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THE LIQUOR LID IS ON TIGHT IN ASHEVILLE

Asheville, May 18.—It is probable that Asheville is one of the driest towns in this dry state of North Carolina. It is said that as a result of the activity of the police department and the seizure of great quantities of wine, liquors and beer, the supply—rather than the demand—has escaped the eye of the police—has about been consumed and that the town is literally dry. It is understood that the price of even a small drink has risen rapidly within the past 24 hours and that there have been many hurry orders sent to liquor houses in the states where the manufacture and sale of intoxicants is permitted.

The police have not only been active in locating and seizing "wet goods" in Asheville, but they have also, under the direction of Colonel Lusk of the Law Enforcement league, kept a close watch on the Asheville station, Biltmore and Craggy. Colonel Lusk remarked this morning in Municipal court that he understood there was a quantity of liquor in Asheville freight depot. It is probable that the stuff will remain there, too, since it is doubtful if the consignee will attempt to take it out, fearing apprehension and capture while en route from the depot to some hiding place.

BIG VERDICT AWARDED IN BLEWITT FALLS LITIGATION

Washington, May 18.—Today in the United States Circuit court Judge Connor directed a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$22,500 in the case of the Knickerbocker Trust Company, of New York, against William E. Worth, this being the balance due for subscription to stock in the Rockingham Power Company.

The defendants alleged fraud in connection with the transaction, but the court held that no fraud had been shown. Mr. Worth has a suit in the state court against the Knickerbocker Trust Company. The defendant gave notice of appeal.

This suit grew out of the entanglement of financial matters in connection with the development of Blewitt Falls on the Yadkin river.

SOUTHERN TRAIN NO 44 KILLS A CONCORD BOY

Concord, May 22.—John Garver, the 14-year-old son of Mr. J. L. Garver, who lives on Mr. Robert Phifer's farm, a short distance from Concord, was killed by passenger train No. 44 yesterday morning about 7 o'clock. Young Garver and several companions were walking down the railroad track and when near the overhead bridge a few miles from the city, train No. 45 dashed down the track. The boys made a rush for the other track on which was approaching train No. 44, but on account of the excitement in getting out of the way of No. 45 they failed to see it. All the boys succeeded in clearing the track except Garver, who was struck and hurled several feet. His neck and right arm and shoulder were broken and his body horribly mangled, death resulting instantly.

Miss Hazel Albright the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Albright who has been in school at Elizabeth College, Charlotte, was one of the graduates this year. She has returned home and is spending her vacation with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hoge of Asheville arrived first of the week to be the guest of their friends Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Durant. We regret to learn that since arriving Mr. Hoge has been quite unwell.

E. L. Boland spent Sunday at Greensboro the guest of friends.

MAN AND WOMAN BURNED TO A CRISP UNDER AUTO

Dover, N. J., May 19.—Slowly burned to death as they were pinned beneath the large automobile which had turned turtle as they were rounding a curve at Chester, N. J., was the fate of Edward D. Middlekauff, a broker of Plainfield, and his companion, Miss Elsie Walpole, of Scotch Plains, N. J., late last night.

Middlekauff and Miss Walpole had been on an automobile trip through eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. As they were nearing the Chester Crossroads, Middlekauff turned out to avoid some obstruction in front of the home of E. C. Searles, and the wheels of his car struck a boulder, causing the car to turn turtle. Miss Walpole was evidently rendered unconscious, but Middlekauff was conscious when the gasoline tank exploded and slowly roasted him to death. His cries could be heard for blocks.

Mr. Searles, who witnessed the accident, summoned aid and attempted to raise the overturned car, but in vain. It was not until a team with block and tackle could be procured that the car was raised. By that time both victims had been burned to a crisp.

WILL TAKE UP WAGE QUESTION LATER ON

Washington, May 18.—"The smoothest turndown ever handed out," was the way firemen of the Southern Railway today described the rejection of their demand for a 27.8 per cent increase in wages. The men were told by President Finley that their demands were refused solely because the road was not making money enough to grant them, but that things might be different "in the fall."

The demands of the men were for an increase amounting to approximately \$400,000 per annum, said Finley. "Being convinced that there was nothing in general business conditions to justify an increase in expenses, I frankly so stated to the committee. I explained that I did not desire to assume any arbitrary stand, and would be willing to take the question up again in the autumn of this year."

NEGROES STOP WORKSHIP TO FIGHT BATTLE

Spartanburg, S. C., May 22.—Rocky Zion church, colored, near Newberry, S. C., was the scene of a bloody pistol battle which raged for a few minutes late Sunday evening in which one negro was killed and four or five others were more or less seriously wounded.

The shooting was the result of a quarrel which started in the church when Henry Baxter walked into the meeting with his hat on. One of the negroes took offense at this seeming lack of respect on Henry's part. When the difficulty arose an adjournment was had to the grounds outside, where a number of pistols were put in action, between forty and fifty shots being fired. Henry Baxter, who had failed to uncover when he went into the meeting, was killed.

The readers of The State Dispatch will be interested in a splendid proposition being made by the Observer Company, Charlotte, N. C. Just at this time the Daily and Sunday Observer—seven days in the week—will be sent until October 15th, 1911 to all new subscribers for \$2.00. This is a considerable reduction from the regular price and is made for the purpose of introducing this paper to new readers. The only rule is that cash must accompany all orders. Send name and address and check for \$2.00 to the Observer Company, Charlotte, N. C., and let this splendid paper be sent to you until October 15th.

IRON WORKER MAKES SENSATIONAL CHARGES

Pittsburg, Pa., May 18.—James Elliott, a structural iron worker of this city, appeared before labor leaders here tonight and made an alleged confession in which he charged officers of the National Erectors Association and detectives employed by it with the wrecking of buildings throughout the country constructed by non-union labor.

The alleged confession was made to Wm. Kelly, president of the Iron City Trades Council; A. L. Collins, secretary of the Structural Iron Workers Union, and H. W. Legleiter, vice-president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, and was sworn to before a notary. The labor leaders, then turned Elliott over to the police, who are holding him for further investigation.

The affidavit was not given out, but in his statement to police Elliott said he made the confession because he was not paid for information he furnished the Erectors Association and for which he was promised \$1,000.

LOSES LIFE IN BURNING STOREHOUSE NEAR OXFORD

Oxford, May 19.—The five story mill and adjoining storehouse of W. D. Kimball, eight miles from here was destroyed by fire during last night and the miller, L. T. Kelley, perished in the flames. Kimball and his three daughters, all of whom slept above the store, barely escaped with their lives by leaping from the windows, and all were more or less seriously injured. One of them sustained injuries which will cripple her for life. Kelley leaves a widow and child. The fire, which was of unknown origin, started in the storehouse and quickly communicated to the mill, destroying both. The loss is \$40,000.

CHARGED WITH ARSON. ARRESTED IN VIRGINIA

Granite Falls, N. C., May 18.—Several days ago this place was visited by Post Office Inspector Leonard. Postmaster Starnes was called up over long distance 'phone by Inspector Leonard, who informed him that Robert Glassbrooks, a young man whose home is near here, had been arrested at Chase City, Va., charged with the crime of burning the postoffice building here and would be carried to Lenoir for imprisonment. The young man is now in the keeping of Caldwell county's jail.

WEALTHY FARMER SHOT BY NEIGHBOR AT SPRAY

Spray, May 22.—A serious shooting affair has just been reported as occurring about three miles from Spray. D. M. Vernon, a wealthy farmer of this county and at one time postmaster of Leaksville and a political leader in the Republican party, being shot three times in the hip and legs by a man named Murphy. It seems that Vernon recently shot a dog belonging to Murphy which was trespassing on his place and this seems to be the cause of the trouble. Mr. Vernon was in Spray about 12 o'clock today and was on his way home when shot. A posse has been sent to arrest Murphy.

Miss Sue Mebane of Mebane, accompanied by her friend Miss Mable Griffith spent from Saturday to Monday the guest of friends in town.

Messrs. Hendrix and Mimms who have been closing out the stock of Cooper Dry Goods Co., will move what they have not sold to Reidsville Monday. Mrs. Ada Patterson will continue with them.

MORE DOUBLE TRACKING ON SOUTHERN RAILROAD

Washington, May 21.—In pursuance of President Finley's recent announcement that it will be the policy of the Southern Railway Company to continue double-tracking its main line at points where the traffic is heaviest and traffic on the Charlotte division having reached such density as to justify the provision of some additional double-track on that division, the board of directors has authorized the construction of 32 miles of second track between Atlanta and Gainesville, Ga.

It is proposed to continue the use of the existing track from Armour, 6 miles north of Atlanta, to Crosskeys, a distance of 5 miles, as a single-track gauntlet. Double-track will be constructed from Crosskeys to Duluth, a distance of 15 miles. From Duluth to Sumanee, 5 miles, the existing track will be operated as a single-track gauntlet, and 17 miles of double-track will be built from Sumanee to Oakwood.

The effect of this improvement will be practically the equivalent of 46 miles of double-track from Atlanta north, and will greatly facilitate the movement of trains over that important part of the system.

Work on the double-track is to be begun without delay.

DEATH CLAIMS ADLAI HOLT DIXON AT A & M COLLEGE

The Raleigh Evening Times of Saturday gave the following account of the death of a young student at the A. & M. College at Raleigh, whose home was in Alamance county, and who was well known to a large number of our readers.

Mr. Adlai Holt Dixon, a first year student in the agricultural work course of the A. & M. College, was found dead in his bed by his room mate and friend, Mr. J. W. Bason, this morning at 6 o'clock, the young man having expired during the night from heart failure. He probably was asleep when the end came, for he did not arouse his sleeping companion.

Dr. Henry McKee Tucker, the college physician, was at once notified of the sad tragedy and pronounced death as the result of heart disease. Mr. Dixon entered college last fall from Haw River, Alamance county. He was a most excellent young man, was proficient in his studies and was popular among his fellows. He was working his way through college; one week he would work on the farm and the next devote to his studies. His room mate, Mr. J. W. Bason, from the same section, was horrified when he awoke this morning and found his class-mate dead.

The college authorities reported the death to Coroner Chas. A. Separk, who went out this morning and viewed the body. There was not of course the slightest evidence of foul play, the young man's body and face being in perfect repose. Coroner Separk was satisfied with the report of the physician, but inspected the body from a sense of duty.

Mr. R. W. Scott, a member of the board of Agriculture from Alamance county, was interested in the young man and secured him entrance at the college. Mr. Scott is assisting in looking after the details of shipping the body home. Mr. Dixon was 17 1/2 years old and was the son of Mr. H. A. Dixon of the Haw River section.

Mr. Bason and a committee of student will accompany the remains to Haw River this afternoon. The burial will take place tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sanders and Miss Roxie Riddle of Spray, N. C. were visiting Mr. R. E. Riddle and family last week. Miss Riddle was on her way to Rocky Mount as a delegate to the Episcopal convention.

Mr. M. W. Hunter of Oxford, a Railway Mail Clerk, visited his friend Mr. R. E. Riddle last Thursday.

HIS AEROPLANE TURNED TURTLE, HAS CLOSE CALL

Bristol, Tenn., May 18.—Aviator Fred Eells sustained painful injuries and had a narrow escape from instant death at the Bristol aviation meet this afternoon when his machine turned turtle two hundred and fifty feet in the air. Eells had left the aviation grounds and flown about half a mile when a control wire in some manner came loose and he was unable to manage the aeroplane. In an instant it had turned over and was plunging toward the ground, landing in a plowed field. He shifted his position during the downward dash otherwise he would have been caught under the big engine and killed. He made a beautiful flight, however. His machine is a total loss.

S. C. Doran, the Washington aviator with his affoxco flyer, a new biplane, did not leave the ground today. His \$8,000 machine, owned by Edmund L. Fox, of Washington, is set up at the aviation grounds. Two other machines will arrive tomorrow and in view of this the aviation meet has been postponed until Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Manager John S. Berger went east tonight for two more machines to be used in connection with the others for the meet to be held in this and other cities already billed.

NEGRO ADMITS TO KILLING NEWSPAPER MAN

New York, May 18.—John Cain, the big negro who ran amuck with a knife and a revolver last night on upper West side, killing two men, and wounding eight, admitted to the police today that he is the man who killed Richard Ball, a newspaper man on Broadway eleven years ago. Ball's slayer said he killed him for stepping on his toes. Cain went wild last night when a white passenger on an elevated train platform objected to his smoking. Cain said he was sentenced to fourteen years in Sing Sing for killing Ball and was released a few weeks ago, his term being shortened for good behavior. The two dying from Cain's slashes were John Hall and Saxon Surrell. Cain during his wild escapade was shot through his lungs, but will probably recover.

LAST THURSDAY IN APRIL FOR INAUGURATION DAY

Washington, May 18.—A revised draft of the proposed constitutional amendment, changing the date of the presidential inauguration to the last Thursday in April, providing for the convening of Congress the second Tuesday of each January, and eliminating the biennial short session of that body, was presented to the House today by Chairman Henry of the Committee on Rules. The new resolution is the result of prolonged conferences to reach a satisfactory solution of the inauguration problem.

The Henry resolution, besides extending the terms of the president and vice-president from March 4 to the last Thursday in April, and making their terms begin and end on that date in the future, changes the sessions of Congress so that the newly elected Congress will convene in January immediately after election, instead of the following December. Congress thereafter would sit in long session each year, the inauguration of a president taking place without the breaking of the session. It also empowers Congress to designate a successor to the President-elect between the time when the vote is officially canvassed in February, and the time of inauguration, if both the President and vice-president should die during that period.

By this time, we suppose the railroad habit has become so fixed with Mr. Bryan that he can't sleep at night unless he is on a Pullman car.

NEAR-BEER GETS RES-PITE UNTIL JULY FIRST

Raleigh, May 19.—Near-beer licenses may be issued for the month of June, Attorney General Bickett having made a ruling to this effect today. The matter was brought to his attention by Sheriff Sears, of Wake county. The state and county licenses expire May 31, but the federal licenses do not expire until July 1, when the act outlawing near-beer and similar beverages will go into effect. The various towns and cities will probably follow the advice of the attorney general and pro rate the licenses for the month of June. Wake county and the city of Raleigh will extend the licenses.

The following letter is being sent out from State Treasurer Lacy's office:

"By the advice of the attorney general, I have decided to rule that the sheriffs will issue near-beer licenses for the month of June and collect for only one month. I do this on account of the conflict in the law, but it must not be understood, except when the law conflicts, that I will agree to ever pro rate a license.

COL. R. M. STALEY DIES SUDDENLY IN CHARLOTTE

Charlotte, May 20.—Col. R. M. Staley, sergeant-at-arms of the state senate for many years and one of the state's best known citizens, dropped dead of apoplexy on the street here tonight, en route from a late train to his hotel. He was a resident of Wilkesboro and a man of means, acquired in the furniture manufacturing business. Colonel Staley served the Confederacy in the civil struggle and won his title by courage on the battlefield. He was a man of unusual physical stature and strength. Colonel Staley is survived by a widow, two daughters and a son. The daughters, Misses Frankie and Mabel, reside in Richmond, Virginia. He was 65 years old and never required the services of a physician in his long and active life.

CHILD KNOCKED DOWN BY RUNAWAY HORSE

Goldsboro, N. C., May 18.—A serious accident occurred this afternoon, which may prove fatal, the victim being the little girl of Mr. and Mrs. McKeel. W. B. Hobbs was driving in the northern part of the city, when his horse became unruly and ran away, throwing him from the vehicle and running over the little girl, who was on the street with her nurse. She was seriously injured about the head, and it is thought the wounds will prove fatal. Mr. Hobbs escaped with a few light bruises.

WASN'T MUDDY WATER

Muskogee, Okla., May 21.—Clarence Henderson, book-keeper in a bank in Beggs, Okla., is dead and Edward Bright, son of a real estate man of the same place, will die as the result of mistaking a quart can of nitroglycerin for muddy water.

The young men were hunting today when they discovered the can of explosive under a boulder. They placed it on top of the rock and one of them fired into it from a small caliber rifle. Henderson was so badly mangled by the resulting explosion that he died within an hour. Bright's body was cut in more than a hundred places by particles of the can and of the rock on which it stood.

He crawled to a farm house a mile and a half away and told of the accident. There is no hope for his recovery.

The accident occurred in the oil fields and the nitroglycerin had been hidden by well shooters when they quit work last night.