STATE NEWS IN DIGEST

Judge Henry Grady who opened his first term of superior court at New Bern Monday morning failed to make any direct referene to his reported connection with the Ku Klux Klan, in making his charge to the jury. He did state that he was a member of no secret organization whose oath or principles were in any way in conflict with his oath as superior court judge.

Robert L. Grice and John Carswell, charged with the murder of John Ford, all of Gastonia, was given a preliminary hearing before a justice of the peace Tuesday afternoon.

"I have never said I had the money, but that I believed that I could raise it," declared Dr. William Preston Few, president of Trinity College, in a brief statement issued last Monday outlining his position on the proposed merger of interest by his institution and the University of North Carolina in a four-year medical school.

December was a record breaker for the prohibition agents of the State according to reports issued by Director R. A. Kohless. The report shows that total of 100 illicit distilleries and 137,122 gallons of intoxicating liquors, including spirits, malts, and wine were nabbed during that month. Sixteen automobiles were captured and confiscated during that

The Tobacco Growers Co-Operative and North Carolina Monday, to receive the flood of tobacco accumulated by its members since the closing of the warehouses for the holidays. were delivered in the three states before Christmas.

A bill to enable the city of Asheville to sell the Pack Memorial Library at public auction with the privileges of rejecting any or all bids, will be submitted to the General Assembly during the present session.

The weekly session of the County Board of Commissioners in Cherokee County was interrupted when a negro man and woman entered without an-Bryant, a member of the board, to the deliberations of the governing body of North Carolina's last county to the west resumed their task of dispatching official business.

member of the Raleigh bar, died Sunday night at half past seven o'clock.

In line with its effort to make "Dunn the best town under the sun," the municipal government has tem has been completed it will cover subscribed and paid for \$20,000 in stock of the Home Building and Loan

"The most honest man in the world," is the way a Kinston writer the State. describes a doctor who ran over a small pig, hardly old enough to get for the owner to whom he paid \$5.00

Several thousand visitors were in the first time in thirty-two years, the Grand Sire of the Independent Order ing the alleged balance due on a note Odd Fellows, visited this State. The purpose of the visitation of the Grand Sire, Lucian J. Eastin of St. Joseph, Mo., was to present veteran's jewels to four members of the Fayetteville county courthouse.

Governor Morrison has accepted the resignation of John C. McBee, Republican Highway Commissioner from the Eighth District, and has named in his stead Andrew M. Kistler, republican, and business man of Morganton. The resignation of Mc-Bee was sought by a delegation from his district that claimed discrimination in allocating the road funds in that district.

Federal agents called to Wilmington last week to search for Grover Bergdoll, wealthy draft dodger who many on the liner Adristic, failed to than one hundred towns of Virginia ever, a close watch is still being maintained.

Alvin W. Owsley, of Texas, national commander of the American Legion, will make a tour of North Caro-Approximately 188,000,000 pounds lina March 6, 7, and 8, according to word from him made public at Charlotte last week, by the State commander, James A. Lockhart.

Billard place proprietors of North Carolina met in Greensboro last Friday, to discuss plans to elevate the sport and to remove objectionable accompaniments, such as gambling, drinking or anything else of that nature that might be in some places.

The Carolina and Yadkin Railroad will be sold at public auction Jannouncement and requested Rev. Gay uary 16, in High Point, pursuant to an order recently made by Judge W. marry them. He did and then F. Harding. The railroad was thrown into bankruptcy some time ago.

An unidentified man was found in

came to his death.

Work on the hard-surfaced roads in the balance August 1. Pitt County is now progressing very rapidly, and when the proposed sysa distance of 77.05 miles. According to figures compiled, hard roads in Pitt are being constructed more cheaply than in any other section of ducted into the office.

The arrival of the steamer Chelsea from Norfolk last Friday inuaguraabout, and spent a half hour looking ted the new water transportation service between Norfolk and New Bern.

Suit for the recovery of \$44,202.50 has been instituted against the board Fayetteville last Saturday when, for of county commissioners of Stanley county by S. H. Hearne, the sum bewhich Mr. Hearne holds against the County. The note was issued by the cover the price of a suitable lot for a

Announcing that three units had been admitted into the North Carolina National Guard during the past sixty days, a record for this season, officials of the adjutant general's department Friday stated that only four more organizations were to be filled to complete the state's quota and that applications for these had already been filed.

The State Corporation Commission, through the Attorney General, is preparing to start action by mandamus against the Southern Railway and ling since the revaluation act. the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad to was reported to have sailed from Ger- force compliance with the Commission's order, originally issued, Septem-Association opened its doors at more find any trace of their man. How- ber 10, 1914, for the erection of a new union depot at Selma, the juncture point of the two railroads.

The State school building program begun in 1921 will cost when completed about \$25,000,000, according to Dr. E. C. Brooks in his biennial report now being printed for distribution among the members of the General Assembly.

T. E. Cooper, president of the Commercial National Bank, of Wilmington, which closed its doors last Saturday upon the orders of the comptroller of the currency, has announced that all depositors will be paid in within a few days.

Winston-Salem still holds high honor as big taxpayer according to a report just issued. Total revenue \$4.50. collections during 1922 aggregated nearly one hundred million dollars.

At the winter meeting of the dithe ruins of the fire that swept a rectors of the North Carolina Railroad portion of Elizabeth City last week. Company held in Charlotte last Adv.-1-12-23-tf.

Walter Lyndall Watson, for many With one leg over the window sill and Thursday the regular annual dividend of 7 per cent was declared, 6 1-2 per cent payable February 1, and

> The failure of a single republican to get on the eligibility list for the Monroe postmastership, at civil ser-vice examinations held recently for this purpose, now makes it appear that a democrat will of necessity be in-

> Standardization of through intelligent seed selection will be the next big job undertaken by the North Carolina cooperatives. Field representatives of the cotton and tobacco association decided last Thursday to put on an intensive campaign during the next two months to acquaint growers with the benefit derived from improving the quality of the products grown by them.

A general election was authorized retiring board of commissioners to by the Goldsboro board of alderman last Tuesday to see whether the people of the city want to take \$35,000 of the money from the coming sale of the old power plant 10 years ago and held as a sort of trust fund ever since, and equip and operate the city's street railway or let those railways go along rusting and the relling stock standing idle as it has been for the past several years.

The United States Supreme Court has held that the major railroads of North Carolina are entitled to pay taxes in accordance with the valuation placed upon them in North Care-

Walter Clark, son of Chief Justice Clark of the State Supreme Court has been recommended to President Harding by Senator Overman, for a place on the tariff commission at Washington. Mr. Clark is now chief expert to the commission.

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