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## STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

### Held up by a Highwayman. Five Illicit Distilleries Destroyed.

Statesville Landmark, Dec. 3-6.

Deputy Collector Davies and Sheriff Summers destroyed five illicit distilleries the past week, one in Union Grove township, one in Olin, two in New Hope and one in Gwaltney township, just across the Iredell line in Alexander county. Three men were engaged at the latter when the officers arrived but they outran the officers. One man was asleep under a barrel but jumped out and made his escape while the officers were after the others.

Mr. T. J. Conger recently sold to Mr. Anderson Lambert, of Rowan county, what is known as the Clendenin place, in Oak Forest neighborhood, 120 acres, for \$1,000. Mr. Lambert, who formerly lived in Iredell, will make the place his home.

J. R. C. Gilbert had a thrilling experience with an unknown man Saturday night about 10 o'clock near the home of his mother, Mrs. Euphemia Gilbert, near Lora. Mr. Gilbert had been to Scott's to attend a meeting of a debating society and was returning home alone in a buggy. When within a quarter of a mile of his home his horse suddenly jumped to one side of the road and stopped. He urged the animal on but it seemed to be badly frightened and not move. Realizing that something was wrong Mr. Gilbert grasped his whip and was at the point of striking the horse when a man rushed from the side of the road and caught the horse by the bridle. Mr. Gilbert ordered the would-be highwayman to release the horse but instead the stranger held to the lines and stepping nearer the buggy told Mr. Gilbert he would either have to give up his money or get out of the buggy. The only weapon Mr. Gilbert had was the buggy whip and before the stranger could get hold of him he proceeded to lash him with the whip. The highwayman staggered and the horse becoming frightened, dashed toward home, leaving the stranger in the dark beside the road.

M. L. Bean, of Salisbury, arrived here Sunday to visit Mrs. J. T. Raymer, his mother-in-law. Shortly after his arrival he was seized with an attack of vertigo and was seriously ill for awhile. He was taken home Monday night and is now improving.

A charter has been secured for the Merchants and Farmers' Bank of Statesville, the new bank which is to be established by Mr. J. A. Knox and associates and which is expected to begin business February 1st. The capital is \$25,000 with privilege to increase to \$125,000. The stockholders expect to meet the last of next week to organize.

Ex-county Treasurer John A. Haynes was stricken with heart disease while at work at the Bloomfield Cotton Mill Tuesday and died in a few moments. The news of his death was a great shock to the community. While his friends knew that he suffered from heart trouble this was not generally known, and he was apparently in good health up to a short time before death.

It is believed that T. A. Gaither, a Rowan man, was killed near San Francisco a few days ago. He left Salisbury for the West several months ago, his family making their home at Mooresville, temporarily. A few days ago they received word that an unknown white man was found dead by the track, and from papers found on his person it was believed the man was Mr. Gaither. The body was fearfully mangled.

About a year ago Will Allison, of the vicinity of Troutman, a freight conductor on the Southern railway, was killed by a train in the railroad yards at Spartenburg, S. C. J. W. Halthcox qualified as administrator and as attorney for the administrator. H. P. Grier, of Statesville, had suit brought in Spartenburg against the railroad for damages. Mr. Grier was advised Tuesday that his client had been awarded a verdict against the Southern for \$18,500.

## LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

### A Swindler Rakes in a Few Dollars. Attacked While at Work.

Lexington Dispatch, Dec. 4th.

The home of S. L. Cecil, on Center street, was slightly damaged by fire last Friday night, the fire having occurred about the midnight hour. No one can account how the fire started unless it was by rats.

Thursday night somebody attempted to burn the plant of the Lexington Bottling Works, and with it the meat market of J. M. Garland and the Springs Hardware Company. The bottling establishment is in the building occupied by the other two concerns, on the corner of Second avenue and Main street. The proprietors on opening Friday morning found a chair with the split bottom, burned, the wood work charred and a stick wood charred. The idea obtains that some scoundrel for reasons known only to himself, threw oil on the chair though a broken window at the rear, and then tossed in a match.

Several merchants of this town are looking for a sharp swindler who not only got various articles of merchandise from them, but also took in a neat sum of cold cash—and cash comes in good these times. No one knows the man and he disappeared as quickly as he came. The swindle was worked by bogus checks which purported to have been given by Dr. A. B. Byerly, practicing physician and who expects to move to this place the first of the year. All of the checks were on the Commercial and Savings Bank and were made payable to different parties. H. D. Scarborough fell a prey to the tune of \$8.40, less than a dollar being in trade and the remainder in cash. His check was made payable to C. H. Russell, or bearer. H. Harris & Bro. were taken in for \$12.55, their piece of paper being payable to Franklin Reese. They gave "Reese" a suit of clothes and some cash in exchange for his worthless check. Jule C. Smith is minus a blanket, which was worth \$1.75, and the remainder in cash, this check being for \$6.70, and on this was an Irish name, that of Thomas M. Casey. John F. Ward was taken into the game and readily handed over a five-dollar pair of pants, several small articles and the remainder of the \$11.20 in cash. C. H. Russell was the name on this check.

While at work bending over his machine at the Elk furniture factory, Will Sechrist was assaulted Monday afternoon about three thirty o'clock by Charles Roberts, a negro employed at the factory. The negro crept up behind Mr. Sechrist and dealt him a terrific blow on the back of the head with a rock, which was later found to weigh something over one and a half pounds. The injury is a serious one but it is not thought that any fatal consequences will result. Late yesterday afternoon Sheriff Delap and a posse captured Roberts in the loft of Rachael Harrison's feed barn, in Boon township. Roberts was found hidden under a lot of tops.

### Also True Here.

Alabama has now gone dry. The Southern colonel is making his last stand in Kentucky, but he will soon be a thing of the past.—Durham Sun.

### Negro Succeeds by Jumping in Well.

Saturday, Jim Butler, for a long time a porter at the Central hotel at Troy, committed suicide by jumping into a well. Butler was treasurer of a new church for the colored people at Troy, and was called upon last week for the funds that had been paid over to him. He had used the money in his private business and was unable to respond when called on for the church funds. He owned some real estate and had made arrangements to borrow the money, but his wife refused to sign the conveyance with him and he told her if she would not he would jump into the well and kill himself. She didn't sign and Butler carried out his threat.

## ANNUAL DEBATE DECEMBER 19TH.

### The Schools at Mt. Pleasant Enjoying a Good Patronage. Road Being Improved.

(Deferred From Last Week.)

As there are a number of young people from Rowan attending school here perhaps a few items might not be out of order.

On the night of the 28th of Nov. the people of Mt. Pleasant had a rare treat in the form of a lecture by the Rev. Dr. Weltner, of Columbia, S. C. His subject was the "Passion Play."

The hill in front of the Methodist church on the Concord-Mt. Pleasant road is being cut down and a fill is being made in front of the Kindley cotton mill. This improvement in addition to what the chain gang has done, at other points on the road will furnish an excellent highway between our town and Concord.

Miss Ethelyn Crabtree, of Salem, Va., is visiting friends in town.

The various churches of the town held a Union Thanksgiving service last Thursday. The service was conducted in the Reformed church and the sermon was by Rev. J. P. Miller. A liberal offering was made for the benefit of the poor.

Notwithstanding the panic several new residences are being built in town.

Rev. J. H. Keller filled the pulpit of the Reformed church in Concord last Sunday.

Rev. Wagg, former pastor of the Methodist church, moved to his new charge at Statesville last week.

The Ludwig Literary Society of Collegiate Institute is preparing to give a public entertainment on the night of December 19th. The following is the programme:

Prayer, welcome address, music; declamation, R. L. Foil; music.

Debate: Resolved, That the Present Spirit of Material Development is for the Best Interest of Our Country. Affirmative: A. J. Thomas, E. L. Agner, Music Negative: R. L. Miller, R. L. Agner. Music.

Declamation, C. M. Poole; Hagedroppe, C. D. Alexander; music. R. L. Poole, president Marshals: R. F. Biles, chief; G. H. Figgart, B. J. Bostian, E. W. Biggar, S. Hart.

On last Thursday night the young ladies of Mont Amoenia Seminary gave a reception to the Institute boy. It is needless to say it was highly enjoyed.

Both schools of our town are enjoying enviable patronage and success this session. The excellent conduct of the students has been very marked.

CITIZEN.

### An Old Violin.

Postmaster C. A. Reynolds is not only a good postmaster, a surveyor, a farmer, a scholar and a most excellent and clever gentleman, but bears the distinction of being a musician and an old time fiddler as well. The recent Fiddlers Convention in this city awakened the musical echoes in of long ago and inspire him to take up his fiddle and bow and make the night merry with the concord of sweet sounds. His violin, by the way, is also a highly prized and valuable instrument and bears this inscription: Givon Paolo Maggini Fecit in Breia 1613.

Mr. Reynolds is not open to engagements but if any of our young friends desire to "cut the pigeon wing" no doubt he will graciously receive them at his hospitable home on South Side and most cheerfully furnish the music and call the figures to suit "the queen's taste." Tennessee has its fiddling Governor in Bob Taylor and North Carolina has its fiddling Lieut. Governor in the person of Hon. C. A. Reynolds, and in this respect these two States can count honors as even. Tennessee has not a genuine Democrat and North Carolina a more loyal Republican.—Union Republican.

## AN ASSORTED LOT.

### State News, General News and Current Comment.

The police of Mexico City are actively at work on the biggest kidnaping cases that they have ever had. It is evident that for at least two months an organized gang of kidnapers have been operated in that city. Forty-nine children, twenty two boys and twenty-seven girls, have been stolen from their homes. What is to be done with them or who might be taking them away and by what means is not known. The age of the children varies between 2 and 12 years.

W. M. Widenhouse died last Tuesday afternoon about 8 o'clock at his home at Georville after an illness of only two days. He was taken Sunday with an acute attack of neuralgia of the bowels, and was unable to be present at the meeting Monday of the board of county commissioners, of which he was a member. No relief could be afforded him, and he suffered greatly until his death.—Concord Times.

State Auditor Dixon has announced the completion of the pension list, and the old veterans will receive State pensions as follows: First class pensioners \$72; second class, \$60; fourth class, \$25; widows, \$25. These warrants will be in the hands of the clerks of the various courts on Saturday, December 14th, for distribution.

The Progressive Farmer gives good advice. Referring to the necessity of some farmers to sell cotton to pay their debts, that paper says: "There are other debt-paying farm products besides cotton; let us produce more of them and depend less on cotton as our sole reliance for money."

The burning need of the hour is a brand of religion that will cause those to pay their debts who can but won't.—Raleigh Enterprise.

Senator Forsaker, of Ohio, has announced himself a candidate for the presidential nomination.

The sixtieth session of the United States Congress convened in Washington Monday at noon. The session was a short one and was consumed in formalities.

Monday President Roosevelt reiterated his intention not to again be a candidate for the presidency. Wise man.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Annie Bradley, who has been on trial for her life for shooting and killing former Senator Arthur Brown, of Utah, after he refused to marry her, returned a verdict of not guilty at 7 minutes to 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. The jury took two ballots. The first stood eleven to 1 in favor of acquittal. The second was unanimous for acquittal. The juror who voted against acquittal on the first ballot was Julius A. Priggs, a bookkeeper, and the oldest member. When the verdict was announced a great cheer went up in the court room, women being particularly enthusiastic. Mrs. Bradley was hurried from the court house to an automobile and taken quickly to the home of Mrs. Hays one of her friends.—Washington dispatch.

Miss Aileen Cabanis Kendall, of Shelby, was run over and killed by an Elizabeth street car at the corner of East avenue and Myers streets Monday night, and Mrs. Cabanis, of this city, was painfully hurt. Mr. Cabanis, who was accompanying his wife and niece, escaped serious hurt by the mere chance. The accident is one of the most distressing that ever happened in Charlotte. Miss Kendall had just arrived in the city from Raleigh, where she had been a student at the Baptist University for women during the fall, and was on her way home to Shelby. For several weeks past she had been in ill health and was returning home in order to recuperate. A niece of Mr. and Mrs. Cabanis, she was to spend the night with them and continue her journey home Tuesday morning.—Charlotte Observer.

## SUPREME COURT REVERSES LONG.

### The \$30,000 Fine Imposed Upon the Southern Cannot be Collected.

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—The Supreme Court in a decision filed this afternoon arrests the judgments of Judge Long as to the \$30,000 fine of the Southern Railway for violating the 2 1-4 cent passenger rate law. The right of the court to fine or imprison any railroad official for selling at a higher rate is denied and it is held that the Federal courts cannot interfere in criminal prosecutions and that in civil suits the railroad may be mulcted of \$500 for each sale. Chief Justice Clark dissents and says the railroad should be fined and intimates that an extra session of the Legislature should be held to make the act more explicit.

### HISTORY OF LITIGATION.

The opinion was written by Mr. Justice Walker, one of the ablest and most learned of the judges who have sat on the bench of this State. The opinion is concurred in by Mr. Justice Connor, Mr. Justice Brown and Mr. Justice Hoke and is a very elaborate and exceedingly able discussion of the matters involved in this well-known controversy. It will be remembered that the Southern Railway Company was indicted at the July term 1907, of the Superior Court of Wake county, along with one of its agents, Mr. Thomas E. Green, for the violation of the act of the General Assembly of 1907, fixing railroad passenger rates at 2 1-4 cents a mile. The case was tried before Hon. B. F. Long, one of the judges of the Superior Court, and upon the trial, the defendants were both convicted. The railroad company was fined \$30,000 and the agent was fined \$5. The railroad company appealed to the Supreme Court of the State. During the trial in the Superior Court, the railroad company filed a copy of certain proceedings in equity in the Circuit Court of the United States, together with a copy of the injunction issued by Judge Pritchard restraining the State officers from putting into effect the rates fixed by the General Assembly upon the ground that they were confiscatory. The agent, Mr. Green, was taken into custody by the Judge of the Superior Court in person, in order to prevent the Circuit Judge of the United States from releasing him upon habeas corpus.—Charlotte Observer.

### To Colonize the Negro.

A movement started in Colorado, where there is a colonization society for the purpose of sending the negroes back to Africa, has been espoused by O. M. Stuart, a well-known colored educator of Richmond. The movement is designed to ship to Africa all the negroes in the United States, in order that they may establish their own government, with an American protectorate. The worthless class of negroes are eager for the movement, while those who have accumulated property are opposed to going to a new country, where they will have to build themselves up all over again. The idea of the colonization movement is to appeal to the national Government and to the several states for assistance on the ground that the white people owe it to the negroes as a debt which they will never be able to discharge until they have placed them safely and well in their own country whence they were brought as slaves 250 years ago. The negroes claim that the impetus given America while receiving the benefits of their labor will not be lost in the next thousand years and that the United States can well afford to pay the debt to the colored brother. The commerce that would naturally spring up between the two countries would be worth untold millions to the United States, it is declared. It is suggested that the negroes be moved at the rate of 1,000,000 a year, allowing 20 years to effect their complete colonization.

## SOME ONE HAS BELLED A BUZZARD.

### Rocker Takes a Turn on the Panic and Claims the Millionaires Caused It.

South Rowan, Dec. 2.—During the rainy weather which we have had wheat has come up fine and it looks very good.

Miss Kate Carger has been visiting her sister quiet recently. John Josey sold one of the finest bird dogs in the county to a gentleman from Salisbury a few weeks ago. Mr. Josey had raised this dog from a little pup and at last he sold the dog for one hundred dollars.

We are informed that Marshal Holsouser has a bale of cotton laid lengthwise across a little stream of water so that it will not loose in weight till he gets ready to market it.

John Beaver from the St. Paul neighborhood was visiting at P. A. Jackson's Saturday night and Sunday last.

Charlie Park ordered him a new gun from Sears, Roebuck, & Co., some time ago and has received it quiet recently. Guess he means to look after the Mollie Cotton tails about Christmas.

There is a large Sunday school at Organ Church and there will be a Christmas tree there Christmas day. We cannot yet give the exact hour but will give it later. An interesting programme is being arranged.

Miss Anna Caster visited her grandmother near Organ Church last Thursday night.

Sunday, November 24th, there was a buzzard passed over John Stirewalt's house with a bell swung to his neck. He was traveling southward and every time he would flap his wings the bell would rattle. There is no telling how far this creature has come nor how long it will be before he will stop.

Little Willie Barger and Calley, of Faith, were the welcome visitors at Adolphus Caster's last Saturday night.

Milo Brown is suffering from the effects of a beating on his jaw. Little Dewey, son of Daniel Powless, has been very sick for the past few days.

Daniel Artz, one of our farmers, who has been working at Kannapolis and will move his family there soon.

John N. Troutman has moved his family to Kannapolis and will probably there spend their future days.

The Parks academy now has a rural school library. It consists of ninety-four different kinds of books and a nice book case.

Burl Caster swapped his young colt off and got an a. o. k. mule which he will probably farm with next summer.

On the night of November 28th there was a small crowd which went up the big road leading from William Fesperman's to Clark's store just cursing and swearing to their own notion. No one saw them close enough to identify them, but several said they knew their voices.

In living here in the county and having been without the advantage of a high school or college education I feel unable to say anything about the statement given in this paper a few weeks ago by Xerxes. By his items I judge that he is pretty far along in the school at Crescent, yet I want to show him and the people of Rowan county that I am not asleep. While it may be true that Roosevelt is giving the trusts trouble, I do not say that he is or that he is not, but will take his (Xerxes) own statement for it. We all know that these Republican millionaires are the ones who have caused the panics by drawing their money out of circulation when a democratic president attempts to burst up their trusts, and, we know too, that a republican would not do anything with them, simply because they were republicans and with their mill-

## THE PILGRIM ANNIVERSARY.

### Immense Throng of People Attends Celebration of 150th Anniversary.

Last Sunday and Monday were ideal winter days, the atmosphere being clear, cool and bracing—just such weather as is favorable to bring together large crowds of people for special services. The occasion at Pilgrim was an unusual one, the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of a congregation. On Sunday there was an immense throng of people. The great church was crowded to overflowing; and on Monday the attendance was all that could be desired. The programme, as published in last week's Dispatch, was carried out to the great delight of the people. Pilgrim Reformed church has records going back exactly 150 years. The church was likely in existence a few years further back, but the records only go back to the year 1757. The first church was a log structure and was used by the congregation exactly 60 years. In 1807 a larger and more handsome church was built, so this anniversary was the centennial of the building of the second house of worship. The second church was used through the long period of 75 years, until 1882, when the present handsome church was built. This anniversary, accordingly, was the 25th of the erection of the third church.

The offering on Sunday was received in the old-fashioned collection devices, wrought iron rings with suspended bags fastened on long handles. One of these has come down from the time of the first church.

There are but few congregations in North Carolina that have a history of 150 years. This one can well be proud of its long and honorable career. It is in most prosperous condition, having 175 members, with a Sunday school numbering 286.—Lexington Dispatch.

### Business Men and Demagogues.

The Wilmington Messenger asks the question: "Have not the business men of this city a right to entertain and express on the railroad situation?" Noting that question. The Charlotte Observer answers: "No. Business men have no right to express opinions about any public question. They have no business to do anything except to put up the campaign fund and vote the ticket." That's the idea, nearly expressed. The banker and the merchant and the mill man must stay in his office or other place of business, and be good, shell out his cash when called upon to save the party candidates, take care of the real business of the country while the hot-air interview-givers and office-hunters prance around in the gorgeous trappings of the demagogue, and then take a gentle cussing with threats of going to jail or the penitentiary if a panic arises. It is time for business men, bankers and merchants and farmers, the latter the biggest class of business men in the world, to wake up and make servants of officials who will respect their employers.

ious would bribe the people and buy rates for the republican party, now since they have persuaded some democrats into the trusts and they (democrats) are making a little money the republicans are trying to down the trusts just because there is a democrat in them. While before, when these big trusts were run by republican hangers, the republican party did not say anything about them, now I do not say anything against the bursting up of these trusts, but I do say that any organization party or individual who goes about things in the above mentioned manner is not endorsing the right principle and should be looked after by those who are considering and planning for the betterment of our government.

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