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TAR HEEL CHRONICLES

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

Fires Upon Wife's Lover.

Statesville, Special.—The arrest in Statesville Wednesday afternoon of Mr. Robert Miller, of Shiloh township, on a warrant charging him with shooting at Mr. Raymond Wilson, of Shiloh township, resulted in bringing to the ears of the officers a story of a rather sensational shooting affray in Shiloh Monday. On being taken before Justice J. A. King, Miller at first proposed to give bond for his appearance at a preliminary hearing at a future date, but decided to waive examination and give bond for his appearance at Superior Court. Bond in the sum of \$100 was required. Both Miller and Wilson live in the same neighborhood in Shiloh and each of them has a wife and four children. The shooting affray took place near their homes Monday and was the result of alleged misconduct between Wilson and Miller's wife. According to Miller's story the first shots were fired at Wilson with a shotgun in a field where Miller found Wilson in company with his wife, but the distance between the two men was such that the shot from the gun failed to reach Wilson. Wilson left the field in great haste and went to his home where, it is alleged by Wilson, Miller shot at him with a pistol a time or two, but the balls went wild of their mark. Miller admits that he fired at Wilson five or six times in all. It is alleged that when Miller came upon his wife and Wilson in the field that he not only fired at Wilson but assaulted his wife and slapped her down. The woman swore out a warrant for her husband before Justice Fulbright, of Shiloh, charging him with striking her, but withdrew the warrant before it was served. The warrant on which Miller was arrested was sworn out by Wilson. It is understood that Miller has employed counsel with a view to bringing suit for divorce from his wife.

Teachers in the Front.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of the University, who is conducting the Forsyth Teachers' Institute, in his opening address Monday stirred his hearers with these sentiments: "Our profession is getting hold of the world. There was a time when people put men to teaching who could not do anything else. If they could not practice law or medicine, they were put to teaching. The teacher now is the representative man of the South. They are becoming to be an effective force in any community. There was a time when it was thought any building was good enough for a school, but now the nicest building in any community is the school building. People are getting it into their heads that children should be well taught by good teachers and well paid teachers in good buildings. This is a good sign. North Carolina is waking up and forging to the front. The movement is coming slowly, but is gaining power every year."

Burglars at Fayetteville.

Fayetteville, Special.—Wednesday night burglars entered the store of Ernest Sikes, in Campbellton, blew open the safe and got \$360 cash, some deeds and other papers. Nitro-glycerine was inserted in two holes drilled in the safe door, one at the top, the other near the combination, and the door was blown off its hinges. The papers were found scattered about in the grass some distance from the store. The noise of the explosion was deadened by sacks of flour piled against the safe. No clue has yet been found, but the police have some slight threads which they hope may lead up to something.

Lunatic Eggs a Train.

Raleigh, Special.—As the Southern west-bound train was passing the grounds of the State Hospital for the Insane here Wednesday afternoon, one of a group of patients near the railroad threw an egg at a passenger coach, which struck a young woman student of the Kings Business College on the breast. The egg broke and splattered in every direction.

Forbids Spitting on Durham Paving.

Durham, Special.—The board of health has placed the ban upon careless spitting and after the 1st of September there will be a fine against any man who does the saliva act upon any paved street. The regulations of the commission provide further against spitting in any public building or upon any pavement adjacent to that building. This sweeping order has not been previously made. It will apply to many streets in Durham instead of one new, Main, and will cover every building instead of institutions like street cars.

8 MEET DEATH IN WRECK

Result of a Head-On Collision on Denver & Rio Grande.

FIFTY OTHER PASSENGERS HURT

Northbound and Southbound Passenger Trains, Running at Terrific Speed, Meet on a Curve and Crews Have no Opportunity to Avert a Collision.

Colorado Springs, Col., Special.—Eight are dead and 50 injured, some fatally, as a result of a head-on collision between train No. 8 northbound and train No. 1, southbound, on the Denver & Rio Grande at Husted, 18 miles north of Colorado Springs Saturday morning. The trains, both running at terrific speed, met on a curve and their crews had no opportunity to avert the collision. Train No. 8, drawn by two engines, telescoped the baggage car and smoker of No. 1, and all three engines went into the ditch.

With more than 400 passengers on the two trains the excitement following the accident was indescribable. All the passengers were thrown in a screaming mass on the floors of the cars and many were hurt in the stampede to escape. The unhurt rushed to the aid of the injured, but so great was the confusion that it required half an hour to clear the cars, which were enveloped in clouds of steam from the engines.

Relief trains bearing surgeons and nurses were rushed to the scene of the wreck and the wounded were brought to local hospitals.

It is said that officials of the road place the blame of the wreck upon the crew of train No. 8 who were ordered to meet No. 1 at Husted. It is claimed the crew mistook a switch engine and cars for No. 1 and believed the track was clear.

The following are among the dead and injured: Frank M. Frederick, St. Louis, Mo.; C. S. Brown, Jerico Springs, Mo.; J. A. Gossage, Husted, Colorado, fireman No. 8; B. F. Larkens, Colorado Springs, Col.; J. K. Parker, Denver; J. R. Parker, Chicago; two unidentified men.

Cause of Blind Stagers.

Bristol, Va., Special.—Chancellor Hal H. Hayes, of Bristol, who conducts a large stock farm here, is positive that he has discovered the cause of the ailment among cattle commonly called "blind stagers." Having lost several fine horses and cows recently, he began an investigation. In the stomach of a cow which died last month was found a leaf, which he suspected was from a poisonous growth. Matching the leaf to a growth with a leaf much like mint, he sent a specimen of the plant to the Agricultural Department of the United States government. The department has just written Judge Hayes that the plant is "cicutula maculata L.," or water hemlock. The following statement is appended: "It is one of the most poisonous native plants in the United States, being rapidly fatal to both man and animals. Cattle sometimes eat the tubers, and in marshes are poisoned by drinking water contaminated by the juice of the rotts, which they have crushed by being trampled upon. No remedies for this poison have yet been discovered." Judge Hayes is endeavoring to get a specimen of a kindred plant that is found in Southwest Virginia, and which gives stock the stagers. He says that the plant can readily be exterminated. It is his belief that a general knowledge of this subject will be the means of saving many cattle in the South from premature death.

Cretans Must Yield.

London, By Cable.—As a result of the refusal of the population of Crete to haul down the Greek flag, which was raised when the troops of the powers, Great Britain, France, Italy and Russia, recently evacuated the island, the powers have ordered warships to Crete and probably will re-occupy the islands in order to force compliance with their wishes.

Chinese Belle Murdered.

New York, Special.—Chinatown boiled over again Sunday on discovery of the murder of the most beautiful of the few Chinese women in New York, Bow Kim, 21 years old, who came here from San Francisco about a year ago, with an Americanized Chinaman, Chin Len, 31 years old. It was about 2 o'clock in the morning, just as the usual Saturday night revelers were quitting down that Chin Len dashed out of a tenement house at 17 Mott street, crying: "My woman been murdered."

Durham Tobacco Season Opens.

Durham, Special.—Notice of the opening of the tobacco season has been sent the leaf houses here and some of the weed is on the way for the factories of the American Tobacco Company, the Imperial and Walker's Durham. The primings of a few days ago were the first to be sold from the native fields, but there is no real Durham tobacco ready. Reports from the farmers indicate a good crop. The building of a road from Durham to Roxboro brought 2,000,000 pounds here that had never come before and it averaged 14 cents.

FARMERS' STATE CONVENTION

Four Days' Session, Aug. 24-27—Railroads Give Special Rates.

Raleigh, Special.—The Farmers State Convention will meet here Aug. 24th to 27th, inclusive. A reception committee, of which W. C. Etheridge is chairman, will meet all trains arriving at the Union Station Monday evening, Tuesday and Wednesday. When you get off the train, look for men with badges: "Reception Committee," or for sign: "Headquarters, Reception Committee, State Farmers' Convention," and make yourself known. The committee will take care of you.

Those who prefer will be assisted in securing satisfactory accommodations in the city, while those who wish to room at the College will be escorted there and provided with rooms free and meals at cost. Those who intend rooming at the College should notify Mr. E. B. Owen, West Raleigh, when they will arrive, but failure to do this need not prevent anyone from securing a room at the college on his arrival. Those expecting to room at the College should bring towels and pillows with them.

The accommodations for rooming at the College are not good, owing to the fact that the College has no furniture or bedding except that furnished students, but such as is there will be at the disposal of those who wish to avail themselves of it.

Railroad Rates.

A rate of one and one-half fare plus fifty cents has been granted for the Farmers' State Convention, provided there are as many as one hundred persons attending the meeting holding properly receipted certificates.

Information, sample certificate and programs may be secured from the Secretary or E. B. Owen, Registrar of the College, West Raleigh, N. C., upon application.

T. B. PARKER, Sec.

PROGRAM.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24.

11:00 a. m.—Address of Welcome by Major W. A. Graham, State Commissioner of Agriculture; Annual address by the President of the Convention.

2:15 p. m.—Reclaiming Soil, Mr. R. W. Scott, Alamance County; Discussion by Mr. J. P. Wyatt, Wake County; The Crime of Gullying, Prof. C. L. Newman, A. and M. College; Discussion by Mr. R. W. Pou, Iredell County; Crop Varieties and Soil Types, Mr. J. L. Burgess, State Department of Agriculture; Soil Preservation, Mr. E. E. Miller, Managing Editor Progressive Farmer; General Discussion.

8:00 p. m.—Progress in Agricultural Education, President D. H. Hill, A. and M. College; Agriculture's Debt to Science (Lantern Lecture), Dr. F. L. Stevens, A. and M. College.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25.

7:30 to 10:00 a. m.—Live-stock Judging.—Cattle, Prof. John Michels; Horses, Dr. W. G. Chrisman; Hogs, Prof. R. S. Curtis; Poultry, Prof. J. S. Jeffrey.

10:00 a. m.—How to Make Two Bales of Cotton to the Acre, Mr. W. A. Simpkins, Wake County; Discussion by Mr. T. J. W. Broome, Union County; What Shall the Farmer Do With His Cotton Seed? State Chemist B. W. Kilgore, State Department of Agriculture; Discussion by Mr. W. D. Trotman, Iredell County; Peanuts as a Farm Crop, Supt. T. E. Browne, Hertford County; Discussion by Mr. Thos. W. Blount, Washington County.

2:15 p. m.—Doubling the Corn Yield, Mr. C. R. Hudson, State Demonstration Agent; Discussion by Mr. John F. Latham, Beaufort County; Insects Injurious to Corn, Prof. R. I. Smith, A. and M. College and Experiment Station; Preparation of Land for Corn, Mr. B. S. Skinner, Superintendent College Farm; Discussion by Mr. J. D. Sessoms, Cumberland County; General Discussion by all Corn Growers.

8:00 p. m.—The importance of Education in Agriculture, Mr. F. S. White, Commissioner of Agriculture, Rock Island and Frisco Lines, St. Louis, Mo.; Farm Methods, Dr. S. A. Knapp, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26.

7:30 to 9:30 a. m.—Dairy Demonstration at College Dairy.

9:30 a. m.—Dairy Development in North Carolina, Mr. J. A. Conover, State Department of Agriculture; Discussion by Mr. W. W. Finley, Wilkes County; Economical Feeding of Dairy Cattle, Prof. John Michels, A. and M. College and Experiment Station; Necessity of Good Farm Equipment, Mr. John W. Robinson, Catawba County; Discussion by Mr. W. C. Andrews, Orange County; Feeding Cotton-seed Meal to Horses and Hogs, Prof. R. S. Curtis, Experiment Station; Suggestions for Selecting a Breeding Animal, Dr. W. J. Hartman, State Department of Agriculture.

2:15 p. m.—Legumes as Farm Crops, Mr. T. B. Parker, State De-

partment of Agriculture; Discussion by Mr. C. C. Moore, Mecklenburg

W. C. Riddick, A. and M. College; County; Building Good Roads, Prof. Factors Affecting the Maturity of Corn, Director C. B. Williams, Experiment Station; Grasses and Hay-making, Mr. R. L. Shuford, Catawba County; Agricultural Extension Work, Prof. I. O. Schaub, A. and M. College.

8:00 p. m.—Improvement of Farm Homes, Mr. Franklin Sherman, Jr., State Department of Agriculture.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.

7:30 to 9:30 a. m.—Demonstration of Tests for Tuberculosis in Cows, Doctors Hartman, Roberts and Chrisman.

9:30 a. m.—Commercial Fruit Growing, Prof. W. N. Hutt, State Department of Agriculture; Lettuce Growing in Eastern Carolina, Mr. W. H. Bray, Craven County.

2:15 p. m.—Handling and Selling Tobacco, Mr. J. O. W. Gravelly, Nash County; Improvement of State Horticulture, Mr. S. B. Shaw, State Department of Agriculture; Election of Officers and Other Business.

The Government Enlarging Wireless Station at Beaufort.

Beaufort, N. C., Special.—The government is increasing the capacity of the wireless station on Piver's island, this harbor. Commander Quinby is in charge of the work and says when it is completed the station will send and receive messages from a much greater distance than heretofore. This station was the first on the coast to receive and to send out messages last week when the steamer Arapahoe broke her tail shaft.

Earthquake in Japan.

Tokio, By Cable.—Reports received concerning the earthquake in central Japan Saturday afternoon show there were a number of fatalities and that great damage was done. The dead at present is said to be 30, though it is feared that the fatalities will be greatly increased when the outlying districts are heard from. The number of persons injured is 822. Thus far 362 buildings, including many temples, are reported to have been destroyed and more than one thousand others badly damaged.

King Edward as Metronome.

A very wise decision has been arrived at by King Edward with regard to the national anthem. He has now expressed his desire that a standard of tempo should be adopted so that whenever it is played it will always be taken at exactly the same time. This matter, trivial as it may seem, has long occupied the mind of the Duke of Connaught, by whom it was brought before the King, and for the change that he has thus brought about the public no less than his own family owe him much thanks.

Hitherto it has been at the discretion of every bandmaster or conductor of an orchestra to take the national anthem fast or slow, and generally speaking it has been dragged rather than hastened with somewhat dirgelike effect. Henceforth it is to be sung briskly and joyfully, and we shall always know the moment the first note is heard exactly how we are to sing it. That it is in a sense a prater does not necessitate a funeral tempo.—Lady's Pictorial.

FEMININE NEWS NOTES.

A. Holland Forbes, a New York City aeronaut, has promised Mrs. Longworth to take her up.

Mrs. Ralph W. Ashcroft, formerly secretary to Mark Twain, will recover the cottage deeded her by the humorist.

Mary Chilton was not the first person to land from the Mayflower at Plymouth, according to investigations by Samuel Arthur Dent.

Mrs. Laura Lebel, Brooklyn, was bitten thirty-six times by a dog when attempting to aid the animal's mistress, who was taken ill.

Twenty-five women, sixteen of whom were winners in popularity contests conducted by two Pennsylvania newspapers, made a trip to Bermuda.

Mrs. Lulu F. Bryan Rambaud was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce from Dr. George G. Rambaud, head of the Pasteur Institute, of New York City.

A whipping-post for wife-beaters was advocated by Magistrate House, who said as many as fifty beaten wives had appealed to him in one day in New York City.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, London, Grace Eloise, daughter of Edgar Peckham, of New York, was married to Francis, son of the late J. S. Andrews, of Scotland.

Mrs. Lu Wheat, author, died in Los Angeles after a brief illness. She was born in Michigan in 1840. Her best known work was "The Third Daughter," a novel of Chinese life.

Rivalry for social leadership has been carried to the field of suffrage by Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont and Mrs. Clarence Mackay, each of whom opened headquarters in New York City.

A GOOD LISTENER.

The Mistress—Katie, you should not talk so much.
The Maid—No, ma'am.
"No; you should understand that it is your place to listen."
"I do that, ma'am."
"I never saw you when you were, then."
"No, ma'am; you never saw me when I was listening because I was on the other side of the keyhole, ma'am."—Yonkers Statesman.

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