino, a summer theatre, at 4 o'clock Sunday morning. All were residents of Toledo. Dill, one of the drowned, was the owner of the boat and took out the party of ten men and one woman over the earnest protests of his wife.

Congressman in Fight.

Washington, Special.—Representative J. Thomas Heflin, of Alabama, became involved in a personal encounter with an automobilist, whose name is said to be Johnson, on the streets of Washington Tuesday afternoon. As no arrests were made the identity of Mr. Heflin's antagonist could not be clearly established.

The Sutton Investigation.

Annapolis, Md., Special.—Mrs. James N. Sutton, of Portland, Ore., and her daughter, Mrs. Rosa Sutton Parker, of St. Paul, Minn., with Henry E. Davis, their counsel, arrived here Wednesday night from Washington, determined, they said, to fight to the bitter end to remove the stigma of suicide from the name of Lieutenant James Sutton, of the marine corps, Mrs. Sutton's son, when the naval board of inquiry resumes the investigation of young Sutton's death.

GLOUCESTER DAY PAGEANT

286th Anniversary of Settlement by Pilgrims.

Warships in the Harbor and Many Fishing Vessels Also Dress For the Occasion.

Gloucester, Mass. — With United States warships booming their greetings from the harbor, military, naval and civic parades traversing the streets, and fully 25,000 strangers in the city eager to witness the gorgeous pageant, "The Canterbury Pilgrims," "Gloucester Day," or the 286th anniversary of the settlement of the town by the Pilgrims, was enthusiastically observed here.

President Taft had planned to take part in the great celebration, but the prolonged sessions of Congress, with the announced program of taking a vote on the Tariff bill, compelled him to wire a regretful negative. Charles Taft came here as the guest of Dick Hammond, and Mrs. Taft, Robert and Helen Taft and their aunt, Mrs. More, arrived in the afternoon.

Governor Draper and his staff came at noon and were entertained with other distinguished guests at the City Hall. Admiral Dewey's Manila flagship, the Olympia, the scout cruisers Salem and Chester, the cruisers Chicago and Hartford, the President's yacht the Sylph, and all the vessels of the fishing fleet, for which industry the port is famous, had flags and bunting wherever they could be displayed. Bells on shore and cannon on sea ushered in the day's celebration at noon.

The pageant was given at Stage Fort Park.

As a prelude to the grand fete of the evening a military, naval and civic parade was arranged for the early afternoon and included officers, marines and jacksies from the warships in the harbor, several companies of militia and Governor Draper, escorted by Troop A, of the Massachusetts National Guard, the Lancers. These horsemen, attired in their dress uniforms of red, attracted no end of attention. The parade was reviewed at the City Hall by Governor Draper, Mayor Parsons and members of the Gloucester city government. The young members of the Taft family occupied a box near the reviewing stand and with them were four children of the family of the late President Cleveland.

Percy Mackaye's play, "The Canterbury Pilgrims," was arranged as a dramatic pageant and produced under the direction of Eric Pape. The music for the evening was especially composed and arranged by Walter Damosch. The play was enacted under the leadership of Charles Douville Coburn and in it there were nearly a thousand persons, including the Coburn players, an adult mixed chorus of 200-600 school children and a sixty-five piece military band.

GUILLOTINE AGAIN IN PARIS.

Crowds Gather to See Man Who Killed Mother Suffer Death.

Paris, France.—A sudden official announcement that a public beheading would take place at 4.30 a. m. in the boulevard fronting the Sante Prison created a sensation in Paris, which had not seen such a sight in fifteen years. Immediately immense crowds gathered at the scene. In view of the revolting crime of the man executed, President Fallieres refused to commute his sentence to life imprisonment. The victim was one Duchemin, aged twenty-three, a butcher. In 1908 he stabbed his mother, and this not resulting in her death quick enough he finished her by strangulation. The motive for the crime was robbery.

CASHIER'S SHORTAGE \$50,000.

Calhoun Harris, a Society Man, Arrested in South Carolina.

Anderson, S. C.—Calhoun Harris, secretary and assistant cashier of the Orr cotton mills, here, was arrested, charged with breach of trust. Expert accountants who are going over his books announced that \$50,000 was missing. Harris, who is socially prominent, says the apparent shortage will be found due to clerical errors.

In the cotton company's vault the accountants found between \$8000 and \$9000 in old checks, currency and silver, which had been stored in bags, some of it for eight years, and apparently forgotten. Some of these old checks had been tendered in payment for accounts with the company and apparently never had been cashed. Harris is thirty-five years old. He was married a few months ago.

ROOF GARDEN HAT ABLAZE.

Girl's Dilemma Calls Out Part of the Atlanta Fire Department.

Atlanta, Ga.—A fire upon the roof garden of a hat of a pretty girl traveler in the Union Station called out two fire companies, a hose cart and a score of willing amateur firemen, delayed a full train thirty minutes and destroyed finery worth \$30 upon the hat.

The young woman, on her way to New York City, rushed into the station for something to eat. In paying her check, she swung the hat too close to the cigar lighter. In an instant the orchard which adorned it was a mass of flames. A dark-skinned waiter turned in a fire alarm and every available male guest tried to rescue the affair.

The train was held until the victim recovered from an attack of hysterics.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

A new patent treaty was promulgated by the United States and German governments.

Women of Massachusetts planned a four weeks' trolley campaign for "votes for women."

The Hochl, of Tokio, says that force is the only recourse of Japan to solve her problems in China.

M. Pelot Gaudart, in a Voisin biplane, beat Mr. Wilbur Wright's high flight record by rising 120 metres.

The dilatory methods of the recent Cuban Congress caused President Gomez to force through important measures.

The Peary "relief ship," the Jeanie, began her voyage from St. Johns, N. F., to Etah, Greenland, to carry supplies to the explorer.

A house of retreat will be built at Fordham University, New York, for the men who seek rest in temporary seclusion from the world.

The meeting of the Emperor of Russia and President Fallieres strengthened the Franco-Russian alliance in the direction of peace.

W. H. Mitchell, of Thomasville, Ga., charged with attempting to abduct his relative, Miss Lucille Linton, was sentenced to the chain gang.

Madrid sprinkled her chief thoroughfares with sand to make it easier for horsemen to manœuvre in fighting mobs in the expected general strike.

M. Vanderveide, the Socialist leader in Belgium, announced that he would go to the Congo to defend the American missionaries accused of libel.

Count Witte's appearance at the imperial dinner for the King and Queen of Denmark is regarded as an indication that he will regain political power.

BASEBALL NOTES.

The use of the spitball is being decreed all along the line just now.

Pitcher Sallee, of the Cardinals, seems to be considerable of an iron man for work.

The New York Americans sold McConnell, one of their pitchers, to the Rochester Club.

President Dovey has prohibited sea-water bathing in the morning by the Boston players.

It is said that Ned Hanlon, of Baltimore, is negotiating for the controlling interest in the Boston Club.

It is said that Roger Bresnahan will not be able to catch again this year because of a torn ligament in his right shoulder.

The Washington Club has signed the veteran outfielder Jimmy Sebring on the chance that he may show some of his former ability.

If Hans Wagner cannot play his best game for the rest of the season the Pittsburghs may find it a difficult matter to keep the Cubs from passing them.

The best throwing outfielders in the American League are Ray Demmitt, of the Highlanders, and "Dode" Birmingham and Bill Hinchman, of the Naps.

The most effective major league pitchers, including Mathewson, Wiltsie, Brown, Reubach, Camnitz, Summers, Mullin, Bender, Plank, Smith, of the White Sox, Scott and others, do not use the spitter.

Several American Association men have been looking for grounds in Pittsburg, which has caused a Pittsburg of several war rumors, including one to the effect that John Kling and Jimmy Callahan will run an Association club in Chicago next year.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Magistrate Leroy B. Crane, of New York City, sailed for Europe on a health trip.

Carnegie has spent over \$51,000,000 on libraries—\$35,000,000 in the United States.

Dr. John Gutierrez, the renowned yellow fever expert, has resigned as chief sanitary officer of Havana.

The Wright brothers, in building their machines, work with their own hands and refuse to leave the ranks of mechanics or to seek society.

David R. Birch, United States Consul at Alexandria, Egypt, and Mrs. Birch, have returned to America after an absence of nearly four years.

The Rev. Dr. Price, pastor of the Washington Heights Methodist Episcopal Church, criticised Dr. Eliot's "new religion" as lacking the "vital note."

George W. Gall, one of the wealthiest and best-known citizens of Baltimore, died following an operation for an intestinal perforation due to typhoid fever.

The Rev. Dr. John Henry Jowett, a visiting English clergyman, warned his hearers at New York City of the dangers of a religion of the head rather than of the heart.

Charles Denby, formerly Consul General at Shanghai, in an era of remarkable manufacturing activity is at hand in China, and that the door is open to American investors.

Pope Pius received in audience the Right Rev. Charles J. O'Reilly, Bishop of Baker City, Oregon, who presented John J. McGrane, of Brooklyn, and a pilgrimage of seventy-five persons.

Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, is quoted as saying that President Taft, in his inaugural address, pronounced the doom of the hope for the disarmament of nations.

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