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TAR HEEL CHRONICLES

News Notes Gathered From All Parts of the Old North State.

BIBLE 300 YEARS OLD.

Printed in Latin, Greek and Hebrew—Equals Present Day Printing.

Southern Pines, Special.—Dr. H. P. McKnight of Southern Pines has a rare book in the shape of a Latin, Greek and Hebrew Bible, printed just 300 years ago, and still in an excellent state of preservation.

The volume is a large one, substantially bound in leather, and it is a splendid example of the good work the old printers of Europe turned out. The book was printed in Switzerland in 1609, the date on the title page in Roman numerals being of the old fashioned notation when the letter C turned upside down figured as a character.

The first part of the book is printed in Greek and Latin, the text in the one language following immediately beneath the line in the other language. The Hebrew portion of the volume begins with the last page and reads toward the front until the Latin is met.

The typography is perfect. The skill of the old type foundry and printers must have been equal to that of the men of the same trades at the present time, and the press work and paper show the highest order of ability.

Throughout the book are head and tail-piece engravings of the daintiest pattern, and initial letters. The lines of all the engravings are delicate, clear and strong, and suggest some of the lathe work of modern times. The doctor says he would not take \$1,000 for the volume, even though he cannot read much of it. It is one of several curious books that he has gathered up, which all together make interesting novelties for the entertainment of the tourist who is privileged to look over the collection.

Bitten by a Mad Dog.

Mooresville, Special.—Four children of Mr. E. W. Kerr, who lives in the Prospect neighborhood of this county, four miles east of Mooresville, were bitten by a pet dog Saturday. Nothing was thought of the incident until Monday when the animal exhibited symptoms of rabies. He was immediately killed and the head sent to Raleigh for examination. A long distance telephone message from the Pasteur Institute stated that the animal was undoubtedly mad, and Mr. Kerr left Thursday night for Raleigh to place his four children in the institute for treatment.

It is stated that a mule, cow, pig and a number of chickens were also bitten by the canine and much concern is felt in the neighborhood over this fact. Mr. Kerr was advised by the State chemist to kill all the animals bitten by the dog.

Much sympathy is felt here for the distressed parents. A subscription paper was carried around Thursday and a considerable amount secured. Mr. Kerr is a substantial farmer but of moderate means. The youngest of the dog's victims is only 2 years old.

Five-Year-Old Boy Smothered to Death in Pile of Cotton Seed.

Greensboro, Special.—A special to The Daily News from Goldston says the 5-year-old son of William Fields, living a short distance from that place, was smothered to death Thursday in a pile of cotton seed. The boy with several other children had been playing in the seed during the afternoon and was not missed until nearly dark. Later searchers found the dead body in the seed pile. It is supposed the boy had sunk deep into the pile and in efforts to extricate himself threw more of the seed over himself and finally was suffocated.

Bell Telephone Company Secures Franchise For Lumberton.

Lumberton, Special.—At a meeting of the town commissioners held here Wednesday night a franchise was granted the Bell Telephone Company to operate a system here. They have purchased the old system from Messrs. White and McLean and will install new fixtures altogether.

Attempt to Wreck Train.

Burlington, Special.—A serious wreck of passenger train No. 139 at a point two miles east of Burlington Tuesday night at 6:30 was miraculously averted. A cross-tie had been placed across the track by a malicious hand. The engine struck the obstacle but fortunately knocked it between the rails and passed partly over it without serious results. But for the fact that this point was at the top of a heavy grade and the speed of the train was greatly reduced, a serious wreck would have occurred.

SUCCESSFUL STATE FAIR.

Movement to Erect New Buildings and Afford More Accommodations.

Raleigh, Special.—There never was as great satisfaction with a fair here as with the one held this week. It was a success in every way and this success means a great deal for Raleigh and for the State. In all probability at the first meeting of the executive committee the question of erecting new buildings and of utilizing all the space within the grounds will be taken up. The State poultry farm occupies 14 acres of the grounds, having done this many years; first when it was the experiment farm of the A. & M. College, under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture. It is found that there is much unused space in the grounds, which only needs improvement to make it all available. A large area is required for the teams of the country visitors who come to the fair by thousands now. The vehicles and stock from the country tell the story of prosperity as plainly as do the people themselves, for this is the farmers' year.

Southern Power Company Reaches Hickory.

Hickory, Special.—Mr. C. C. Moore has been in the county for some weeks in the interest of the Southern Power Company, has completed the work of securing the right-of-way for the transmission line from Newton to Hickory. The property-owners on the line are much pleased with the business-like manner in which Mr. Moore dealt with them. He is regarded as a very fair and impartial adjuster of right-of-way matters. The station which the power company is building is almost ready for the installation of the electrical apparatus to be used for delivering the current to the Brookford and Ivey cotton mills and to the Hickory Lighting Company. Several carloads of poles, copper wire, insulators and other materials have arrived and are being unloaded.

Norfolk and Western Work Train Destroyed by Fire.

Mayodan, Special.—A most unusual fire occurred here Wednesday night, three cars of a work train owned by the Norfolk and Western Railway being consumed. The train was on a siding near the station and the fire, which was discovered about 10 o'clock, originated in the commissary car. Its origin is unknown. The railway station in Mayodan is situated at the foot of a small mountain of steep bluff on the east side, the same being covered at this time with brilliant autumn foliage, and the glare of the fire against the side of this mountain afforded a rare and remarkable spectacle.

Run Down By Train.

Durham, Special.—Cyrus Parham, an old man of 73, was killed Friday morning about 6:40 by an eastbound freight on the Southern main line. The old man, who was soon to have been sent to the county home, was without relatives of any kind to care for him and had been long afflicted with Bright's disease and could not have lived more than thirty days, the physicians say. He was deaf in addition to destitution and it is supposed that he was straggling about the railway when he stepped upon the track. The train was not running rapidly, but the engineer did not see him in time to stop his train.

Barn Burned by Lightning.

Salisbury, Special.—A rather severe storm passed over the city Saturday afternoon during which lightning set fire to the big barn and stable on the farm of Mr. T. A. Coughenour, at the old Fraley race track, near the city, the bolt striking a large tree a few feet off and running to the barn.

Tragedy in Southbound Railroad Camp.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Following a quarrel early Saturday evening at construction camp No. 1 on the new Southbound Railroad, Frank Wilson was shot and killed by Joe Cotton. Both were members of the construction force. Following the shooting Cotton drew his wages and disappeared.

Flagman Horribly Mangled.

Wilmington, Special.—Raymond Ellis, 20 years of age, son of Alderman and Mayor Pro Tem Ellis of this city, was fatally injured Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock at Hallsboro, near Chadbourne, while coupling cars on a Wilmington-bound freight train of which he was flagman, having recently left the general offices of the company to learn the transportation end of the business. He was fearfully mangled in the stomach and one leg was cut off. He lived until shortly before 8 o'clock as the special train bringing him to the city was nearing the depot here.

NICARAGUAN TROOPS DEFEATED

Revolutionists Win Over the National Troops a Decisive Victory.

Bluefields, Nicaragua. (By wireless telegraph via Colon)—The tug Blanca which has arrived here from Greytown, brings news of the first important battle of the revolution. General Chamorro's forces fought an engagement on Friday with 1,000 of President Zelaya's troops at a point below Boca San Carlos, on the San Juan river. The revolutionists won a decisive victory, one hundred of the government troops being killed and three hundred wounded. General Chamorro's losses were slight. The insurgents captured two Krupp siege guns and four hundred rifles.

This defeat for President Zelaya will doubtless have a determined effect upon recruiting for the government service at Managua and is likely also to bring additional reinforcements to the standards of the insurgents. General Chamorro is now advancing slowly.

The steamer Yulu, belonging to the Emery Company, also has reached here with the details of the capture by the revolutionists of Cape Gracias-a-Dois. The port was easily taken, not more than five or six men were killed and a small number wounded. This gives the revolutionists control of the entire Atlantic coast.

Bank Officials Arrested.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—Moreau P. Estes, vice president of the City Savings bank, which failed to open its doors Saturday morning, was arrested Saturday afternoon. The arrest was made on a warrant charging that Estes had accepted a deposit after he knew the bank was insolvent. W. T. Otley of Burksville, Ky., is prosecutor. He sets forth in his affidavit that on September 11 he deposited \$1,380 in the City Savings bank, charging that at that time Estes knew the bank was insolvent and that in accepting the deposit he violated a section of the Tennessee law making such action a felony.

Estes was arraigned before a magistrate who held him to the grand jury in \$5,000 bond, which was promptly furnished.

Col. James Fannin Dead.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—Col. James H. Fannin, who was a close friend of Capt. Henry Wirz at his trial, died suddenly of heart failure on a street car here Saturday morning. Colonel Fannin commanded the first regiment, Georgia reserves, C. S. A., during the civil war.

Colonel Fannin in 1863 was commandant of the post at Andersonville, Ga., and while holding that command saved Father Whelan of Macon from death in the stockade and received the thanks of the Pope through Bishop Verot for his timely aid to a Catholic priest. He fought in the battle of West Point, Ga., was taken prisoner and ordered put in irons but escaped through the intervention of General LaGrange of the Union army.

Kills Himself After Shooting Wife.

Washington, Special.—Enraged because his chorus girl wife preferred a life on the stage to his companionship William H. Short of New York City shot and perhaps fatally wounded her in the west portico of the union station here Sunday and then sent a bullet crashing through his temple. He died an hour later at Casualty hospital.

The tragedy followed a series of quarrels between the couple. Mrs. Short had just alighted from a cab, which was also occupied by her husband and Miss Caldwell, a girl friend, and was hurrying to catch a train to Pittsburg, when Short, without warning, whipped a revolver from his pocket and fired three bullets into his wife's back.

Justice Peckham Dead.

Albany, N. Y., Special.—Fufus W. Peckham, associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, died at 8:15 o'clock Sunday night at Coolmore, his summer home at Altamont, Albany county. Death was due to a complication of diseases, heart trouble, Bright's disease and hardening of the arteries contributing.

Will Prosecute Standard Oil Co.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—Attorney General Lyon is gathering affidavits in support of the prosecution he will bring against the Standard Oil Company in behalf of the People's Oil Company of North Augusta, which has branch businesses in Columbia, Charleston, Greenville, Spartanburg, Anderson, Denmark and Edgefield, in South Carolina and Atlanta in Georgia, under the statute forbidding discrimination by charging different prices in different communities for the same commodity.

LIBERAL MINISTRY

SUCCEEDS IN SPAIN

Maura and Clericals Resign Because of Bitter Attacks.

MORET PREMIER SECOND TIME

Powerful Opposition Refused to Discuss Even the Most Important Measures—Resignations Caused Uproar in Chamber of Deputies.

Madrid, Spain.—The Spanish Cabinet, which was formed January 25, 1907, under the Premiership of Antonio Maura, resigned as a result of the bitter attacks made against the Government by the former Premier Moret y Prendergast, representing a powerful opposition.

At a conference with King Alfonso Premier Maura told the King that in the face of Senor Moret's statement that the opposition would refuse to discuss even the most urgent measures, he had no option but to resign. He asked, however, the members of the majority to support the new Ministry.

Upon the receipt of the resignation of the Premier and his Ministers, Moret y Prendergast undertook to form a new Ministry, himself assuming the post of Premier and Minister of the Interior.

The new Ministers, who took the oath of office, are as follows:

Premier and Minister of the Interior—Moret y Prendergast.

Minister of Foreign Affairs—Perez Caballero.

Minister of Finance—Senor Alvarado.

Minister of War—Lieutenant-General De Luque.

Minister of Marine—Rear-Admiral Concas.

Minister of Public Works—Senor Gasset.

Minister of Public Instruction—Senor Barroso.

Minister of Justice—Marinez del Campo.

When the president of the Chamber of Deputies made the announcement of the Cabinet's resignation it was received with such an ear-splitting uproar that he was forced to adjourn the sitting.

Prior to the formation of Senor Maura's Cabinet in 1907 there had been no less than five liberal Ministries in eighteen months. The religious issue had been the rock on which these Ministries were wrecked, and the accession to power of Senor Maura, who had held the Premiership before, was regarded as a sweeping victory for the Clericals, and one likely to arouse a revolutionary spirit. This proved to be the case, the opposition finally uniting against the Government's conduct and furtherance of the war in Morocco.

The stern measures taken to put down the recent anti-war demonstrations in Spain tended to inflame the opposition, and the execution of Professor Ferrer at Barcelona, followed by popular demonstrations of disapproval, brought matters to a crisis. When Parliament reopened the Liberals, Republicans and Socialists bitterly assailed the Government, but the Cabinet showed a disposition to fight for its life and lost. The Cabinet resignations followed.

TOWN GIVES WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Ginter, a Suburb of Richmond, First Place in the South to Do It.

Richmond, Va. — The people of Ginter Park, the most fashionable and wealthiest suburb of Richmond, have formally extended the suffrage to women.

At a meeting of the Citizens' Association, the governing body of the suburb, a constitution and by-laws were adopted, one provision of which is that "all males and females, white and over twenty-one years of age, owning property and living in Ginter Park, and subscribing to the constitution and by-laws, have a right to vote."

The Richmond suburb is the first community in the South to take this step.

MIX AWARDED BALLOON CUP.

American Officially Declared Winner in Contest in Switzerland.

Zurich, Switzerland. — The Swiss Aero Club has officially declared Edgar W. Mix, of Columbus, Ohio, the winner of the Gordon Bennett Cup in the international balloon race, which took place over two weeks ago. Mr. Mix was the only American entry, and he piloted the balloon America II. The official distance recorded was 696 miles.

The French balloon He de France was awarded second place, with 507 miles.

The Aero Club pronounces the reports that Mix landed in Bohemia unfounded.

LONGER LIFE IN BAY STATE.

Three-Fourths of the Deaths by Tuberculosis Could Be Prevented.

Boston, Mass.—In a document issued by the Committee of One Hundred on Health, prepared by Professor Irving Fisher, it is shown that life is lengthening fast in Massachusetts now, the gain being fourteen years in a century.

Three-fourths of the tuberculosis could be prevented and fifteen years added to the average human life by preventing diseases, it is said.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Prince Ito, of Tokio, arrived at Dairin.

The Sultan of Morocco has sold the Rif mines to a German company.

Four strong earth shocks were felt at Messina, but little damage was done.

The stock of the Wells Fargo Express Company reached a new high level of 450.

Commander Frederick C. Bieg, U. S. N., died at Washington, D. C., aged fifty-three.

Politics in England are still in a chaotic state. A general election is expected in January.

President Taft in Juarez, Mexico, was the Mexican Executive's guest at a \$500,000 banquet.

Police at Hong-Kong have revealed a plot to kill Liang-Tun-Yen, President of the Wai-Wu-Pu.

H. A. Stevens was found dead in his room in the Hotel du Nord some hours after ordering a lunch of milk and raw eggs.

Ten thousand men—soldiers, uniformed police and Russian and Italian detectives—protected the Czar on his visit to the King of Italy.

Physicians and charity organizations urged the Board of Estimate, in New York City, to grant an increased appropriation to fight tuberculosis.

Anth E. Nilsen, a pulp manufacturer, of Norway, said there was no chance of cheaper paper until a substitute for wood pulp should be discovered.

J. Eads How, "millionaire hobo," just back from Europe, says that the problem of the unemployed would be settled by the international congress in Chicago in January.

Captain Cody had a miraculous escape from death at the aviation meet at Doncaster, England, when, in making a turn at great speed, his biplane struck the earth and was wrecked.

High Point Printer Killed.

Greensboro, Special.—James Ward, a printer employed by the Kerr Printing Company of High Point, while assisting in unloading an imposing stone from a car, was crushed to death by the stone falling upon him. The horses attached to a wagon upon which the stone was to be placed, suddenly moved forward, as the stone was midway between the car and the wagon, causing the heavy mass to fall between them.

Twin City Will Enforce Automobile Ordinance.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The automobile ordinance will be enforced here. The flat has gone forth. Policemen will clock drivers, using stop-watches, and it is expected that the speed limit will be duly regarded.

Eight miles an hour is allowed in the business portion and 12 miles elsewhere in the city. The streets have been measured in various instances to give the policemen accurate data upon which to time cars passing over a given distance.

Big Fire at James City.

Newbern, Special.—Fire broke out in James City, a negro town across the river from Newbern, about 7 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Ten houses were burned before it was finally checked. The Newbern fire engine and hose wagon were sent over to help but arrived too late to do anything. The damage amounts to \$2,500 or \$3,000.

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