

TAR HEEL TOPICS.

Happenings Throughout North Carolina Told in Brief.

Dr. Albert Anderson, superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane, Raleigh, has written the board of directors of the institution stating that he hopes for a thorough investigation of the hospital and all its affairs, it was announced Saturday. Dr. Anderson urged that the public be informed of every phase of the investigation.

Deputy Sheriff Charlie Hefner has returned from New Jersey to Newton with John Pale, colored, who is charged with having stolen four bales of cotton from the Long Island Cotton Mills, and re-selling it to the mills. On his person was found \$25 of the \$400 he is said to have taken off with him; a \$32 watch, and three suit cases of glad rags he purchased while on tour of the northern cities.

Ruffin Midgette, colored, of New Bern, was given a preliminary hearing before Mayor A. H. Bangert Thursday morning on a charge of having assaulted Clifford Tarle, the young son of Chief of Police C. Lupton, with a horse whip. Probable cause was found and the defendant bound over to Superior Court under a bond of \$200.

Mayor O. B. Eaton, of Winston-Salem, late Thursday afternoon signed an order closing the churches and schools of Winston-Salem for a period of 12 days, the order to take effect Friday morning. The order was issued as a matter of precaution as an epidemic of scarlet fever is threatened, several cases having been reported within the past few days.

The board of directors of the State Hospital at Raleigh will meet May 11 for a formal hearing of the charges brought against the management of the institution by Charles E. Latta of Raleigh, late an inmate of the Hospital. Latta charges that the inmates are poorly fed, poorly clothed and are made to work harder than convicts in the State's prison. He also charges unsanitary conditions at the hospital, all of which is denied by Supt. Anderson of the Hospital.

The plant of the Piedmont Buggy Company and the Cotton States Wagon Company of Monroe was sold at auction by the receiver, Mr. F. G. Henderson. It was bought by Mr. Horace Neal for the sum of \$2,176.

Dave Tully of Sandy Plains, Rutherford county, was accidentally shot and killed recently. He had been married about two weeks and, with his wife, was in a wagon starting from his wife's home to his own home. In arranging the cushion on the seat of the wagon the pistol slipped from his pocket and was discharged, producing almost instant death.

In the action to debar James H. Johnson of Cumberland county from practicing law, which was before the Supreme Court on appeal by the State and the solicitor from a judgment of the lower court dismissing the action, the Supreme Court reversed the lower court. Johnson was sentenced to the roads for the illegal sale of wine.

Miss Letitia Johnston, daughter of Gen. and Mrs. Robert D. Johnston, Charlotte, sails for London April 15, where she will marry Lieut. Benson Walker, of the English army. Lieutenant Walker's mother is accompanying Miss Johnston and Lieutenant Walker is to meet them in Canada.

In the recorder's court at Wilmington Saturday Mrs. Clara Luper was fined \$25 and costs for giving incorrect information that the age of Minnie Littleton, of Wilmington, was 18 years in order that Miss Littleton could procure license to be married to Mr. Henry Melton, a young man of that city. Notice of appeal was given by the defendant.

J. A. Edwards, an undertaker of Snow Hill, has received by parcel post a coffin sent from Burlington. The coffin was for an infant and the shipping expenses was just 26 cents. It is said that express charges on the package would have been at least three times as much.

Charlie Penland, a young man of Asheville, was found guilty Saturday in Federal court at Greenville, S. C., of violating the Mann White Slave act, and was sentenced to two years in the Federal prison at Atlanta. Penland transported a girl from Asheville to Greenville and registered at a local hotel as man and wife.

That the National Dye and Munitions Company of New York and Washington has acquired several hundred acres of land near Sanford, upon which to erect a munitions plant at a cost of probably \$10,000,000, is the information given by R. F. Gibson, a reputable building contractor of Rocky Mount, who says he has been awarded contracts for most of the buildings.

Miss Marguerite Fries, daughter and only child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Fries, of Winston, died at 6:30 Friday evening after a few days' illness with scarlet fever. Miss Fries

was an accomplished and popular young lady.

After writing a brief note, saying that everybody had treated her like a dog, Emma Sanders, a white girl of the Happy Valley section, of Catawba county, in a fit of jealousy and despondency, took a single-barrel shotgun Sunday afternoon of last week, sometime between 4 and 5 o'clock, and blew her brains out. Unrequited love is assigned as the cause of the tragedy, which threw the tranquil, substantial Happy Valley section into a stage of unprecedented excitement. That morning Emma went to walk with a young man, but it seems that they quarreled and in the afternoon he paid his respects to another young lady. The young lady was only 17 years old and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Finley Sanders of Furgeson, Wilkes county.

Chief of Police J. S. Braswell of Hamlet had the left side of his face from above his eye to his chin split open in an encounter with an escaped convict from South Carolina, named Ben McNeill Wednesday night of last week. McNeill used a razor. After cutting the chief McNeill attempted to escape but was shot by Braswell, but the bullet struck the negro in the head, and the ball glanced off. Chief Braswell's wound while very painful, and which will be a long time healing, is not serious, but the chief will carry the scar to his grave.

In municipal court at Greensboro Wednesday of last week, Gilbert Newcill made a full confession to the larceny of \$537.45 from the North Carolina Public Service Company, and was sentenced by Judge Brown to be paroled in the custody of the probation officer of the court for a period of two years, and to appear before the court the first Monday in each month with the probation officer during that period, and show his good conduct. Walter Bradley, a co-defendant, did not go on the witness stand but was held for superior court under bond in the sum of \$1,000.

H. F. Carson, charged with conducting a lottery, was found guilty in Buncombe Superior Court Wednesday morning and sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000 and costs. Carson, it is stated, claimed to represent a Knoxville, Tenn., company and distributed goods by forming clubs, to pay so much a week and hold a drawing every week, the winner to be given an article selected. It is claimed that the clubs involved about 600 people in Asheville, and that after a certain number had been winners, the collectors quit coming for the money and many of the investors got nothing but experience for their cash.

Daniel Wiggins, who lives near Grainger, felled a tree on his place recently and discovered that a mother fox and family had been deprived of their home in the midst of the roots. The old fox was killed; Wiggins carried the infants to his home and delivered them to a cat who had just lost her little ones—by drowning. The mourning cat accepted the substitute babies with seemingly perfect satisfaction.

J. C. Misenheimer, the young man who suffered the loss of his right hand last month while working with some dynamite, died Friday night at an Asheville hospital, death being due to tetanus, or lockjaw. Mr. Misenheimer, who was yard conductor for the Southern at Asheville, was handling some dynamite when a part of it exploded, tearing off his right hand. Lockjaw developed and he died.

Dr. George A. Carr, well-known surgeon-dentist of Durham, is plaintiff in an action against his wife, Mrs. Bettie Hunt Carr, in legal proceedings for absolute divorce. The summons was issued last week from the office of the clerk of superior court of Durham county. The divorce suit comes as a sequel to the \$20,000 alienation suit instituted by Mrs. Virginia Kendall of Richmond, against Mrs. Carr.

The North Carolina Orphan Association Thursday afternoon adopted resolutions providing that a special committee be appointed for investigation as to the operation of the "Mothers' Pension" system as operated in a number of states and the advisability of urging the North Carolina Legislature to adopt such a system. The committee appointed to investigate consists of Archibald Johnson, J. R. Young and M. L. Shipman.

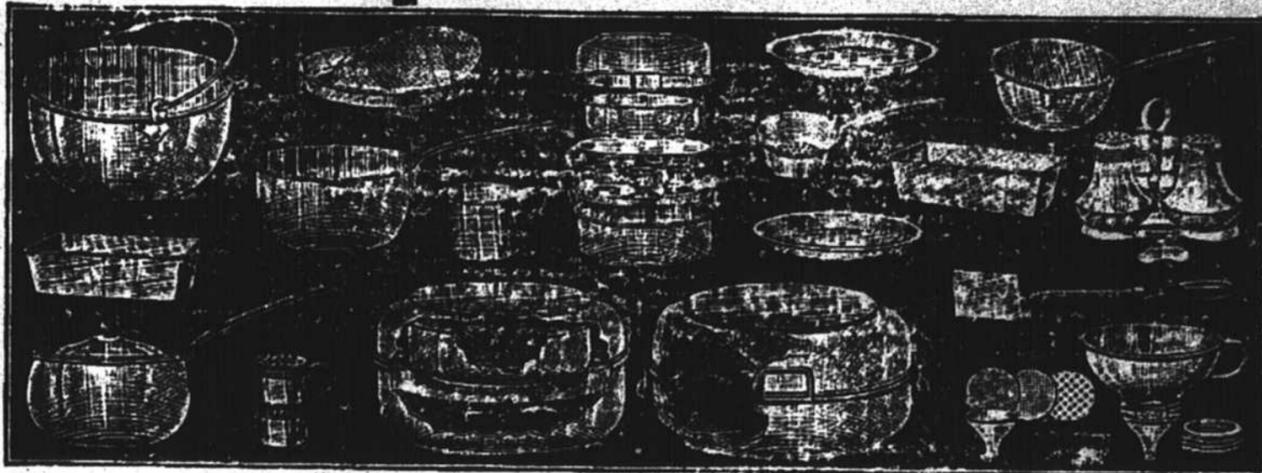
How long can a chicken live without food and water? A hen belonging to Mr. D. F. Jenkins, of Statesville, disappeared more than a month ago. It was supposed that she had either wandered away or had been stolen. When a box in the woodhouse was moved she was found alive. She had gone into the box in search of a nest and trapped herself. She is being given special care and will apparently soon regain her strength. Counting from the day she was last seen in the yard she had been confined under the box 34 days without food or water.

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A POOR BANK

W. A. Clelland, of Manton, Cal., after selling his place to a power company, placed \$320 in \$20 gold pieces in a potato bin for safe keeping. Forgetting about the money, he sold some potatoes. Later a search for the coin proved unsuccessful. Clelland now thinks banks are a safer proposition than potato bins.

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