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Blizzard Rages.

Salisbury, Jan. 13.—The 13th day of the month brought the severest snow storm to Salisbury witnessed here in years, the snow started early in the day and continuing steadily. The city is in the grip of a veritable blizzard, a strong wind accompanying the snow, while the thermometer showed a low registration as the day progressed. The snow and ice in the county has checked the country trade and business, save that of the railroads, which is itself deterred, is almost at a standstill.

Lexington, Jan. 13.—Snow fell here this morning and continued through a good part of the day. The weather is severely cold, which, with a wind, makes it almost unbearable. Old residents of Davidson county declare that not in recent years, in fact, not since the 80's have they known any winter weather to be so trying as that of today and of the past week has been. The farmers, who are well fixed, are not suffering, content that the wind that is bad for some blows good for them, since the snow brought will be of great good to the wheat crop. Travel in the country and city are both checked.

Charlotte, Jan. 13.—The local weather observatory at 10 o'clock tonight recorded the lowest temperature in ten years—nine degrees above zero officially with the promise that the mercury will drop below the zero mark before six o'clock tomorrow morning. Reports from all over Piedmont North Carolina show conditions even worse than they are here. North of Charlotte in the Brushy mountain section local thermometers show 12 degrees below zero.

Fayetteville, Jan. 13.—A snowfall, lasting for 14 hours, has covered the ground here with five inches of snow, while the thermometer in the last 24 hours has dropped from 30 to 10 degrees, according to the official record of Weather Observer Glover, the latter figure representing the lowest temperature recorded here since February, 1899, when the mercury reached five degrees below zero.

Thomasville, Jan. 13.—This city is in the icy grasp of a blizzard, snow having fallen during the day while the thermometer has ranged downward towards zero. Suffering has been experienced among animals that were caught in badly protected stables and pens.

TRAIN FREEZES TO RAILS; RAPE RAILROAD INCIDENT

Bristol, Tenn., Jan. 14.—A rare incident in the history of railroading in Virginia occurred on the Norfolk & Western Railroad at Lynchburg today, when the Washington-Chatanooga fast train actually froze to the track. Stopping in a swag, the dripping water from the pipes caught the wheels and the temperature being below zero, the train was locked so securely in the ice that it required the use of three engines to move it, bumping from the rear being resorted to.

It was two and a half hours before the train could be moved and it arrived here seven hours late.

Big Fire At Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 14.—Fire which raged for several hours early this morning resulted in an estimated loss of between \$250,000 and \$300,000 to the Cable Piano Company and Southern Bell Telephone buildings on Second avenue, and indirectly was responsible for the death of one man. The Bell Telephone service in this city is demoralized.

The fire originated in the Cable Piano Company building and after having been gotten apparently under control burst forth anew, leaping to the adjoining building of the telephone company.

Ohio may feel like pleading that it is entitled to a little rest between campaigns.

To Temperance Workers of North Carolina

Ramseur, N. C., Jan. 15.—The plan to hold a Convention in Raleigh, January 26, 27 and 28, 1912, for the purpose of quickening the temperance sentiment of our people, and to stimulate to a better enforcement of the laws, has been proposed to us by the Executive Committee of the State Anti-Saloon League. And it bespeaks our hearty support.

Distinguished speakers are expected to be present; among them will be Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson, an earnest advocate of the cause and a very forceful speaker; Rev. P. A. Baker, D. D., General Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, and who knows the situation over the nation as no other does; Hon. John G. Wooley, author, statesman, and orator of international fame. Many prominent men of the State will be present.

All citizens of the State having this cause at heart are invited to participate. All organizations working for this cause should be represented.

We, ministers of Raleigh, whose names are appended, cordially approve the proposed Convention. We believe it is a timely effort, a needed effort, and have good hope that it will prove of great benefit to the cause that so nearly concerns us all. And we unite in extending an earnest invitation to our fellow-citizens all over the State to be in attendance upon this Convention.

(Signed)
W. McC. White,
T. W. O'Kelley,
C. E. Maddry,
C. J. Harrell,
A. D. Wilcox,
H. M. North,
L. F. Johnson,
I. McK. Pittenger,
L. S. Massey,
Hight C. Moore,
J. N. Cole,
Livingston Johnson,
J. S. Farmer,
R. T. Vann.

Wanted in Greensboro.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 14.—John Terrill, alias E. Covington, who was held for the grand jury on five charges of forgery in Roanoke yesterday, is a badly wanted man in North Carolina, according to information received from that State, where it is stated that he has a long criminal record. The chief of police of Greensboro has requested that Terrill be turned over to the authorities of that city following disposition of cases against him in Virginia. Terrill is also wanted in several other Virginia cities. He secured comparatively small amounts on checks he alleged to have flashed in Roanoke.

Merchants Supply Company Chartered

The Merchants Supply Company has been incorporated with the following incorporators: Mr. J. Zeb Waller and Mrs. Susan Waller and Miss Hortense Rimmer. This company takes the place of what has formally been the Burlington Grocery Company and will be conducted in the same building near the freight depot.

White Man Acquitted.

Shelby, N. C., Jan. 13.—Frank Gladden, white, implicated by the confession of the negro, John Ross, in the murder of Mr and Mrs. John Dixon, prominent and wealthy people of this county, was today acquitted by the jury because of insufficient evidence to convict. The other two negroes held as accessories of Ross will be held until the next term of court. Ross was sentenced to die in the electric chair, Feb. 16.

Raleigh Postoffice Receipts.

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—The receipts of the Raleigh postoffice for the calendar year ending December 31st, aggregated \$125,780, as against \$112,337 for the previous year. This was a gain of \$13,443 for 1911. These figures have just been compiled by Postmaster, Willis G. Briggs.

Officers And Directors of Mebane Bank Are Elected.

Mebane, Jan. 12.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Commercial and Farmers bank, of Mebane, yesterday afternoon, the following were named as directors for the ensuing year: W. A. Murray, P. Nelson, T. M. Crutchfield, D. A. Wilkinson, S. G. Morgan, James H. Lasley, Philip Coober, Edward Tate, J. W. Stainback.

The directors then met and elected the following officers: W. A. Murray, president; James H. Lasley, vice-president; S. G. Morgan, cashier, and W. S. Harris, assistant cashier. A dividend of 6 per cent was declared and a nice surplus laid by. The year 1911 was a very profitable one and the bank is in a flourishing condition.

BOYS' CORN CLUBS

Some of the Prizes for 1912. \$2.50 to \$15.

Some time ago I sent to the teachers of Alamance a letter and enrolling sheet for Corn Club work as sent to me by Mr. I. O. Schaub, special agent in Agricultural extension. I am now in receipt of a statement concerning some of the prizes that are offered by the State Department of Agriculture for the year 1912. The state has been divided into 10 districts and 5 prizes have been offered to each district for best yield of corn at least cost per bushel. First \$15.00; second \$12.50; third \$10.00; fourth \$5.00; fifth \$2.50.

We are in the 5th district which comprises the counties of Person, Orange, Caswell, Rockingham, Guilford, Randolph, Stokes, Davidson and Alamance. In addition to these prizes there will be a state prize of a free trip to Washington D. C. awarded to that boy making the largest yield at best cost per bushel.

In a few weeks we shall publish a long list of the prizes offered to the boys of Alamance county alone. We are very anxious that Alamance take no second-day place in the rank of Boys Corn Clubs and in corn raising. We have the land; we have the climate; we have the boys; and we must produce the corn. I believe with respect to land, climate, and boys Alamance compares favorably with any section or any State. Let us enroll and enroll in time and do our part. We cannot raise the best crop unless we begin in time. Most of our red land should be prepared in winter.

Little did we think a few years ago that 100 bu. of corn could be raised on an acre of land; but that has been done here in Alamance county. Little did we think a few years ago that 200 bu. of corn could be raised on one acre of land; but that has been done not in Texas, but right here in N. C. We are just beginning to realize what can be done. Join the Club and see what you can do the coming summer.

Rules:
1.—All members must be under 18 years of age, August 1, 1912.

2.—Each boy must plant one acre of corn (4840 sq. yds.) doing all the work himself, except that small boys may hire their land broken.

3.—Each member must keep a record of his work, amount of manure and fertilizer used and make out a report on the special blank which will be furnished him.

4.—Each member must read the instructions sent him by the Department of Agriculture. This is a part of our education that should appeal to a large number of our boys. It takes only a very small per cent of our boys for Lawyers and Doctors, Preachers and Teachers; but it takes a very large per cent for farmers. Let us prepare ourselves for the work we are going to do.

Let a large number of Alamance boys join the Club, get the instruction, raise the corn, and win the prizes.

J. B. Robertson,
Supt. of Schools.

CHRISTMAS CLUB

Alamance Loan & Trust Co.

Everybody needs money for Christmas. Many people have trouble in providing a sufficient amount to buy all the presents when the time comes. The Alamance Loan & Trust Company, of this city, offers an easy plan to meet such a contingency. On January 29th it will start a Christmas Saving Club. Members will pay in a small amount each week for fifty weeks and at the end of the time will receive checks for the total amounts they have paid in plus an additional 4 per cent interest. The plan is simple and systematic. There will be different classes of members. For instance, one class will start in by paying one cent the first week, two cents the second week, three cents the third week, and so on for fifty weeks, the last week's payment amounting to fifty cents. Members in this class will receive checks two weeks before Christmas for \$12.75, with interest, or they may reverse the order of payments by paying fifty cents the first week and paying one cent less each succeeding week, which brings the last week's payment down to one cent. There will also be classes starting with two cents and five cents. Those entering the two cent class will receive \$25.50 and interest and the five cent class \$63.75 and interest. Payments must be made promptly every week or in advance for as many weeks as may be convenient.

It will not only prove beneficial to grown people, but will prove very popular with young people. It is very simple and the details are easily understood when explained. Everybody is welcome to join and the Alamance Loan & Trust Co. will be pleased to have those interested call and learn all about it. Those desiring to become members can join after Jan. 29.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

The Annual meeting of the Central Loan & Trust Co., was held in the First National Bank Building, Jan. 16, 1912, at 2 o'clock P. M. After hearing the report of the Sec. & Treas., the following were elected directors for the ensuing year: Dr. J. A. Pickett, R. T. Kernodle, C. D. Johnston, J. M. Browning, Jno. R. Foster, J. Ed Moore, C. V. Sellars, Geo. W. Vestal, Jno. R. Hoffman, Geo. W. Patterson and W. W. Brown.

The directors elected the following officers: J. M. Browning, Pres., Dr. J. A. Pickett, 1st Vice-Pres., Jno. R. Foster, 2nd Vice-Pres., Jno. R. Hoffman, Sec. & Treas., and W. W. Brown, Mgr. The Secretary's report for the year just closed shows that the year has been a successful one, and a dividend of 8 per cent was declared. This company has only been in business two and one-half years, and has paid its stockholders 89 per cent in dividends.

Water Tank Exploded

Durham, Jan. 16.—The explosion of the water tank back of the range of Mr. C. W. Kendall, Cleveland street, completely demolished the range and injured Mrs. Kendall, who was in the kitchen at the time.

The water in the tank had frozen, and the explosion occurred soon after the fire was lighted. Some of the parts of the stove were hurled with such terrific force that they penetrated the walls of the house and one of the pieces hit Mrs. Kendall with such force that a limb was broken.

The colored cook was not hurt though badly frightened. She is a yellow woman, but when she emerged from the kitchen after the explosion her color had changed. She was as black as an ace of spades.

No School This Week

It has been decided to discontinue school at the Graded School the remainder of this week owing to the very severe weather and open again Monday.

Mail Order Deal.

We have been an insistent believer in trading with home merchants. You can see what you buy, get what you want, and cause a larger circulation of your money at home. One of the most striking and pointed illustrations of the advantage of buying at home is given in the following, copied from the Sample Case. It is an interesting story:

Down in Oklahoma the other day a man went into a store to buy a saw. He saw the kind he wanted and asked the price. It was \$1.65, the dealer said.

"Good gracious," said the man. "I can buy the same thing from Sears, Roebuck and Company for \$1.35."

"That's less than it cost me," said the dealer, "but I'll sell it on the same terms as the mail order house just the same."

"Alright," said the customer. "You can send it along and charge to my account."

"Not on your life," the dealer said. "No charge accounts. You can't do business with the mail order house that way. Fork over the cash."

The customer complied.

"Now 2 cents for postage and 5 cents for a money order."

"What—?"

"Certainly, you have to send a letter and a money order to a mail order house, you know."

The customer inwardly raving, kept to his agreement and paid the nickel.

"Now, 25 cents for expressage."

"Well, I'll be ——" he said, but paid it saying: "Now hand me that saw and I'll take it home myself and be rid of this foolery."

"Hand it to you? Where do you think you are? You're in Oklahoma and I'm in Chicago, and you will have to wait two weeks for that saw."

Whereupon the dealer hung the saw on a peg and put the money in his cash drawer.

"That makes \$1.67," he said. "It has cost you 2 cents more and taken you two weeks longer to get it than if you had paid my price in the first place."

That story is not an exaggeration, as anyone who has kept a strict account of mail order house transactions, will agree. It not only costs more in the long run and in the sum total, but it wastes a lot of time. It takes as long to write the order, go to the post office and get a money order and mail it as it would to go to your nearest dealer and buy it outright and carry it home with you.

Hand your cash business to your local merchant. You expect him to accommodate you when your finances are close—and he does. He spends his profits at home, pays city, county and state taxes, license taxes, purchase taxes, interest at local banks, rents, clerk hire, etc., and helps support the schools and churches. You can't get along without him, and nine times out of ten you will get better goods and save money by trading with him.

Woman Burned To Death

Greensboro, Jan. 15.—Parties here from Gibsonville tell of a distressing accident at that place Sunday afternoon, when in some unexplainable manner Miss Matilda Geringer caught fire and was burned to death before her screams or aid brought assistance.

Miss Geringer was an aged lady who has lived alone, though adjoining the home of a sister, and her means were sufficient to make her comfortable. Sunday she declined an invitation to go out because of the cold weather and about 1 o'clock the sister saw her appear before the window and utter a piercing scream. Rushing to the house, the sister found the woman burned to a crisp and death relieved her pain in a short time. The theory is that Miss Geringer was sitting before an open fire and ignited her dress.

Champ Clark has been endorsed for the presidency by the Democrats of the District of Columbia. But that won't do him any good—the democrats there can't vote.

Associated Charities.

So numerous and so urgent were the appeals for relief of the poor in our community during the recent severe weather that the ministers of Burlington met last Monday with a view to some concerted action. A very simple scheme of associated charities was launched. An Executive Committee was carefully selected, which will have the general direction of the charities of the entire community. It is believed that all the churches and all other benevolent organizations can systematize their work, prevent overlapping, and secure greater economy and efficiency by letting the bulk of their work be done through this one central committee. To meet the present emergency each pastor has named a committee to act in his own congregation. Yet these committees are asked to work wholly without regard to church or creed, race or color. They are asked to report to the Executive Committee promptly whatever cases of need come to their attention. Editor R. M. Andrews will serve in the capacity of Secretary and Treasurer, and will receive and disburse all the funds of the organization. The aim will be to give him discretionary powers to relieve any cases of pressing need without calling together the entire Executive Committee. Churches, benevolent orders, and all individuals willing to help relieve the pressing need immediately before us should pay in their money to Mr. Andrews at once, and report those in the greatest need of relief.

S. L. Morgan, Sec'y.
Ministerial Association.
Executive Committee appointed by the Reverend John Benners Gible, President of the Ministerial Association of the town of Burlington, N. C.
Mr. F. L. Williamson, Chairman,
Rev. R. M. Andrews, Sec. & Treas.
Dr. J. C. Staley
Miss Mollie Pryor
Mrs. W. H. Carroll
Mrs. Ben R. Sellers.

Church Committees appointed by the various Pastors of the Holy Comforter, Church of the Holy Comforter, John Benners Gible, Rector.
Erwin Allen Holt
John G. King
Miss Sadie Steele
Baptist Church
S. L. Morgan, Pastor
Jesse Holt
J. W. Wright
Mrs. J. C. Staley
M. E. Church, South
T. A. Sykes, Pastor
E. S. W. Dameron
A. A. Apple
Miss Mary Freeman
Methodist Protestant Church
Thomas E. Davis, Pastor
Rev. R. M. Andrews
M. A. Coble
Mrs. J. E. Moore

Christian Church
A. B. Kendall, Pastor
J. P. Montgomery
C. P. Shelton
Miss Beattie Holt
Committees for the Burlington Reformed, Macedonia Lutheran, and Presbyterian churches will be announced later.

TO CHANGE INAUGURATION DATE

Washington, Jan. 16.—The House Judiciary Committee today ordered favorably reported the Henry resolution changing the date of the Presidential inauguration from March 4 to the last Thursday in April, and the terms of Representatives in Congress to begin the second Tuesday in January instead of on March 4. These changes would be effective April, 1917, and January, 1918.

The Henry resolution would provide for extension of the term of the President and Vice-President elected in 1912 to the last Thursday in April, 1917. Congress would convene annually on the second Tuesday in January. This would leave the biennial elections in November, except in Oregon in June and in Maine and Vermont in September.

Several Democratic members reserved the right to amend the resolution on the floor.

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