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## CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

Work on Street Car Line Resumed. Death of Wm. A. Smith.

Concord Times, Dec. 28th.

The barn and contents of R. L. Weddington, who lives in Atwell township, Rowan county, was burned last Monday night about 6 o'clock. Everything was destroyed except two mules and a wagon, including five head of horses, all feed stuff, etc. The loss is \$1,500, with \$400 insurance.

For several weeks past there has been much complaint from the residents of North Union street, from the condition the car company left the street in when stopped work on the car line. At the last meeting of the board of aldermen the city clerk was instructed to take matter up with the street car company. W. A. Foil received a phone message from Mr. Vanderford this morning telling him to begin work immediately on putting the street in good condition and to have the work finished as soon as possible as they intended to begin work on building the car line soon after the first of the year. Mr. Foil now has a force of hands repairing the street.

William A. Smith, one of Concord's oldest, best known, most prominent citizens, died last night at his home on Union street, at 1 o'clock. Mr. Smith was born July 22, 1828, and was therefore 81 years of age. He had been in declining health for some time, but only the immediate members of his family were aware of his condition, for to friends and to the public, he always exhibited the same wonderful energy and courage that had ever marked his busy career. No one knew better than he his condition, and up to the last he was the same quiet, calm and courageous man that he was in life.

Dixie Is Now First in American Song and Music.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—"Dixie" has finally been officially proclaimed first in American songs and music in "Patriotic popularity." Such is the verdict of O. G. T. Sonneck, chief of the division of music of the Literary Congress, who just issued an exhaustive report on four famous American musical compositions.

Origin and evolution of "Yankee Doodle," "Star Spangled Banner," "Hail Columbia" and "America" are treated in Sonneck's volume. Facsimiles of the original manuscripts are reproduced in the volume.

The history of "Yankee Doodle" is described as a "Perfect mass of conflicting stories," with countless variations from the original.

## Big Damage Verdict Upheld.

Asheville, Dec. 23.—One of the most interesting opinions to this section of the State handed down today by the Supreme Court is that of Curtis vs. Southern Railway, in which the decision of the lower court is affirmed.

This was the case in which the widow, Mrs. B. Allen Bryant sues the railway company through her father, as executor, for damages for the death of her husband, who was killed in the railway accident near Rudd two years ago. Bryant was a traveling salesman at the time of the accident and had been married but a month when he was killed. In superior court the plaintiff won a judgment for \$17,000 and the Supreme Court now affirms that decision.

Scrub yourself daily, you are not clean inside. This means clean stomach, bowels, blood, liver, clean, healthy tissue in every organ. Moral: Take Holistic's Rocky Mountain Tea, a thorough cleanser. Try it tonight. Cornelison & Cook.

## A MYSTERIOUS AIRSHIP.

Hovers Over City Few Minutes, Disappears for Two Hours and Returns.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 24.—At a speed of from 30 to 40 miles an hour, a mysterious airship tonight appeared over Worcester, hovered over the city a few minutes, disappeared for about two hours and then returned to cut four circles above the gaping city, meanwhile using a searchlight of tremendous power. Thousands of persons thronged the streets to watch the mysterious visitor.

The airship remained over the city for about fifteen minutes all the time at a height that most observers set at about 2,000 feet, too far to enable even its precise shape to be seen. The glaring rays of its great searchlight, however, were sharply defined by reflection against the light snow-fall which was covering the city at the time. The dark mass of the ship could be dimly seen behind the light.

After a time it disappeared in the direction of Marlboro, only to return later.

At the time of the airship's visit, Wallace E. Tillinghast, the Worcester man who recently claimed to have invented a marvelous aeroplane in which he said he had journeyed to New York and returned by way of Boston, was absent from his home and could not be located.

Trend of Prices Still Upward—A Serious Situation.

Food prices are higher today than ever before known in this country during December and within a small fraction of 1 per cent. higher than ever known at any time, according to Bradstreet's Review for this week.

Moreover, it is stated that the trend is still upward with no relief in sight. A man going to a wholesale market place to purchase one pound each of 96 articles would now have to pay \$9.12, while one year ago the same articles could have been purchased for 92 cents less.

The Review states: "The trend of the data looms large on the economic horizon and it is one that gives employers as well as employees much concern. The situation bears very heavily on a goodly number of the public, and while it is no doubt enjoyed by the producers, it is, on the other hand, most embarrassing to manufacturers as well as railroad interests.

"If higher wages are granted and materials continue higher, as seems quite likely, there will have to be considerable maneuvering to conserve profits.

"In any event the whole matter compels the attention of thoughtful men. Indeed, the subject must be of the utmost importance when the President of the United States takes occasion to comment on it in his message to Congress. Seldom, if ever, has the Chief Executive of the nation been called upon, especially in time of peace, to refer in a state paper to the high cost of living."

The record for high prices in this country was attained in March 1907, but prices began to decrease later in that year, and the present prices for December are said to be 7 per cent. higher than in 1907. —New York World.

## Alone in Saw Mill at Midnight

Unmildful of dampness, drafts, storms or cold, W. J. Atkins worked as Night Watchman, at Banner Springs, Tenn. Such exposure gave him a severe cold that settled on his lungs. At last he had to give up work. He tried many remedies but all failed till he used Dr. King's New Discovery. "After using one bottle," he writes, "I went back to work as well as ever." Severe Colds, stubborn Coughs, inflamed throats and sore lungs, Hemorrhages, Croup and Whooping Cough get quick relief and prompt cure from this glorious medicine. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free, guaranteed by all druggists.

## EXPLORERS EXP. DR. COOK.

Reject His Claim that He Assembled Mount McKinley's Summit.

New York, Dec. 24.—The board of governors of the Explorers Club met today in executive session and, standing in silence, voted with bowed heads that Dr. Frederick A. Cook be dropped from the rolls of the club for frauds practiced on its members and on the public.

Coming hard upon the crushing verdict lately rendered by the University of Copenhagen, the action of the Explorers Club today is the result of independent investigations which, in no way, touch upon the polar controversy and the weight of its disapproval thus becomes cumulative.

Preliminary to its vote of expulsion the board met to pass upon the report of its committee which has been investigating the validity of Dr. Cook's assertion that he reached the summit of Mount McKinley.

This committee, in concluding an exhaustive report, recommended that "Dr. Cook's claim that he ascended the summit of Mount McKinley in 1906 be rejected by the Explorers Club as unworthy of credence."

The committee's recommendation was based on its finding that "Dr. Cook had repeatedly made statements that have not been in accord with the facts, and that he had entered into agreements which he has failed to keep and that the misstatements and broken agreements deal not only with the matters pertaining to discovery, but to ordinary financial transactions, so that no credence can be given to statements made by him."

## Well Under.

Bad as it is to be in a rut, it is better than to wobble all over the road. There are times when it is possible to get too much of a good thing, even in the matter of denominational breadth. Such a case is mentioned by a writer in the Bellman. At the close of a revival service the minister went down the church aisle, according to his custom, to greet the strangers in his congregation.

"I don't think you are a member of our church," he said to one, as he warmly shook his hand.

"No, sir," replied the stranger. "Well, you will not think me unduly curious if I ask you to what denomination you belong?" asked the minister.

"I suppose, responded the other, with a twinkle in his eye, "that I am really what you might call a submerged Presbyterian."

"A submerged Presbyterian!" exclaimed the minister. "I should be glad if you would explain."

"Well, I was brought up a Presbyterian, my wife is a Methodist, my eldest daughter is a Baptist, my son is the organist of a Unitarian church, my second daughter sings in an Episcopal choir, and my youngest goes to a Congregational Sunday school."

"But," said the minister, agitated, "you contribute, doubtless, to some church?"

"Yes," was the answer, "I contribute to all of them, and that's what submerges me." —Selected.

## New King of Belgium Given Big Ovation.

Brussels, Dec. 23.—Albert I, king of Belgium, with Queen Elizabeth, made a state entry into the capital this morning.

Cannon boomed forth a royal salute, church bells rang out merrily, hundreds of thousands of loyal subjects lined the route of regal march crying, "Long live Albert," "Long live live Elizabeth."

When the procession arrived at the chamber where the oath of ascension was taken, the successor of Leopold II was given a notable reception by the assembled senators and deputies. King Albert's speech from the throne was an eloquent tribute to Leopold II, and his uncle, late King Leopold II.

## THE POSTAL DEFICIT GROWS.

The Loss on Second Class Mail and Rural Service Very Heavy.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Confronted with a deficit of \$17,479,770, the present administration of the Postoffice Department began its operations. This was the largest deficit in the history of the postal service. So long as the deficit in the department aggregated only a few millions of dollars annually, little attention was paid to it; but when, in the last few years it leaped to upward of \$10,000,000, and finally, in 1909, exceeded \$17,000,000. Ordinary business prudence suggested that the causes be definitely located.

These are statements in the annual report of the Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock made public today. Concerning the results of inquiries into the deficit, the Postmaster General said:

"Recent investigations have shown that the two great sources of loss to the postal revenues are second-class mail matter and rural delivery."

"The loss on second-class mail matter has been increasing for many years, until it now amounts to \$64,000,000. The loss from rural delivery, a service begun hardly a dozen years ago and of unprecedented growth, reaches as high as \$28,000,000."

"Simultaneously with the growing deficit in the postal service, the nation's income suffered last year a serious depletion incident to the financial depression. Thus it happened that the department's drafts on the Treasury were heaviest at a time when the public funds were lowest. This has accentuated the importance of the postal deficit, making it conspicuous among the losses to be met by the President's plan of reducing expenditures in all executive departments."

"Since the opening of the administration the Postmaster General and his assistants have adopted measures in conformity with the President's policy of retrenchment, and these measures are being put into effect with substantial results, as will be shown in this report."

## DIES HORRIBLE DEATH.

Mrs. G. A. Phillips of Washington Suffers Fainting Spell and Falls Into the Fire.

Washington, N. C., Dec. 22.—The entire city was shocked and saddened this morning when the news of the burning to death of one of the city's most prominent and well-beloved citizens, Mrs. George A. Phillips, at the home of her husband on West Second street last night about 8 o'clock, became known.

The facts in the case as nearly as they can be ascertained are as follows: It seems that Mr. and Mrs. Phillips and their daughter, who is afflicted with a mental disease, were sitting in the dining room in front of an open fire after supper and Mr. Phillips stepped down to the mail box at the corner to mail a letter, being out of the house for about fifteen minutes. On his return when he entered the room he found his wife lying face downward in the fire, her face burned to a crisp and charred beyond recognition and her clothes in flames. Mr. Phillips immediately seized a chemical fire extinguisher and succeeded in extinguishing the flames in time to prevent the house from catching fire.

Mrs. Phillips for the past two years has been subject to vertigo and it is surmised that one of these fainting spells caused her to fall into the fire. And in this unconscious condition sucked the flames down her throat, causing her death almost instantaneously. Her daughter, not being responsible, could not give any alarm and there was no other person in the room at the time. Mrs. Phillips leaves a heart-broken husband and one daughter. —Charlotte Observer.

## VIRGINIANS HANG MURDERER.

Citizens of Hurley Deal Out Summary Justice to a Bad Man.

Hurley, Va., Dec. 26.—Following the killing here on Christmas Eve of Samuel Baker and the serious wounding of his wife and two children by the former's enemy, Henry Pennington, a mob of one hundred citizens late last night took Pennington from an improvised jail, where he had been incarcerated under heavy guard, and hanged him to a steam pipe.

Pennington, who had been drinking, picked a quarrel with Baker and shot him while the latter was on his way to a Sunday school Christmas tree with his wife, two children and a friend, Wyatt Meadows. Seeing that he had killed Baker, Pennington started to run away. Mrs. Baker called after Pennington and implored him to help her take the body home.

The ruse worked and Pennington went back to the spot where his victim lay dead. Bent upon avenging the dead, Mrs. Baker grabbed Pennington's pistol from his pocket and shot twice at him. Her aim was bad but she succeeded in wounding him in the hand and thigh. Pennington recovered possession of the pistol and then shot the woman and attempted to kill Meadows, who was running away, it is alleged, and the two children.

## ZELAYA HAS MADE ESCAPE.

He Boards the Mexican Gunboat. He May Go to Belgium.

San Juan, Del Sur, Nicaragua, Dec. 25.—Ex-President Zelaya is now in full flight. He fled from Managua, the seat of government, to Corinto, and left the latter place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock on board the Mexican gunboat General Guerrero for Santa Cruz, Mexico. He slipped away very quietly.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The escape of Zelaya on the Mexican gunboat and the belief that he will make his way to Belgium, thus escaping punishment for killing Cannon and Groce, will be discussed in the senate when congress convenes after the holidays. There is a disposition to criticize Secretary Knox for permitting Zelaya to leave Nicaragua, if he has made good his escape.

The United States has compromised with its original attitude towards Zelaya. The news is general today in the departments that the government had purposely interposed no objection to his flight and that this compromise was based on the assurance from Mexico and Nicaragua that Zelaya would go into perpetual exile.

This government's hope was, when it issued its fulmination against Zelaya, that the revolutionary party would obtain control of Nicaragua and of Zelaya. Had this succeeded the United States knows that the Estrada party would have been as anxious as the United States to punish Zelaya for his crimes in the murder of Cannon and Groce.

There is no intention, however, of abandoning the revolutionary party as long as there is a chance of its success and there is no reason to assume that it will not be successful. With the question of the punishment of Zelaya out of the way the United States will resume the question of the amount of damages to be used for the killing of Cannon and Groce.

The change of front by the state department has caused a stir among members of the house and senate, and Senator Rayner will bring the matter before the senate.

## Looking One's Best.

It's a woman's delight to look her best but pimples, skin eruptions, sores and boils rob life of joy. Listen! Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them; makes the skin soft and velvety. It glorifies the face. Cures Pimples, Sore Eyes, Cold Sores, Cracked Lips, Chapped Hands. Try it. Infalible for Piles. 25c at all druggists.

## INSPECTORS NAB BOLD THIEF.

Nab Negro Mail Carrier in act of "Lifting" a Jug of Booze.

Greensboro, Dec. 22.—One of the boldest and most systematic mail robberies ever detected here came to light today, when Postoffice Inspectors C. H. B. Leonard of Greensboro and Charles E. Kelly of Charlotte caused the arrest of William Smith, a negro employed by the Southern Railway and detailed to handle mail matter between the cars and the transfer office. It appears that he has been systematically robbing the mail and the Southern Express Company, a package of whiskey stolen from the express company being the immediate cause of his arrest.

For a long time complaints have been received by the postal authorities as to missing mail matter that was believed to have been stolen in Greensboro, and Inspectors Leonard and Kelly were detailed on the case. Stationing themselves in a closet that had been erected in the transfer office, presumably for the storing of empty mail sacks, the inspectors waited patiently and watched every one entering the place.

Smith rolled a truck of mail into the office and, thinking no one else was in the building, proceeded to take from an empty sack the package of whiskey stolen from the express company. He was placed in custody immediately and committed to jail pending a preliminary hearing tomorrow.

A search of Smith's home revealed a large and varied assortment of almost all kinds of goods, many of them being articles of value. There was a dray load of the stolen goods, embracing almost everything from a picture post card to a set of fine furs. There were many Christmas presents in the lot, including gold lockets, several gold watches, hat pins, pins, rings, etc. There were two silk shirtwaists, several pieces of silk goods, gloves, shoes, furs and other articles of feminine wear. Prominent among the display was a fine French doll, stolen from an express package that was intended to gladden the heart of some little girl Christmas. Among the articles is a costly traveling toilet case with the name of a Winston-Salem belle stamped on it in gold.

A conservative estimate would probably place at \$1,000 the value of the stolen articles.—Charlotte Observer.

Attention is called to the various advertisements in this issue of THE WATCHMAN. They are all reliable and trustworthy firms, firms that will do as they advertise and give their customers a full square deal. As there will be no Record published this week this issue goes to those who take The Record beside our regular readers, consequently, to make good to our friends at China Grove, their advertisements are inserted herewith. This arrangement gives the advertisers of both papers a much larger circulation and, we hope, will be decidedly to their advantage.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## WINTER GRIPS NEW ENGLAND.

Trains Stalled Wires Down and Traffic Generally cut off by Blizzard.

Tragedy and humor came on the wings of the heavy snow which covered New England, most of the middle Atlantic States and a fringe of the middle West and South. Sunday morning papers at twilight, morning milk at supper time, night spent in street cars, in trains or stations contributed picturesque and amusing scenes to soften the general tone of such deaths as occurred.

Two peculiar tidal waves added bizarre features. At Boston water crept into the houses, left a man and wife and a child dead in bed, then crept away. Cellars were flooded in New York by a wave of less gigantic proportions.

Trains are stalled or late throughout the East; wires, to use the familiar terms, are "paralyzed" or "crippled" and streets are almost impassable except where heroic measures have been adopted to clear them. The automobile was rendered temporarily useless.

The freight steamer Thurman, going ashore on the Jersey coast, offered an opportunity for the always spectacular use of the breeches buoy by means of which her crew was rescued.

Two men were drowned near Seymour, Conn., when a trolley car left the tracking and plunged into the icy river. Almost every city of consequence where the storm reached, reports suffering or deaths due to exposure.

New England was hardest hit Saturday night and Sunday, apparently receiving the full force of the storm which had been working eastward.

New York City has the tremendous task of street cleaning on its hands, and another serious problem of transportation today.

Schley Believes in Cook—Calls on Peary to Make Good.

Reaffirming his complete confidence in Dr. Cook, Rear Admiral Winfield S. Schley, retired today called publicly upon Commander Peary to submit his proofs that he reached the North Pole to some scientific body other than the National Geographic Society. This, the admiral declares, should be done at once in the interests of justice and to establish beyond question the claims of Peary.

The admiral believes that the same body which threw out and repudiated Cook's data should be permitted to pass upon the data submitted by Peary to the National Geographic Society.—Washington Dispatch, 22d.

## SPECIAL.

We have a little special offer to make just now that will be of interest. We will soon have a valuable chart, consisting of maps of North and South Carolina, the United States, the Panama canal zone, portraits of the rulers of the world, population statistics, household receipts, and a large calendar for 1910, all handsomely printed in colors and ready to hang on the wall, being both ornamental and useful.

These charts will be disposed of in the following manner: THE WATCHMAN, 1 year, and a chart, for \$1.00. THE RECORD, 1 year, and a chart, for \$1.00. THE WATCHMAN and RECORD, our semi-weekly, one year, and a chart, for \$1.25.

To any one getting us two one-year subscribers, for either THE WATCHMAN or THE RECORD, at 75c each, we will present, free of cost, one of these charts. To any one getting us four one-year subscriptions to our semi-weekly, THE WATCHMAN and RECORD, at \$1.00 each, we will present a chart, free of cost.

This chart retails at \$1.00 and is fully worth the price. It needs but to be seen to be appreciated, and, to appreciate it properly means to own one. Come in and see them. Send in your subscriptions at once.

Respectfully,  
Wm. H. Stewart, editor,  
Salisbury, N. C.