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1928 Will Mark Change in Size of Paper Money

Standardized Designs Expected to Make Note Raizer's Task More Difficult

Washington, Dec. 28.—The year 1928 will mark the first change in size of paper money since 1861.

For months the bureau of engraving and printing, the greatest print shop in the world, will be busy making new and smaller \$1 bills so that upon some fixed day next fall they may be issued simultaneously throughout the country and the old ones retired at one swoop, to be redeemed, of course, upon demand. Notes of other denominations will be printed and put in circulation, probably in 1929.

The new notes will be six and five-sixteenths by two and eleven-sixteenths inches, whereas the notes now in circulation are 7.715 by 3.1-8 inches. By the change the government expects to save \$2,000,000 annually. The reduction in size of the bills is expected to increase the capacity of the bureau of engraving and printing by 50 per cent because twelve of the smaller notes can be printed at one impression upon the same press which now prints eight.

Through the change in size, the bills will be made more convenient to handle and will also be more durable. The new notes will slip into a bill-fold or pocket, it is claimed, without creasing or folding, and for this reason are expected to have much longer life than those now in use. The life of the average bill now is not more than six or seven months, treasury officials say. Folding is one of the chief items cutting short the life of paper money.

Designs on the bills are also to be standardized. Many designs now appear on the different denominations, and the various kinds of notes. Washington's portrait, for example, appears both on the \$1 and some \$20 bills.

Treasury officials point out that through standardizing the designs the new notes cannot be so easily "raised" to higher denominations by the crooked gentry who make this their business. In addition to standardized designs on the new paper money there will be a relation between the portrait on the face and the engraving on the back, except in cases of the \$1 bill and those above \$100.

On the face of the new \$1 bill will be the portrait of Washington and on the back will be the word "one" in large letters. On the \$2 bill will be a portrait of Jefferson with an engraving of Monticello, his home, on the back.

Lincoln's portrait will be on the face of the \$5 bill with the Lincoln Memorial on the back. Hamilton's portrait will appear on the face of the \$10 bill and the treasury building on the back. For the face of the \$20 bill Grover Cleveland's portrait has been chosen, with the White House on the back.

Grant's portrait will be on the face of the \$50 bill, Benjamin Franklin's on the \$100, William McKinley's on the \$500, Jackson's on the \$1,000, Madison's on the \$5,000 and Chase's on the \$10,000.

All these designs have been approved, although some may be changed later.

No retirement of money-making machinery will be necessitated by the change, it is said.

TERN KILLED BY MR. JIM GREER AT RUTHERWOOD

Believing he was defending his flock of chickens against an intruder from a chicken hawk, Mr. Jim Greer of Rutherford, shot and killed a tern, a species of sea gull of the Arctic region used by the United States botanical survey for experimental purposes. The bird wore an aluminum band on the right foot with the inscription, "Notify Biol. Surv." and the number 421192. Mr. Greer has written to Washington to learn the date on which the gull was banded and any other information he may procure. The bird was of a pearl gray color and measured 55 inches from tip to tip. A recent news dispatch tells of one of these birds having been found on the coast of France, after having been banded in Labrador, 4260 miles away, last June.

MIDDLE FORK HAPPENINGS

Bynum Norris and family of Boone moved back to their old home on Meat Camp last week. Hubert Norris has been seriously ill at his home here for the past week. The Big Hill schoolhouse was destroyed by fire last week, along with many books belonging to students. Miss Mary Norris, who is spending the holidays with home folks, will return to her school next week. Mack Norris, who has been confined in a Sylvia hospital with a broken leg, is improving.

HICKMAN ADMITS MURDERING GIRL

Youthful Syaler Takes Whole Responsibility for Los Angeles Crime; Strangled Girl With Wire and Cut Up Body

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 26.—William E. Hickman today confessed that he alone killed 12-year-old Marian Parker of Los Angeles, the day after he kidnapped her single-handed.

In a confession, amazing for its unrivaled details of brutality, the 19-year-old youth said he strangled the child with a piano wire and cut her body into pieces in the bathtub of his Bellevue apartment in Los Angeles.

After the strangling Hickman said he realized that he must have the body to produce to the girl's father, Perry M. Parker, Los Angeles banker, or he could not collect the ransom. So he devised the scheme of using thread and wire on her eyes and throat to make it appear she was alive when he returned the body to the father for \$1,500.

The confession completely eliminated the mythical accomplice, one Andrew Cramer, for whom the police never have been searching since the youth made his first confession after his capture near Pendleton, Ore., where he sought to throw the blame on an accomplice. He had no aid, it was a single handed piece of work, the latest confession made today revealed.

The mask of mystery which Hickman sought to throw over the killing of the child was torn away in the course of a grilling he underwent as the special car upon which he was being taken to Los Angeles was near San Francisco.

He gave as his reason for the killing, "I was afraid she would make a noise."

HANDSOME PRESENT GIVEN OUTGOING POSTMASTER

Mr. W. D. Farthing, who will be succeeded as postmaster at the Boone office Sunday, by Mr. A. W. Smith, was presented with a handsome white gold watch on Christmas day by the clerks and rural carriers. A letter accompanied the gift, in which was expressed appreciation to Mr. Farthing for his many considerations and best wishes for success in his new field of endeavor. The letter bore the signatures of B. H. Watson, J. W. Norris, C. R. Greene, L. T. Elrod, R. H. Townsend, C. R. Moretz and Floyd Eggers.

Commenting on the elegant gift, Mr. Farthing said:

"I shall always feel grateful to the entire postoffice force for the loyal service rendered during my administration. Without this loyal, unselfish service, no efforts of mine could have been successful. Mr. Watson has been with me through the entire four and a half years, the others of the force for shorter periods. But for each employe, whether clerk or carrier, I have nothing but the warmest praise.

"I feel that it would be unfair not to mention Rudolph Moretz. While not a civil service employe, yet he has served as substitute carrier for each rural route and during the illness of the village carrier, as substitute for him. In each case, he has fully met the requirements of the responsibilities of the position. With such a force of clerks, rural and village carriers, I cannot see how Mr. Smith, my successor, can fail to be happy in his work, and I know he will make a faithful, satisfactory official.

"I leave the office with the kindest regards to the office force and to the patrons of the office as well. To the many patrons who have so kindly expressed a word of appreciation of my efforts to serve them, I am deeply grateful."

FORMER WILKES BANKER TO BEGIN SENTENCE JAN. 15

Wilkesboro, Dec. 23.—Clem Wronn, president of the defunct Bank of Wilkes, today began paying his affairs in shape preparatory to entering the state prison on January 15 to begin serving a 9 to 12-year sentence for embezzlement and other charges arising out of the failure of the institution last May. Court sentence passed on Wronn yesterday afternoon was preceded by a jury verdict that acquitted A. G. Hendren, W. B. Somers and W. H. Foster, directors, who had been on trial for making false statements concerning the bank's solvency.

Shuffle 'Em Up
"That sailor's card."
"Yeh, that comes from his association with decks."

A man in Chicago was shot, but a silver dollar in his pocket deflected the bullet. It is a good thing he wasn't a poet.—American Lumberman.

New Chevrolet Car To Appear Near Jan. 1st

However, No Details of "Spectacular Automobile" Will Be Announced Before First of the Year

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 24.—Premising the most spectacular low priced automobile of all time, the Chevrolet Motor company announced here today that a complete new line of motor cars will be introduced to the public January 1st.

In confirming reports that Chevrolet would shortly introduce a new car of surpassing interest, W. S. Knudson, president of the Chevrolet Motor company, declared that the official announcement covering all details of Chevrolet's sensational new product would come Sunday, January first. No details will be available until that time, he said.

Chevrolet assembly plants have been in production on the new car since December 12. Shipments of the new car to dealers have been leaving the various assembly plants since December 15 so that the vast country-wide dealer organization may be prepared for the introductory showing next Sunday. Unbridled enthusiasm is being displayed over the new car by Chevrolet field sales officials, who have been milling into Detroit for private showings of the new line.

Practically every Chevrolet dealer in the United States will have cars ready for public inspection January first.

As this paper is mailed out, our work for the year 1927 comes to a close. In this shop it has been 52 weeks of real work, without intermission, and we are more thankful than we can express for the loyal support given us through the entire year by our business men and subscribers. We have no complaints to make, and we will enter upon the labors of 1928 fully expecting their co-operation and support. We have no fears but what we will get it. To each and every one of them we extend the greetings of the season, hoping that the incoming year will be full of blessings for them.

Without disclosing details, Chevrolet officials declared that the new cars would embody the results of 13 years experience and progress in the building of low priced transportation. Lessons learned from millions of miles of testing on the General Motors proving ground have been brought to bear on the new product, officials declared. In fact all the resources of General Motors have been employed for months to design and build the car that is heralded to be by a wide margin the greatest automobile ever offered by Chevrolet.

Mr. L. L. Bingham, of the Boone Chevrolet company, returned Tuesday night from Charlotte where he had his first peep at the new car. He is very enthusiastic over the improvements made, and believes the car will measure up to all that is claimed for it. Among the changes in the new model is a wheel base of 107 inches as compared with 103 inches on the 1927 model. "This increase in the wheel base has enabled the engineers to obtain a much better balance between the height and length of the car and this is an important factor in the splendid first impression which I had of the car," said Mr. Bingham.

"The new beauty is enhanced by a newly designed radiator that follows the lines of the newest and highest priced cars. It is high and narrow with a non-rusting airplane metal shell. The trade mark of the car has been framed in a bronze plate of artistic design and a new radiator cap provided in keeping with the appearance of the car. The radiator shell has been given greater depth, adding to the big car appearance. The radiator mounting has been greatly improved so that the radiator is much more rigid than in previous construction.

"Other changes I noticed," continued Mr. Bingham, "include roomier Fisher bodies. Wider doors, new beautiful upholstery material blended with the Duco finish. The sedan body is three inches longer and the coach five inches longer. All models are equipped with disc wheels and 20x2.50 full balloon tires. The car is low and the lines are continuous and pleasing. One of the greatest improvements, probably, is the new four-wheel brake design. The service brakes consist of two internal expanding brakes on the front wheels and two external contracting brakes on the rear wheels. An entirely separate set of brakes and operating parts are used for the emergency.

"A number of important motor changes have been made. The new cars are equipped with aluminum pistons which are much lighter in weight and therefore an important factor in smoother operation. Another improvement is a thermostatic control of his water circulation and the thermostat is placed in the cylinder of water outlet. A crank case vent has been added. The new car is equipped with a semi-

GAVIN WILL LAND F. A. LINNEY'S JOB

Stated that Local Man Will Step Down as Attorney for the Middle District and Gavin Named Shortly After Senate Convenes Jan. 4

John A. Livingston in Winston-Salem Journal.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Entanglements in North Carolina Republican ranks have been cleared for the appointment of E. L. Gavin, Sanford lawyer, as district attorney for the middle district, to succeed Frank A. Linney, and his name is expected to be presented to the senate shortly after it convenes January 4.

The North Carolina Republican organization from Internal Revenue Commissioner David H. Blair down is now said to be solidly behind the Sanford attorney, and there are no further impediments in the way. It is true that Frank Linney would like to continue in the job until he could have the assurance of being named next year as the Republican candidate for governor, but no Republican has preached more earnestly the necessity of bowing to organization mandates and he is expected to step aside gracefully.

Of course nothing is assured in politics until it has happened, and there may be further obstacles in the way of Gavin's appointment but as matters stand now, he has the united backing of National Committeeman C. A. Jones and State Chairman Brownlow Jackson, as well as that of Mr. Blair.

Mr. Linney has never said that he was a candidate for the district attorneyship, but he has been apassive candidate. Mrs. Lindsay Patterson has continued to be active for him, and she has been polite about it. Mr. Linney has been too long connected with the Republican organization to be removed from the arena. He still has his eyes out for whatever plums that may come his way. He feels the sting of defeat keenly, because he thinks that his long record of party service entitles him to more consideration than he has received.

Gavin has had opportunity to step aside for the job of being first assistant district attorney with the understanding that he might later have the main job, but he turned down such overtures and has been an active candidate for the main job only. His friends have pushed his case with vigor, and the latest word is that he may look for the appointment after the new year.

CREW NOW OVERHAULING LOCAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

The Bell Telephone company has a large force of linemen on the job in Boone, engaged in repairing the whole system which will be strung with solid copper wire and the most modern equipment will be installed when that company takes over the Watauga Telephone system, which will be in the very near future.

So far no rate schedule from the new company has been made public, but it is understood that the new rates will be much higher. Of course the town will have much better service, but the Democrat wants to express its appreciation to the Watauga Telephone company for its efforts in giving the town and county the best service possible. The old company has been criticised but still went on supplying us with something we could hardly do without. They should retire with the thanks of every patron on every line, for doing their best.

WOMAN FATALLY BURNED IN HOTEL FIRE AT BUTLER, TENN.

Butler, Tenn., Dec. 26.—Destruction by fire of the Butler hotel and all contents resulted in fatal injury to Mrs. C. D. Thomas, 28, daughter of I. E. Shupe, owner and manager of the hotel, about 3 o'clock this afternoon. Mrs. Thomas was taken to a hospital in Johnson city, and died at 9:50, about 20 minutes after her arrival there. She was the only person in the hotel at the time. Opening her door on the second floor when the alarm of fire was given, she was enveloped in flames, her hair burned off, eyes blinded and her body badly burned. With her attire she leaped from the window and suffered other injuries. The monetary loss is estimated in excess of \$30,000.

"What must a man be to be buried with military honors?"
"Dead."

reversible steering gear of improved design. The changes noted here are only a few of the many improvements noted in the new Chevrolet. The local dealers will have one or more cars here for inspection Sunday and those desiring to look it over may get a glance at it in the show window of the Boone Chevrolet company.

Near Fatal Shooting In Beech Creek Section

Grady Harmon in Hospital and Fred Harmon Under Bond, Charged With Deadly Weapon Assault

Fred Harmon, of the Beech Creek section, was released Tuesday afternoon by Justice Hahn under \$1,000 bond, after having been held in the county bastille since Sunday on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon as a result of the shooting of his cousin, Grady Harmon, in a Christmas day carousal at Windy Gap, fifteen miles from here.

Both men, according to officers, had been drinking and the shooting is alleged to have been accidental. However, the evidence of liquor likely influenced the justice in remanding the defendant to court. The wound was inflicted in the abdomen and at first was considered serious, but evidence introduced at the preliminary hearing by physicians was to the effect that the wounded man would recover.

SIX OFFICERS KILLED IN TENNESSEE GUN BATTLE

South Pittsburgh, Tenn., Dec. 26.—With virtually all local law enforcement officers dead or disabled, national guardsmen tonight policed this section to prevent further disorders growing out of a gun fight last night between city and county authorities in which five men were killed and four wounded, one fatally. Although military officers said the situation was well in hand, 27 more militiamen were ordered in from Chattanooga late today to reinforce the 35 men called out last night after the two factions had "shot it out" on the downtown streets.

The death in a Chattanooga hospital today of Chief of Police James Connor brought to six the number of fatalities in the gun battle, which was said to have climaxed a feud between police and sheriff's officers growing out of a recent strike at a local manufacturing plant, in which the respective law enforcement agencies supported opposite sides.

Details of the shooting, which shattered the Christmas quiet of virtually deserted streets, subsided as suddenly as it started after a momentary exchange of shotgun and pistol fire, were meager. A statement from one of the principals, however, developed that brother was wraged against brother in the fatal feud.

Thomas Connor, a deputy sheriff and brother of Police Chief Connor, whose account furnished the only known coherent story of the events leading to the shooting, said that city officers had drawn pistols on him in an encounter earlier in the evening, and that the fight began when Sheriff Connor and several deputies later sought to arrest members of the opposing group for displaying their weapons illegally.

In the ensuing exchange of shots, the sheriff, Deputy Sheriff L. A. Hennessy, City Marshal Ewing Smith, Night Marshal Ben Parker and Special Policeman O. H. Larowe were killed and Chief of Police Connor, Deputy Sheriff Fayette Nelson and Social Policeman Charles Pittman and John Bates, 163, wounded. The latter two were believed not to have been seriously hurt.

SQUIRREL AND BUFFALO

While having dinner with Colonel W. L. Bryan last week, Mr. J. E. Norris recalled the first meal he ever had in Boone. When 16 years of age, before the Civil war, Mr. Norris killed eight gray squirrels, and in company with his uncle, Tom Norris, came to Boone and presented them to Colonel G. N. Folk, who occupied a house standing on the site of the Dr. Jones residence. The colonel had the squirrels dressed and a dinner prepared for his friends, which, while could not compare with the last dinner at which he was a guest in Boone, when he and Squire Bryan broke bread together over a meal at which the principal dish was fresh buffalo steak from the Canadian preserves. This, he said, was the finest treat of all. Mr. Norris recalled that his anti-bellum box organized Company D First North Carolina Cavalry, and marched away in the early months of the civil war. He was later made a colonel in the Confederate armies.

HICKMAN NOW IN LOS ANGELES BASTILE

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—Brought safely back to the city where less than two weeks ago he brutally killed Marian Parker, 12-year-old school girl, and dismembered her body, William Edward Hickman was in the county jail here tonight awaiting arraignment next Thursday on a charge of murder.

Despite the intense public feeling aroused over the kidnapping and killing of the Parker girl, there were no outbreaks today when Hickman was returned from Pendleton, Ore., where he was captured last week.

NEWS OF WEEK AT BLOWING ROCK

Consolidated School, Scheduled to Open Today, Postponed Until Next Monday, Because Work on New Building is Not Completed

Blowing Rock, Dec. 28.—The opening date of the Blowing Rock school was changed from Wednesday of this week until next Monday because the workmen were unable to get the new building ready by Wednesday. It was considered impracticable to teach three days in the temporary quarters and then move into the new building, especially as preparations had already been made to move the equipment from the temporary rooms, which were consequently in disorder.

A substantial increase in enrollment is expected after the holidays, as a number of parents have already stated their intention to start their children in school Monday.

It is the hope of the school board that the delay in resuming school work after Christmas will have little effect on the enrollment during the last month of school, as the appropriation for the school depends upon the average attendance for that month. If the enrollment can be kept up until the end of school, Blowing Rock can have a standard high school next year. The school board wishes especially to have the co-operation of parents in keeping the children in school until the last day of the term.

Christmas Very Quiet
Christmas in Blowing Rock passed off quietly, with no disorders of importance, according to Policeman J. E. Story.

Commercial Airline
Cecil Cletcher, who was reported in a story originating in Denver to be planning a commercial airline from here to the Piedmont section, said Monday that the plan is not in any way in the serious state. He said he had mentioned the plan merely as a possibility, but had taken no definite steps to that direction.

"If I can raise the money," he explained, "I shall do it; otherwise I won't."

Visits Husband in Hospital
Mrs. Harry Cooper spent Christmas in Statesville visiting Mr. Cooper, who is in a hospital there. It is feared that the infection resulting from a wound in his arm may make amputation necessary. Mr. Cooper was injured while he was changing the glass in a windshield.

CIVITANS BANQUET AT ABINGDON, VIRGINIA

A delegation of twenty-two members and friends of the Boone Civitan Club went to Abingdon, Va., Tuesday evening to attend a banquet of the various clubs of western North Carolina, east Tennessee and southwest Virginia. The occasion was well attended and the visitors were entertained as only the Abingdon folks are capable of entertaining. After a very interesting program, composed mostly of music and good eats served in the spacious dining room of Martha Washington College, there was a spirit of good fellowship demonstrated, such as always exist in Civitan clubs.

The Civitan club is doing as much or more toward the building of good citizenship and the stamping out of the great white plague than any other civic organization in the United States.

The local delegation returned home Wednesday morning at 2 a. m., with the feeling that the trip was worth the time and price.

WINSTON-SALEM IS NOW LARGEST CITY IN CAROLINAS

Estimates made by the United States department of commerce show that Winston-Salem has not only gone far ahead of other North Carolina cities in population, but that it is now the largest city in the Carolinas.

Winston-Salem, the government figures indicate, had a population of 77,109 on July 1, last, while Charleston, the metropolis of South Carolina, was given an estimated population of 75,000. Winston-Salem, therefore, leads its nearest rival by 2,109, and is today recognized by the government as the largest municipality in North and South Carolina.

Charlotte is the second largest city in the state with an estimated population of 55,900; Greensboro is third with 50,900 and Wilmington, the only other city in the state with a population of over 30,000, is credited with 46,700.

MORGAN HEADS U. S. STEEL CORPORATION

New York, Dec. 27.—J. Pierpont Morgan, international banker, has become the nominal head of the United States Steel corporation, founded by his father Mr. Morgan succeeds the late Elbert H. Gary.