

The Polk County News.

Columbus, N. C.

"The good old summertime" is entering on its last lap.

Even Indian maharajahs get to be nuisances, according to London reports.

Some persons dive into shallow water at summer resorts and others get engaged.

Earthquakes that hate to be snubbed are careful to keep away from San Francisco since the fire.

The crown prince of Siam refuses to be a polygamist and he does not say it in Japanese, either.

If the cows will not give milk when there is no rain we will be driven to milking a can of condensed cow.

The cold storage figures indicate that omelets will be more reliable next winter than poached eggs on toast.

An Indiana mule kicked a motorcycle and cyclist across the road the other day. Some mules seem almost human.

That little earthquake out in San Francisco the other day did no damage, but the restored city did not like the hint of its calling again.

Our friends of the Weather Bureau are respectfully notified that one large verification of those rain predictions is still overdue.

The man who ate 61 ears of corn for a prize probably followed nature's example by holding the ears down as he ate them, with his fore-feet.

The aeroplane as a possible factor in warfare is somewhat handicapped by the tempting target it would make for even an ordinary marksman.

An "author of many arithmetics" has peacefully died in Pennsylvania, but the arithmetics, dear children, are still alive and waiting for the fall term.

A scientist who has been investigating decides that grasshoppers are entirely useless. Evidently he never had a flock of young turkeys to be fattened.

While he was saving two lives a Connecticut man lost \$18. The people whose lives he saved might at least have the good taste to get up a purse for him.

The wireless is turning out to be the best criminal catcher in the business. There is no escape for the bold-est and shrewdest from its lightning-like, tell-tale agility.

Scientists announce that they have isolated the germ of leprosy and hope soon to have a cure. But there is no hope in sight for those afflicted with an itching for public office.

A Princeton professor contends that the common idea of heaven is wrong. Now if someone will determine just what is the common idea of heaven, the whole matter will be settled.

The hobble skirt shows signs of joining the automobile and the airship for place in the accident-record contest. Its use is a comment for the cynical on the women of this liberty-seeking day.

Though the bulletin of the Chicago special park commission concedes that the larvae of the tussock moth "is one of the most beautiful of our caterpillars," it does not recommend that the larvae be treated as pets.

Canada is also a big country, although not yet in the same class with the United States as regards population and general development. There have been reports of crop failures in the Dominion. Now comes the explanation that in some quarters grain and other products have suffered from drought. But in other sections there has been an ample supply of moisture and the yield will be good. The outcries of the calamity shouter and the speculator must be taken with due allowance on both sides of the border.

The official figures showing that during the calendar year 1909 the expenditures in the United States for building operations aggregated about a billion dollars, surpassing the record of 1906 by ten per cent, not only prove how completely the country had recovered from the "panic" of 1907 but indicate that the people have made a fresh start in prosperity. There may be checks and reverses from time to time, but no nation like ours can be kept permanently crippled or industrially inactive.

An English physician is of the opinion that chickens spread tuberculosis among cows. Nevertheless a good many people who are unable to cause trouble in any other way will continue to keep chickens.

The evening service at a church in New Jersey has been discontinued because of mosquitoes. And it cannot be charged that the skeeters were imported for the purpose. Whatever the effect of the sermon, the congregation refused to be bored by the mosquitoes.

BALLINGER SCORED.

Democrats on Investigating Committee Make Report.

ALSO INSURGENT REPUBLICAN.

Republican Members Have Not Reported—Conclusions Are Blistering Up to Congress—What Next?

Minneapolis, Minn.—"That Richard A. Ballinger has not been true to the trust reposed in him as Secretary of the Interior, that he is not deserving of public confidence and that he should be requested by the proper authorities to resign his office."

The foregoing sums up the findings of the four Democratic members of the Ballinger-Pinchot congressional investigating committee which were made public Friday.

The Republican members issued no report of any kind bearing on the controversy.

An independent report was given out by Mr. Madison, the insurgent Republican from Kansas, which declares also that Mr. Ballinger "should not be retained, that he was an unfaithful trustee of the people's interest, an enemy of conservation" and that the charges of Gifford Pinchot should be sustained.

These findings will be printed and filed with Congress.

The Democratic report is signed by Senators Duncan U. Fletcher of North Dakota, and Representatives Ollie James of Kentucky and James M. Graham of Illinois. It says: "Summarized, the Democratic findings declare that the evidence shows:

"That there was no conspiracy against Mr. Ballinger.

"That Gifford Pinchot and L. R. Glavis were faithful trustees of the people's interest.

"That Mr. Ballinger's conduct on certain occasions was intended to and did have the effect of deceiving the President.

"That Mr. Ballinger's action in having 'clear listed' the so-called Cunningham Alaskan coal lands, and ordering them patented, showed bad faith.

"That he advocated a bill to validate Alaskan coal claims alleged to be fraudulent.

"That his action in acting as attorney in cases pending in the land office while he was commissioner was reprehensible.

"That he helped to force the Cunningham coal claims to a hearing before the government was ready to proceed.

"That he encouraged insubordination in the reclamation service and condoned improper official conduct in that connection."

Numerous official acts of Mr. Ballinger are attacked. High praise is given Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester, and L. R. Glavis, former chief of field division of the general land office.

Mr. Madison's conclusions are:

"That the charges of Messrs. Glavis and Pinchot should be sustained.

"That Mr. Ballinger has been unfaithful to the public interests.

"That in the matter of the Cunningham coal lands he was a faithful trustee of the people's interests.

"That with regard to the reclamation service he has taken action tending towards its disintegration."

Secretary Ballinger's action in restoring water power sites without intention to withdraw is also criticized along with his conservation policy, among other things.

At what time the Republicans will give out their findings could not be learned.

Johnstown Flood Victims Unearthed.

Johnstown, Pa.—The bones of eight disjointed skeletons, victims of the flood of 21 years ago, were dug from the bed of the Conemaugh river at the foot of the famous old stone bridge against which the tons of water hurled human lives, houses and everything movable. Besides the bones, coins, kitchen utensils, sewing machines and many other relics were appropriated by the working men but the bones have been gathered in bags and will be buried in the Grandview cemetery.

Lorimer Quite Hamilton Club.

Chicago.—A terse note of resignation from the Hamilton Club, of which he had been a member many years, was the answer made here Sunday by United States Senator William Lorimer to the action of the club president, John H. Batten, in withdrawing his invitation to the Roosevelt banquet Thursday night. The invitation was withdrawn at the demand of Colonel Roosevelt, who refused to attend a banquet at which Senator Lorimer also was a guest.

Woman's Highway Robberies.

Covington, La.—All houses in the northwestern part of this parish have their doors locked and windows barred at the approach of nightfall as the inhabitants are all terror-stricken over the exploits of a woman highway robber. It is alleged that a burly woman, said to be a Mrs. Wren, has held up at the point of a revolver and robbed several men in the vicinity of Onvil and Red Bluffs during the past few weeks.

GONE TO A HIGHER COURT

Lloyd W. Bowers, Solicitor General U. S., Passes at Boston.

Boston.—Solicitor General Lloyd Wheaton Bowers, aged 51, life-long friend of President Taft, died at the Hotel Touraine in this city Friday. Death came suddenly, the result of a cardiac thrombus, which ended an illness of months, due to an attack of bronchitis. The death of Mr. Bowers, who relinquished an exceedingly remunerative position as railroad counsel to take up the duties of solicitor general on March 22, 1909, at the instance of President Taft, removes a prospective candidate for one of the vacancies in the Supreme Court bench.

\$1,562,600,000 Import Trade.

Washington.—Uncle Sam's import trade under the Payne-Aldrich tariff law during the past year, was a record breaker, according to the government statistical experts. Under this law during the 12 months ending July 31, last, imports aggregating \$1,562,600,000 came into the United States. Of this total \$794,600,000 was listed as dutiable while \$768,000,000 entered free of duty. Although it was the first year of the Payne-Aldrich law, it eclipsed all former records under the Dingley, Wilson and McKinley laws. The banner year of the previous 18 years had been in 1907 when, under the Dingley act, \$1,456,500,000 of imports was recorded.

Customs receipts during the past year amounted to \$327,900,000, which was more than \$17,000,000 in excess of the previous year under the Dingley act.

Pope Fights Modernism.

Rome.—Pope Pius X, has issued a motu proprio, giving new and practical measures to be adopted against the growing modernist campaign.

The Pontiff reiterates all rules previously set forth against modernism, especially in the encyclical pascendi, and adds that the bishops and the rectors of Catholic colleges must watch attentively the development of the young clergy, seeing to it that they are well prepared to fight error, forbidding them to read newspapers and periodicals, and avoid distracting them from their studies.

Every professor, in beginning his course, every acolyte, before being promoted; every new confessor, curate, canon, or holder of a similar office, and every ecclesiastical official, before taking possession of his post, must take an oath of loyalty to the healthy Catholic doctrine and discipline.

Total New Cotton Ginned.

Washington, D. C.—The number of bales of cotton ginned to September 1, from the growth of 1910, was 356,824 bales, round bales counted as half bales, according to the report of the Census Bureau made Thursday. The 1909 total was 388,242 bales, the 1908, 402,229 bales, and the 1907, 200,278 bales.

Comparative Statistics by States of Cotton Ginned, follows:

State	1910.	1909.
Alabama	4,505	13,535
Arkansas	27	449
Florida	604	3,542
Georgia	2,818	106,301
Mississippi	535	1,670
Louisiana	1,106	3,450
North Carolina	4	1,070
South Carolina	198	18,949
Tennessee	4	4
Texas	328,625	237,901
Oklahoma	397	1,370
All other States	5	1

The number of Sea Island bales included is 208 as compared with 1,236 for 1909.

California Will Give \$10,000,000.

Sacramento, Cal.—The constitutional amendment providing for the submission to the voters of the State of a proposal to levy a special tax of \$5,000,000 to finance the Panama Pacific Exposition in San Francisco in 1915 was adopted by the Senate. The amendment permitting San Francisco to alter its charter to incur a bonded indebtedness of \$5,000,000 for the same purpose was also adopted.

Kidnapped Child Returned.

New York.—Little Michael Seimeca the 3-year-old son of Dr. Seimeca, a prominent Italian physician, is safely in the hands of his relatives after having been held for nearly three months a captive by "black hand" kidnapers.

The abductors of the boy have so far escaped the police dragnet.

Much mystery surrounds the circumstances of the child's reappearance.

Literally Scared to Death.

Greenville, S. C.—It is possible that the negro Bunk Sherard, who was Thursday convicted of killing Officer Waldrop at Piedmont, S. C., may yet escape the gallows.

When the negro was brought into court to be sentenced he fell in a dead faint and his groans caused spectators to believe that the negro was in the throes of death. He was carried from the court room to his cell in the county jail and a physician has been in almost constant attendance on him.

HIS LIFE UNCERTAIN

Bullet in Dangerous Place in Mayor's Neck.

SURGEONS AFRAID TO REMOVE

In Nominating Gaynor For Governor

Care Must Be Taken in Selecting Man For Second Place.

New York.—You might as well have the truth about Mayor Gaynor. It is bound to come out in time.

You read daily of the Mayor's improvement in condition, of his long walks and all that sort of thing. You may also recall that the bullet has not been extracted from his throat.

The fact is, the Mayor is the object of utmost solicitude. The bullet is lodged so close to an artery in the throat that the physicians are afraid to go after it.

In a man of his age the arteries are brittle and there is danger that in dislodging the bullet an artery may break and the distinguished patient bleed to death.

In allowing the bullet to remain, there is the danger that it may work around and impinge its metal edge upon an artery. This is the cause of the solicitude of the Mayor's friends.

His physical condition is being taken into account by the politicians; they say that in nominating him for Governor they would have to consider very carefully the man for second place.

Yet the Gaynor for Governor boom is increasing. Daily reports come from up State of the formation of Gaynor clubs everywhere, and unquestionably a practical and persistent campaign is being conducted in his behalf.

On the Track of Pellagra.

Washington.—Word has been received at the marine hospital laboratory that Dr. C. H. Lavinger, of the public health service, who has been in Europe studying pellagra, has sailed for this country. He has had a hard but interesting summer's work.

He is very conservative and careful in making predictions, so that he has not ventured any additional suggestions as to the source of pellagra, but it is believed by the physicians of the service that they are on the track of the disease and will be able soon to determine its origin. It is fairly well established that these conclusions will not agree with those published by Dr. Sobone of Paris, who recently announced that he had discovered the carrier of the disease in a night-flying insect.

It is also said at the laboratory that there is no truth in the statement that the scientists are tracing hookworm in pasteurized and condensed milk. No work in this line has been done, and the circumstances are not such as to justify spending time in looking for what does not exist.

Bank President Pardoned.

Macon, Ga.—J. W. Cabanis, formerly president of the Exchange National Bank of Macon, who was convicted in the superior court and sentenced to one year on the state prison farm and a fine of \$500 for declaring illegal dividends, has been pardoned by Governor Brown.

Strikers Lost Heavily.

New Bedford, Mass.—After being idle for nearly four weeks and losing an aggregate amount of wages which will exceed \$30,000, the 3,000 striking laborers and hod-carriers of this city have returned to work. The men failed to obtain an advance in wages for which they struck.

Bank Examinations Criticized.

Washington.—"In almost every case of a national bank failure, since I have been comptroller," said Lawrence O. Murray, comptroller of the currency, "the insolvency could have been averted had the national bank examiner determined the true condition and reported his findings in time for me to force a correction in the administration of bank affairs."

Car Strike Cost \$2,300,000.

Philadelphia.—According to a report submitted to the directors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company the strike of the conductors and motormen in the early part of the present year cost the company \$2,300,000.

The report states that the loss in fares during the strike was \$1,500,000, and that the expenses incurred because of the difficulty amounted to \$800,000. A deficit of \$1,300,000 for the last fiscal year is reported.

Crippen Employs Pathologists.

London.—Another step in the fight for Dr. Crippen and Miss Leneve was taken Friday when two pathologists engaged by the defense examined the body unearthed in Crippen's cellar in Hill Drop Crescent, London. Solicitor Newton expects to receive reports from these pathologists for use as the basis of his cross-examination of the police experts when the trial is continued next Wednesday. An analysis has been retained by the defense to investigate the alleged finding of poison in the body.

FARMERS TO BE ON GUARD

Will Demand Legislation For Planters—Legislatures Will be Visited.

Charlotte, N. C.—Hereafter Congress and State Legislatures will be visited by a legislative committee from the National Farmers' Union which "will see that the demands of the farmers are carried out, and if not, why not."

The committee will work for the passage of laws to prevent gambling in agricultural products; against the establishment of central government banks; to restrict foreign immigration, and to gradually reduce the tariff to a revenue basis.

The report of the committee on education, presented by President D. H. Hill, of the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College, appealing to the State and national Governments for more agricultural schools and more liberal education for the farmer, was unanimously endorsed. The union adopted a resolution approving heartily the movement of the Reciprocity League to have meat restrictions removed.

Human Orchid's Mother Free.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Mrs. John Tanner has secured a divorce in Judge Hutton's court and permission to assume her maiden name of Eleanor Milbank Anderson.

This announcement will stir the bluest blood section of the old-Holland families in New York society, for Mrs. Tanner is the mother of Betty Tanner, the "human orchid," who is being reared here by chemical formula, so that she will live to inherit the Milbank fortune of \$25,000,000 now in possession of her grandmother, Mrs. Abraham Archibald Anderson.

Mrs. Tanner testified that her mother had to supply all the money for the family expense. The mother is awarded complete custody of the child, Betty.

Death of Alabama's Ex-Governor.

Montgomery, Ala.—Gen. W. C. Oates died here Saturday. He was formerly Governor of Alabama, a Confederate veteran and a brigadier general in the Spanish-American war. He was a former Congressman and a present member of the Chickamauga park commission.

During the Spanish-American war he was a brigadier of volunteers.

Will Keep Out Cholera.

Washington.—The public health and marine hospital service is clearing for action to prevent cholera, now spreading through Russia and more recently discovered in Germany and France, from being brought to this country. Officers of the service are more alarmed at the probabilities of the plague being imported by immigrants than they are willing to admit.

Lost Lives to Save Others.

Newport News, Va.—Death by drowning rather than by fire is believed to have been the fate of the three men who sacrificed their lives Thursday on the battleship North Dakota, when an explosion of oil took place in one of the compartments of the mighty dreadnaught. It was in an effort to put out the blazing sea of oil by flooding the compartment with water that the men lost their lives rather than by the fire itself.

Barbecued Rattlesnake for Lawyers.

Americus, Ga.—Home raised diamond backed rattlesnake, barbecued and served in nice tender portions will be the main epicurean attraction of a feast planned for the attorneys of this city by Mose Henderson, an ante bellum negro, who declares there's nothing more delicious and satisfying than a reptile sandwich.

Expensive to Get Georgia Governor.

Atlanta, Ga.—For the Democratic nomination for Governor of Georgia, Hoke Smith, successful candidate in the recent primary election, paid \$17,596.10 according to an itemized expense account filed by him with the comptroller general of the State. Of this amount friends contributed to his campaign fund \$7,097.47, the remainder out of Mr. Smith's pocket. Governor Joseph M. Brown spent \$3,950.75 in an unsuccessful effort to secure a renomination.

"For the Good of the Party."

Nashville, Tenn.—Governor M. R. Patterson has withdrawn from the race to succeed himself as Governor of Tennessee. Governor Patterson was the nominee of the regular faction of the Democratic party and has been bitterly opposed by the independent State-wide prohibition Democrats, who, in coalition with the Republicans, elected a State judiciary last month, defeating a ticket for which Governor Patterson made a strenuous campaign of the State.

100 Rockefeller in Reunion.

Newburg, N. Y.—There were 100 Rockefellers here Friday for a reunion of the Rockefeller Family Association, but John D. Rockefeller, the best known of all the clan, was absent.

The association held a series of social entertainments and also elected officers, Benjamin F. Rockefeller, of Canon City, Col., being chosen president.

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Social Debts.

"She telephones me every day." "What is the reason of that?" "I owe her a call and she is determined to collect it."

A Fallen Idol.

"What makes you so sure the American public is fickle?" "The reception a player who used to be on the home team gets when he comes visiting."

Just Like a Girl.

"Her cooking-school habits are a good deal of bother to me." "How now?" "She always wants me to taste the gasoline when the automobile isn't working right."

Remarkable Young Lady.

From a feuilleton: "Her voice was low and soft; but once again, as Janet Fenn withdrew from the room and closed the door after her, the fiendish gleam came into her odorless eyes." "If we hear any more of Janet we will let you know."—Punch.

Unfair.

Senator John H. Bankhead, discussing a political move, said, with a smile: "Oh, it's too coldly calculated. It's almost unfair. In fact, it's like Mrs. Blank."

"Mrs. Blank is a leader of Bar Harbor society. Her husband said to her, one afternoon, as she made a very elaborate toilet for a garden party that she was giving to some members of the British legation:

"Why did you write to all our guests that this party was to be absolutely informal?" Mrs. Blank laughed. "So as to be the best-dressed woman present, of course," she said."

PRESSED HARD.

Coffee's Weight on Old Age.

When prominent men realize the injurious effects of coffee and the change in health that Postum can bring, they are glad to lend their testimony for the benefit of others.

A superintendent of public schools in a Southern state says: "My mother, since her early childhood, was an inveterate coffee drinker, had been troubled with her heart for a number of years and complained of that 'weak all over' feeling and sick stomach."

"Some time ago I was making an official visit to a distant part of the country and took dinner with one of the merchants of the place. I noticed a somewhat peculiar flavor of the coffee, and asked him concerning it. He replied that it was Postum. I was so pleased with it that, after the meal was over, I bought a package to carry home with me, and had wife prepare some for the next meal; the whole family liked it so well that we discontinued coffee and used Postum entirely."

"I had really been at times very anxious concerning my mother's condition, but we noticed that after using Postum for a short time, she felt so much better than she did prior to its use, and had little trouble with her heart and no sick stomach; that the headaches were not so frequent, and her general condition much improved. This continued until she was as well and hearty as the rest of us. "I know Postum has benefited myself and the other members of the family, but in a more marked degree in the case of my mother, as she was a victim of long standing."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.