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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 Fulham, 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. W. M. Bates, of Mansfield, was the guest of honor.

#### 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 Wash 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 Batilas, about five miles from this city, was so swollen as to be impassable.

#### Number of Arrests Increases.

Asheville, Special.—Despite the prohibition laws and the private detectives who have been here during the past month to see that they were enforced, drunkenness and other such misdemeanors were much in evidence during July, the police records showing an increase of forty-seven arrests over June. Thirty-seven arrests were made on the charge of "drunk and disorderly," against ten for the previous month.

#### Lightning Kills Two Horses.

Salisbury, Special.—A severe electric storm passed through Rowan and adjacent counties Sunday night accompanied by heavy rains and in some instances strong winds. Two miles south of Salisbury a horse belonging to Mr. G. A. Trezler, a well known farmer, was killed by lightning. Another animal owned by Mr. J. J. Morrow was also killed by the same bolt.

#### One Died Sunday Morning—Other May Recover—Officer's Story Justifies Shooting—Negro Employees 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 me if I was 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 door he came in, but I do know that the man who was the first to enter, 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."

#### 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 finger 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.

#### 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 waterways on either side will be rebuilt and they 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 emmeshed in the toils 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. A big street parade is advertised. The big income tax is not searing 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.

#### State Rests Thaw Case.

White Plains, N. Y., Special.—The State rested in the Thaw case Wednesday and from now on it devolves upon Harry K. Thaw and his attorney, Charles Mohrman, to offset the testimony of the State's witnesses, who have sworn without exception under cross-examination of District Attorney Jerome that Thaw is still insane and would be a menace to the country if released from the asylum at Matteawan.

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## 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 Landers. These horsemen, attired in their dress uniforms of red, attracted much 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 were the guests of honor of the family of the late President Cleveland.

Percy Mackay's play, "The Canterbury Pilgrims," was arranged as a dramatic pageant and produced under the direction of Eric Payne. The music for the evening was especially composed and arranged by Walter Damrosch. 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 250, 500 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 public official announcement that a public beheading will take place at 4.30 a. m. in the boulevard fronting the State 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, was particularly bitter. Mayor Johnson, municipal office holders and others held hundreds of tent meeting and urged the granting of the franchise. A committee of 100 business men opposed it.

CASHIER'S SHORTAGE \$50,000.

Calhoun Harris, a Society Man, Arrested at 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, has no apparent shortage will be found due to clerical errors.

In the cotton company's vault the accountants found between \$8,000 and \$9,000 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 traveling in the Union Station called out two fire companies, a hose cart and a score of willing amateur firemen. They laid a fast train thirty minutes and destroyed fire worth \$25 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. It caught the orchard which ignited it was a mass of flames. A dark-skinned waiter turned in a fire alarm and every available male guest tried to rescue the girl.

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

LEFT FOLLOWER TO SEAVEN.