

STEPS TAKEN FOR ENCOURAGEMENT OF IMMIGRATION

Secretary of State Board of Agriculture and Man in Charge of Immigration Work Makes Appeal to Land Owners all Over State.

Asks That they Report Lands to be Advertised. Appeal to Cities and Towns to Join in Effort to Get Desirable Immigrants to Come to N. C.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 13. T. K. Bruner, as secretary of the state Board of Agriculture, and in charge of the immigration work the board is undertaking, gives out an interview for the immigration launched at Greensboro this week and calling on landowners of all parts of the State to report to him the lands they have which they will enter in the list to be advertised, as obligated to give ten acre lots in consideration of settlers, building houses and later buying additional lands at fixed prices. He says steps will be taken to have the immigration steamships which touch at Norfolk land immigrants for this section instead of bothering longer with the efforts at Ellis Island. He makes the appeal that Charlotte, Raleigh, Asheville, Goldsboro, Newbern and other points join in the effort and make a concerted effort for desirable immigrants, maintaining an agent book abroad to settlers for this section.

Shepherd Resigned. Ex-Judge James E. Shepherd, of this city, today filed with Judge Thomas R. Purnell his resignation as standing master in the chancery for the Circuit Court of the Eastern District of North Carolina, and Judge Purnell has accepted it. No successor is yet named. Judge Shepherd assigns no special reason for his resignation.

Did He Haze Cooper? Annapolis, Md., January 13.—The Court Martial of Midshipman John Paul Miller, of Lancaster, Ky., was resumed. It is alleged that Miller hazed among others, Midshipman Cooper, of Oxford, North Carolina.

Midshipman Minor Meriwether, Jr. of Louisiana, who attained much notoriety by engaging in a fist fight with Midshipman James R. Branch, in which the latter received fatal injuries, has been placed under arrest on the charge of hazing. The charge is supported by six specifications of alleged hazing of several different fourth-class men by requiring them to do different physical exercises. Midshipman Henry G. Cooper, testified that he had gone to the hospital also about a week after he was hazed because he could not move his right side. On cross-examination Cooper said he did not believe hazing had anything to do with his illness.

Gaines on Tariff. Washington, D. C., January 13.—Gaines of Tennessee, addressed the House on the Philippine Tariff Bill, favoring it as a step towards free trade with the Philippines.

New and Wider Market. Thomas, of North Carolina, made the plea for a new and wider market for the whole country and dwelt especially upon the need of the New South for a reciprocal tariff measure.

KILLED BY TRAIN AT SALISBURY

William Gheen Fell Under Train This Morning at Salisbury Cotton Mill and Both Legs Were Cut Off. Died an Hour Later. Was Switchman.

Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 13.—William Gheen, a switchman at the Southern yards, fell under a train at the Salisbury Cotton Mill at 10 o'clock this morning and both of his legs were cut off near the hip. He died an hour later.

Workman in Steam Laundry Was Stripped by Machinery. Hagerstown, Jan. 13.—The flimsy condition of his clothing saved C. A. C. Oiler from a horrible death at the Hagerstown Steam Laundry this morning. While he was standing on a ladder making repairs to the machinery, his shirt sleeve was caught in a set screw on a shaft and he was rapidly whirled around the shafting a number of times, his head striking the ceiling badly injuring him. Every piece of Oiler's clothing and even his boots were torn from his body, and he dropped to the floor as the machinery was stopped with but part of his shirt on him. He will recover.

DIAMONDS ARE RESTORED.

Their Reappearance As Mysterious As Was Their Loss. Cincinnati, Jan. 13.—Much mystery surrounds the disappearance and reappearance of the Ravogli diamonds. Last Saturday, Mrs. Augustus Ravogli missed gems valued at \$10,000, and consternation followed. Detectives went to work, and every known avenue for the disposal of purloined jewelry was guarded. From the first it was evident that the missing diamonds had not fallen into the hands of a professional thief, and though the matter has been solved to the satisfaction of those most concerned, an inscrutable reticence is maintained by them. This morning Mrs. Ravogli became tranquilly but firmly convinced that her treasures would be restored. Later in the day she had occasion to leave home for a short time, and during her absence, her next-door neighbor, a woman who was one of the first to know of the disappearance, made a more thorough search of the room in which they had last been seen, and discovered them, lodged between the wall and the chiffonier, from which, to all appearances, they had been accidentally jostled. The case is considered one of the most remarkable the police department has had to deal with in a long time.

SEVERAL WERE INJURED.

Several Members of Troupe Thought to Have Been Injured in Railroad Wreck.

Louisville, Jan. 13.—The general offices of the Louisville and Nashville have been advised that in the collision between the freight train and special carrying the "Little Johnny Jones" company, near Repton, Ala. this morning, several members of the company were injured and one of them, it is said, seriously. The train was bound from Selma to Pensacola.

MRS. CUTLER THINKS CHARLOTTE PLACE

Would Like to See a Big Meeting Here of Those who are Interested in the Preservation of the Forests of North Carolina. Another Meeting To-day.

Mr. James H. Cutler, representing the American Forestry Association in the city for the purpose of conferring with men in this section of the country who will aid in securing a meeting of the association in Charlotte some time the latter part of this month. Mr. Cutler held a conference with a number of Charlotte people interested in this gigantic movement yesterday evening in the assembly room of the Southern Manufacturers' Club in order that he might make them acquainted with his work and ascertain the best method of promoting this important movement. He said that a meeting would be held in the South at some time during the latter part of the month and Charlotte being centrally located it should be held here. At this meeting Mr. Cutler said the Governors of North and South Carolina, and other Southern States, would be invited to attend and give their opinion as to the best method of promoting the proper interest in preserving the forests in this section of the country. Late endorsement of prominent men, governors of the Southern States and influential citizens he said would have a great deal of weight with the members of Congress and that resolutions by such men would be respected and favorably passed on.

Another conference will be held this evening when more definite steps will be taken toward securing prominent men to host the last of the month in a general conference. Mayor McNinch will appoint a committee to invite Governor Glenn, Governor Heyward of South Carolina, and other prominent Southerners.

Among those at the meeting yesterday were Mayor McNinch, Messrs. C. B. Bryant, H. M. McAden, W. S. Lee, Jr., R. R. Ray, R. M. Miller Jr., H. E. C. Bryant and L. A. Dodsworth.

25 ROUND BATTLE.

Brooklyn and New York Pugilists Met at Frisco. By Associated Press. San Francisco, Jan. 13.—Willie Fitzgerald, of Brooklyn, and Willie Lewis, of New York, last night battled 21 rounds to a draw.

Coast Line Ex-Agent Jailed. Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 13.—James N. Strohhair, formerly agent of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad at Gainesville, Fla., was brought here and in default of \$5,000 bond was landed in the Tower this afternoon after being indicted by the Fulton county grand jury. W. D. McKaig, traveling auditor for the Atlantic Coast Line, and Bradbury Williams, representing the American Surety Company, of New York, appeared before the grand jury against Strohhair.

Strohhair is charged with having embezzled \$20,300 from the Atlantic Coast Line. He left Gainesville, Fla., Aug. 20, 1905, and it is alleged that he cashed checks in Atlanta to the amount of \$2,000, having previously secured a sum as \$18,300 at Gainesville. He went from here to Montreal, Canada, where it is said he employed the same counsel and the same tactics as Greene and Gaynor, now on trial at Savannah, in an effort to prevent extradition.

BIG SENSATION IN FAMOUS TRIAL OF GAYNOR AND GREEN

Pleas for Abatement to Indictments 476 and 477 Read. Difference of Opinion Regarding Drawing of Grand Jury. Sensation Sprung in Reply.

Judge Speer Fined Lawrence \$1,000, on the Charge of Contempt of Court. The Judge's Explanation of Position. Lawrence Continued Reply.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 13.—Pleas in abatement to the indictments 476 and 477, found last November against Greene and Gaynor, were read. It was contended that these indictments had not been legally returned in that the grand juries were drawn from among residents of the Southwestern division of the Southern District, whereas they served in the Eastern division, and that the court had no right to appoint two special commissioners to prepare a special grand jury list. The defendants say that the grand juries were illegally drawn and had no right to return indictments. Special Assistant Attorney General Marion Erwin responded that the grand jury had been legally drawn because what is now the Southwestern division at that time of offenses were committed was embraced in the Eastern division and that the jury box was properly prepared.

Sensation Was Sprung. When Attorney General Erwin concluded his argument, A. A. Lawrence, of the counsel for the accused, arose to read his written reply. Then came a sensation. Judge Speer said there was language in the argument that he construed as contempt and promptly fined Mr. Lawrence \$1,000.

Mr. Lawrence was arguing that the court had exceeded its rights in the appointment of special jury commissioners, one of whom was T. F. Johnson, clerk of the court, and the other W. S. West, of Valdosta, who has lately been engaged in a bitter political controversy with W. W. Osborne, Mr. Lawrence's law partner. The language to which the court took exception was, "It is a curious coincidence that in the case at the bar the Court unwittingly, of course, appointed as jury commissioner a gentleman who was at that time, and still is, an open, public and notoriously avowed enemy of the defendants' counsel."

"Whether or not this has been to his prejudice in this particular case, we are not prepared to say," Judge Speer said. "Mr. Lawrence, your remarks are exceedingly improper and out of order. The Court has no knowledge that appointed as a commissioner one who was, at that time, and still is, an open, public and notoriously avowed enemy of one of the defendants' counsel."

"The gentleman appointed as commissioner was apparently one of the most intelligent and upright men in Southwestern Georgia, a prominent member of the opposite political party to that to which the clerk belongs. He is president of the Georgia Senate and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Georgia. After due inquiry the Court believed him of all others to be the best man, and therefore the Court appointed him to fill that position, and this Court will not tolerate innuendos."

ORDER OF EXERCISES IS NOW COMPLETED

Rev. Plato Durham to Deliver Anniversary Address at Day Nursery Association Meeting. Memorial Addresses by Drs. R. C. Holland and J. R. Howerton.

The order of exercises of the Charlotte Day Nursery Anniversary and Memorial, to be held in the First Baptist church next Wednesday evening, has been arranged. The anniversary will be made especially interesting by reason of its connection with a memorial to the late Dr. A. C. Barron, who may be regarded as the original promoter and staunch patron of this great and beautiful charity.

The anniversary address will be delivered by Rev. Plato Durham, pastor of Trinity Methodist church. Dr. J. R. Howerton, pastor of the First Presbyterian church and Dr. R. C. Holland, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church, will deliver addresses in behalf of the memorial feature of the occasion. Mrs. W. G. Rogers, president of the association and Mrs. R. C. Holland, treasurer, will both submit their reports covering the work done and the money received during the past year. In addition to the above, all the ministers of the city are expected to be present and a number of these will be called on to make short addresses. The exercises will be enlivened by special music by the choir.

ROBERT ERWIN DEAD.

President of Atlantic Coast Line Dropped Dead This Afternoon. By Associated Press. Seybrook, Jan. 13.—Robert Erwin, formerly president of the Atlantic Coast Line, dropped dead in the woods here this afternoon while going over his vast game preserves.

He was in company with a friend and collapsed suddenly after a pain of a moment's duration. He came here this morning to look over the property. His home was in Hartford, Conn. disease was the cause of death.

WILL ROGERS ANSWER?

Argument Regarding Question of Whether or Not He Must Answer Questions Adjourned Until Monday. By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 13.—The hearing of the argument on the question of whether H. H. Rogers, vice president of the Standard Oil Company, shall be compelled to answer the questions asked by Attorney General Hadley, of Missouri, adjourned until Monday after the counsel had presented some arguments. Justice Gildersleeve did not give any decision as to whether Mr. Rogers must answer.

COMPANY MADE ASSIGNMENT.

Parsons, Synder and Co., Made Assignment—Liabilities About \$150,000. By Associated Press. Cleveland, Jan. 13.—Parsons, Snyder and Company, stock and grain brokers, offices in the Hollenden hotel, made assignment to J. A. Smith, an attorney. The firm a member of the Cleveland Stock Exchange and Consolidated Exchange in New York. It is stated they did much business for Leland W. Prior, who committed suicide Tuesday afternoon. The total liabilities it is believed will not exceed \$150,000.

DR. MORGAN ARRESTED.

Charged With Criminal Malpractice on Mrs. Hall. By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., Jan. 13.—Dr. Francis M. Morgan of Berkeley, was arrested upon the charge of criminal malpractice on Mrs. Josephine Hall, about 37 years of age, who has been 14 years old. The offense is alleged to have been committed March 21, 1905, and Mrs. Hall has fully recovered. Dr. Morgan was released on a \$500 bail.

Men Still Under Ground.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Mich., Jan. 13.—The heroic efforts have failed to release the seven men imprisoned under the ground in the burning position of the Camarack mine.

Mecklenburg Declaration Of Independence Edition Of The Charlotte News

TO ADVERTISE THE ADVANTAGES AND RESOURCES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY TO THE WORLD. Active Work Has Been Commenced

H. P. HEVENOR, AN EXPERT OF TWENTY YEARS EXPERIENCE, WILL MANAGE THE WORK—EVERY TOWN IN THE COUNTY WILL BE REPRESENTED.

The CHARLOTTE NEWS and The TIMES-DEMOCRAT will issue an edition on May 20 to commemorate the anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. It will show to the world the natural advantages and resources of Mecklenburg County. Mr. H. P. Hevenor has been engaged to manage the work. He has issued a large number of special editions, as he has devoted over twenty years of his life to this special branch of work and has published an exposition number of every exposition held in the United States in the past twenty years, with the exception of the last. He has now located permanently in North Carolina and will continue to devote his whole time toward the industrial development of this State. Already Mr. Hevenor has done much for the development of the Old North State. He assisted materially in the development of Pinehurst and other towns, and his first remark on his last coming to this city, after an absence of eighteen years, was: "How Charlotte grows!"

He says, and truthfully too, that the City of Charlotte, with her railroad advantages and her fortunate location on the Catawba river (which has in sight greater electric power than any city in the United States, except Niagara Falls) will more than double its present population in the next ten years, as all things considered, there are more and better advantages for the location of manufacturing plants in this section than anywhere else in the United States at the present writing.

Charlotte and every township in the County will be written up, under respective headings, including Berry Hill, Steel Creek, Shalom, Providence, Clear Creek, Morning Star, Pineville, Crab Orchard, Mallard Creek, Dewese, Lennie, Long Creek, Paw Creek and Huntersville. There will be 20,000 copies of the edition published, or more, if we find it to be necessary. It will be profusely illustrated with cuts of street scenes, public buildings, churches, schools, residences and factories and portraits of those who are identified with and have helped to make Charlotte and Mecklenburg County what they are.

LAST DAY'S SESSION OF BIG CONVENTION AT NEW ORLEANS

Last Day of Association Began With Only Question of Acreage to be Settled. Executive Committee Will Decide Other Questions at its Meeting.

Executive Committee to Perfect Plans for Holding of Crop for 15 cts. Representatives From Several States. Plan for Farmers to Deposit with Bankers.

New Orleans, Jan. 13.—With the matter of acreage as the most important question remaining to be settled, the Southern Cotton Growers Association began the last day of its work. The question of permanent headquarters, the election of officers and the proposition to establish an official organ will be settled by the Executive Committee at its sessions here next week.

The Executive Committee will also arrange to put into effect the plan of holding the remainder of the crop for 15 cents. It is intended to select one representative of the association from each State and Territory, one banker from each State and Territory and five cotton men at large to perfect the following plan: The adoption of a form of contract by which a farmer or owner of cotton can deposit with his banker receipts or pledges to hold cotton for 15 cents, the contract to provide that the cotton cannot be sold for less than 15 cents with the best of middling at a Southern port, except with the consent of this committee. The owner of cotton has the authority to sell this cotton at 15 cents or over, the banker to retain one cent per pound to be held in trust until such time as all of this cotton so pledged has been disposed of, when this committee will meet and arrange for the disposition of the balance as the interest may appear.

Doings of Convention. The hall was well filled when President Jordan called the convention to order.

WOMAN STRANGLER WITH COPPER WIRE, FOUND IN ALLEY

A Startling Murder in Daylight. Mrs. Hollister Found Dead in a Chicago Alley, with Wire Cutting Deeply Into the Flesh of Her Neck.

Evidences of Desperate Struggle. Three Rings Missing From her Hand. Mrs. Hollister had Left Home to Attend Funeral. Detectives at Work.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Strangled to death with three strands of fine copper wire the body of Mrs. Franklin C. Hollister, wife of a member of the Typothetae, was found in an alley at No. 368 Belden Avenue. A large force of detectives was immediately put to work on the mystery.

Mrs. Hollister left her home at No. 498 Fullerton Avenue early yesterday morning to sing at the funeral of a friend. Hollister is a member of the firm of Hollister Brothers, Printers, 255 Madison St., and belonging to the Typothetae. Mrs. Hollister is thirty years of age.

After she left the house she ordered a day's supplies from a nearby grocery; then she went to the florists to order some flowers for the funeral. The flowers were delivered at the house of Mrs. Semple, No. 172 Seminary Avenue, where the funeral was held, and the groceries were delivered at the Hollister residence. After leaving the florists, Mrs. Hollister disappeared. A search was instituted and resulted this morning in the finding of the body, half concealed, under a pile of rubbish in the inclosed yard of Edward Ivins, No. 368 Belden Avenue. A fine wire cutting deeply into the flesh of her neck, showed plainly that death had been from strangulation. There was evidence also that Mrs. Hollister had struggled vigorously against her assailant or assailants.

Three rings which Mrs. Hollister wore on her right hand were missing. Hollister and the police, after investigating, inferred that she was murdered and robbed in the daytime, and her body thrown on the refuse pile sometime at night.

Murderer Confesses. Later Richard Ivins, one of the boys who reported to the police the finding of the body of Mrs. Hollister, has confessed to the murder.

More Details—Assault Attempted. Ivins declared that yesterday as he was working in his carpenter shop, a short distance from where the body was found today, Mrs. Hollister passed by. He attacked her, he declares and attempted to assault her. She resisted desperately and he twisted wire around her neck and killed her. It was dark at the time and he then dragged her body into the stable yard and threw it upon the pile of refuse. He then entered his father's house, a few feet distant, remained there all the evening and slept soundly throughout the night. This morning he went out to the stable yard and pretended to find the body rushed into the house and reported the fact to his father. Ivins is 24 years of age and has previously borne a good reputation.

THREE LARGE CO'S. WERE CHARTERED

Important Corporations at Winston Salem, Elizabeth City and Wilson Were Charters at Large Capitals. State Treasurer Lacy Much Improved.

Raleigh, Jan. 13.—Three charters were issued for important corporations: The Allen Co., of Winston-Salem, to do a gentleman's furnishings goods business, at a capital of \$25,000, by P. E. Allen, R. E. Dalton and W. E. Franklin; To the Charles Creek Lumber Co., of Elizabeth City, at a capital of \$25,000 by J. H. Townsend and others; to the Clark Plate Ice Co., of Winston, at a capital of \$50,000 by J. A. Clark, J. D. Farrior and C. N. Nurney. State Treasurer B. R. Lacy is so far improved from his severe attack of pneumonia that he expects to spend a short while in the State Treasury Monday.

LIFE OF RICH MAN WAS LAID BARE

Was Revealed on Witness Stand That Ferdinand Sulzberger, Millionaire Member of Packing Firm Once Served Part of Jail Sentence.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Ferdinand Sulzberger, of New York, the millionaire member of the packing firm of Schwarzhild & Sulzberger, admitted on the witness stand yesterday that he had been convicted of defrauding the government during the whiskey scandals in New York in 1868, and had served part of a jail sentence, being pardoned of the remainder. This admission was brought out in the suit by Louis Pfalzern, formerly head buyer of cattle for the packing concern for \$15,000 for breach of a contract. Pfalzern was awarded \$14,000.

Small Fire This Afternoon. The fire companies were called out this afternoon to extinguish a small fire in an out-house in the rear of the residence of Mrs. Joe Asbury on East Fifth street. The blaze started in some trash and was quickly extinguished by the firemen. The house was not damaged.

STORM SWEEPS COAST.

Coasts of Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina Visited by Terrific Storm. Norfolk, Jan. 13.—Another terrific storm swept Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina coasts last night and wind at Virginia capes reached the maximum velocity early today of 50 miles an hour. The storm centre seemed to be directly at Cape Henry. The storm continued all day, almost as severe as during the night with a wind velocity at Cape Henry of 48 miles an hour. No reports of new disasters have reached here as yet.

FATHER INTRODUCED TO SON.

Separated When Latter is a Baby, Have Not Seen Each Other Since. Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 13.—"Allow me to introduce you to your son," was the rather astonishing formality that united John Harter, of this city and his boy yesterday, after a separation of twenty years.

The meeting took place at the home of the young man's uncle, Edward Stoltz, 1218 Jackson street, where the young man was visiting. After the death of his mother he had been taken to the home of another uncle, in Carlisle, Pa., and reared there. His father was a traveling man and although they frequently wrote to each other, they never met, nor did they exchange photographs.

Consequently when they met at Stoltz's house yesterday neither recognized the other.

Cotton Receipts.

The receipts of cotton at the city platform today amounted to 20 bales and the best price was 11-4 cents. For the same day last year the receipts amounted to 16 bales and the best price was 7 cents.

PRESIDENT INVITED.

Asked to Attend Banquet of Irish Societies. Washington, Jan. 13.—President Roosevelt has received an invitation through William R. Leaken, of Savannah, Ga., to attend the banquet at Savannah March 17th to be given by the Irish societies of that city. The President expresses regret that he will be unable to accept the invitation.