

MR. FLOURNY MADE DEPUTY FOR THIS DISTRICT TO-DAY

Grand Master Winston Announces the Deputy Grand Masters for 25 Districts. To Have Oversight of Lodges in Their Districts.

Sensation Over Discovery of Conspiracy to Effect Escape of Harry Clark. Concerning a Letter Smuggled into Upchurch's Hands.

Special to The News. Raleigh, Feb. 16.—Grand Master Francis D. Winston announces the Deputy Grand Masters for 25 of the 30 districts into which the State was divided at the annual meeting here in January.

These deputies have oversight of the lodges and work in their respective districts:

C. B. Flournoy, of Charlotte, is deputy of the 22nd district, consisting of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus.

S. J. Durham, for the 23rd, consisting of Cleveland, Gaston and Lincoln.

Quite a little sensation is discovered here by the discovery of an evident conspiracy to bring about the escape of Harry Clark from the county chain gang where he is serving eighteen months for complicity in the killing of Chas Smith of Petersburg during last State fair in the union station here. The conspiracy was revealed in a letter found on the person of the steward of the camp addressed to J. Sherwood Upchurch and signed by Clark.

Upchurch is a member of the Raleigh board of aldermen and manager of the Raleigh Academy of Music. He was known to be interested in Clark's case and made a trip to New York in Clark's interest before the trial.

The letter was to be smuggled to town and into Upchurch's hands, and was to the effect that the bearer was "all right" and possibly \$50 would do the work and bring about the possibility of escape as the steward was at the camp alone during the day and he (Clark) was there for a day or two sick, so an escape could be easily arranged.

The camp officers implicated in the case are Steward Griffin and Guard Horton, both of whom the authorities have dismissed.

Mr. Upchurch insists that he knew nothing of any movement to effect Clark's escape. Of course he never received the note from Clark.

President C. C. Moore, of the North Carolina Division of the Southern Cotton Association is spending this week in Wake county perfecting the organization. He goes next week into the eastern part of the State, being at New Bern February 20. He says he is very much encouraged at the progress being made in the organization of the farmers in all cotton growing sections of the State.

AMENDMENTS GO OVER TILL FRIDAY

Senator Tillman Sends Letter to Interstate Commerce Committee Saying he is Threatened with Pneumonia and Cannot Attend in Several Days.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 16.—All the important amendments to the Railroad bill pending in the Interstate Commerce Committee will go over until next Friday. Senator Tillman has sent a letter to the committee saying he is threatened with pneumonia and cannot attend for several days. It is also stated that Senator Cullom will be here next Friday.

INCREASE AGREED TO. The Senate Committee on Commerce today by a vote of 6 to 5, agreed to an amendment increasing the membership of the Interstate Commerce Commission to nine members.

MCCALL'S CONDITION. His Condition is Reported As Being Slightly Improved.

By Associated Press. Lake Wood, N. J., Feb. 16.—A slight improvement in the condition of John McCall, former president of the New York Life is reported by his physicians.

Orders From Department at Washington to Take Possession of the Archives of the Venezuelan Consulates.

Paris, Feb. 16.—State Counsel General in Paris and the Consuls at Havre, Bordeaux, Nice, Marseilles and Nates today received orders from the State Department at Washington through the American Embassy here to take possession of the Archives of the Venezuelan Consulates in those cities.

The orders expressly limit the acquisition of the archives. The effect of this is to suspend all further consular business.

TO-MORROW'S EVENT AT THE WHITE HOUSE

THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY IN EAST ROOM, REV. SATTERLEE OFFICIATING—GUESTS WILL NUMBER ABOUT 1000—PRESS REPRESENTATIVES GATHER, EVEN COMING FROM EUROPE.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 16.—At noon tomorrow Miss Alice Roosevelt and Representative Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, will be married. The ceremony will take place in the East Room of the White House, Rev. Bishop Y. Satterlee officiating. The decorations will be the most elaborate that the famous East Room has ever seen.

The guests will number about 1,000. Immediately after the reception of the guests by bride and groom, the buffet wedding breakfast will be served in state in the dining room.

Presentations have been pouring in from all quarters in large numbers, and for two days they have been on display to immediate personal friends who have come to attend the wedding of the bride and groom.

The White House grounds will be closed all day tomorrow except to those who are invited as guests. Photographs and special newspaper writers from all over the country have been arriving in Washington. Some even have come to the American capital from Europe. However, only a limited number of writers for the press have been invited. The executive offices will be closed all day tomorrow.

MR. TROTT DISCHARGED. Order Against Him Stricken Off Docket—Other Cases Tried Today.

At the opening of the Superior Court this morning, Mr. H. C. Trott, the well known saloon man of Salisbury, appeared with his counsel, Mr. T. C. Guthrie to show that he had not violated the anti-liquor law concerning the shipping of whiskey into prohibited territory. Mr. Trott declared that he had not violated any portion of the law and he was dismissed, the order of the court having been fully carried out.

John Pickett, the negro charged with stealing a lot of bacon and lard, the property of the Cochrane-McLaughlin Co., was convicted and sentenced to 6 months on the county road.

Jim White, charged with larceny, was sentenced to 4 months on the county road.

Ella Randle, charged with larceny, was sentenced to 4 months in the county jail, the commissioners having power to hire her out.

Carolina Hisebrough, for retailing, was sentenced to 4 months in the county jail.

John Jeter charged with gambling, was fined \$5 and the costs.

Alice Allen, charged with retailing, was sentenced to five months in the county jail, the commissioners having the right to hire her out.

Joe Bowman, the negro who went to Gastonia with a stolen bicycle, was sent to the roads for nine months.

A NARROW ESCAPE. Negro's Wagon Demolished by Engine of No. 36.

William Sandifer, a negro man who lives in Berryhill township, stood by this morning and saw his wagon reduced to kindling wood by the engine of No. 36, the North bound passenger train on the Southern railway.

Sandifer left his home in Berryhill with a one-horse load of wood, intending to dispose of it in the city. At the grade southwest of the city, the wagon was struck by the fast, flying engine of No. 36, and there was not enough of it left to put together.

At the time Sandifer was walking. The mule attached to the wagon had cleared the track and the pilot of the engine struck the wagon near the center. Sandifer says he saw the engine turning the curve but he thought his mule could reach the opposite side in safety. Had the negro been on the wagon, he would have hardly escaped death.

ICE ASS'N IS IN ANNUAL SESSION. W. E. Worth Elected President. Other Officers. To Insure Sufficiency of Ice for Cars, Etc. Reward of \$250 for Capture of Burton Jarrell.

Special to The News. Raleigh, Feb. 16.—Governor Glenn offers a reward of \$250 for the arrest of Burton Jarrell, of Warren county, the murderer who was sentenced to 25 years in the penitentiary for killing W. G. King, he being the negro who sawed out of the North yesterday morning.

The North Carolina Ice Association, in its annual meeting, elected W. E. Worth, of Wilmington, president; Henry Well, of Goldsboro, vice president, and William Dunn, of New Bern, secretary and treasurer. Steps were taken for co-operation to insure an ample supply for the refrigerator cars in handling shipments of berries, truck and other perishable crops during the coming spring and summer.

Derelict Destroyed. Norfolk, Feb. 16.—The naval derelict destroyer Lebanon, succeeded in locating and destroying the derelict captured schooner, Samuel L. Russell and has proceeded down the coast to destroy another derelict reported in the vicinity of Cape Hatteras.

BUCKET BRIGADES FORM TO BATTLE SWEEPING FIRE

Fire Early this Morning Wiped Out Large Amount of Property in Courtland, Va. Loss Estimated at \$13,000 With Little Insurance.

Citizens Turned out and Formed Bucket Brigade to Fight Fire. Man who Fought Fire Arrested as Alleged Murderer of Walter P. Dolsen.

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Feb. 16.—The fire discovered early this morning by a negro stable boy in the new lively stables of C. L. Grizzard, at Courtland, Va., wiped out a considerable amount of property in that town with damages amounting to \$13,000 and only \$1,400 insurance.

Among the buildings destroyed was the Courtland Hotel.

The entire citizenship of the town turned out and prevented the further spread of the fire by forming bucket brigades.

M. Gavey, claiming to be originally from Memphis, Tenn., but lately of Troy, N. Y., where he was burned in a gasoline launch explosion, was arrested after rendering valuable assistance at the fire as Leo C. Thurman, the alleged murderer of Walter P. Dolsen in the Norfolk trunk murder case. He is being held at Courtland pending further investigation.

NEGRO ESPERADO HANGED. Robert Newcomb Was Hanged Today For Murder of Police Sergeant—Had Killed Two Other Persons.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Feb. 16.—Robert Newcomb, colored, was hanged for the murder of Police Sergeant Shine last October but he had killed two other people just before shooting the officer.

One of the victims was Florence Hoore, a colored woman of whom he was jealous. Newcomb who had been drinking heavily shot and killed Walter Blue, a colored man, whom he met in a saloon, just after the murder of Mrs. Hoore and whom he shot without the slightest cause. Sergeant Shine was killed in an effort to arrest Newcomb.

Another Man Hanged. John Mueller was also hanged. He, too, has killed three people—his wife and two children. The crime was particularly atrocious.

PACKERS CASE. Arthur Meeker Testified as to What Garfield Told Him—Chas. W. Armour Also Testified.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Feb. 16.—Arthur Meeker, general superintendent of the Armour company resumed his testimony in the packers case today. He declared that commissioner Garfield had told him that before the report was published he would permit the packers to look at it, and see whether anything it contained was injurious to the packers.

"He assured us of his good faith," said the witness, "and explained that the Martin Resolution called for results, and that was all he would publish."

Charles W. Armour gave similar testimony.

TWO CHILDREN WERE CREMATED TO-DAY

Fire Destroyed House of Joseph Rodis. Two Children Were Cremated and a Third Terribly Burned. Mother's Vain Attempts to Rescue Them.

By Associated Press. Traverse City, Mich., Feb. 16.—Two children were cremated and the third child was probably fatally burned in the fire which destroyed the farm house of Joseph Rodis.

The mother rescued her two-year-old child, terribly burned, but was not able to save the other two, aged four years and ten months. The fire was supposed to be caused by children playing with matches.

GRAVE INSTEAD OF ALTAR. Girl Buried on Wedding Day at Hour Set for Marriage.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 16.—On her wedding day, at the hour set for her marriage, she shrouded in her wedding gown, Miss Venolia Oliver was buried at Chester, Pa., today.

A LOT OF NEWS ITEMS FROM CITY NEW BERN

DEATH FROM LOCKJAW—TO OBSERVE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY—PASSED NAVAL ACADEMY EXAMINATION—NOTED CASE IN COURT.

Special to The News. New Bern, N. C., Feb. 16.—Isaac Lewis, the youth reported in these columns as suffering from a severe attack of lockjaw, died here yesterday. The disease resulted from a broken arm. He was put on the anti-toxin treatment, but without any special effect. The funeral services will be held this morning at Centenary Methodist Church, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Adams, pastor of the church.

Washington's birthday will be observed here by a boat parade. Some 20 or more gasoline launches will take part in it. Washington visited New Bern on one occasion, stopping at the house now occupied by Mr. James A. Bryan.

William H. Stevenson, a son of Mr. M. DeW. Stevenson, of this city, has successfully passed the Naval Academy examinations at Annapolis, and has been appointed first-class cadet petty officer, Tenth Company, First Battalion.

Perhaps no case ever called before Craven County Superior Court has attracted more attention than that of Hill vs. the A. & N. C. R. Co. Hill, who owns one share of stock, instituted suit to annul the lease made to the Howland Improvement Company.

Being a lease for action that the lease was not made by the directors of the road in the proper manner. Yesterday was consumed in hearing objections and examinations. It was agreed by counsel that Judge Long should make the findings in the case. It developed, upon evidence, that the directors left the matter entirely in the hands of Governor Aycock and Mr. James A. Bryan, the president of the road, and that Mr. Bryan acted solely on the suggestion of the Governor.

Among the witnesses examined yesterday were Mr. E. C. Duncan, of Raleigh; F. L. Merritt, of the A. & N. C. R. Co.; Mr. James A. Bryan, former president of the road, and Mr. C. E. Foy, director.

The case will probably consume the remainder of the week. Messrs. Larry I. Moore, solicitor, and W. W. Clark are appearing for the stockholders. Messrs. A. D. Ward and P. M. Pearsall, for the railroad.

COOPER'S EVIDENCE. Cross Examination of Cooper in Greene-Gaynor Trial is Continued.

By Associated Press. Savannah, Feb. 16.—Assistant Engineer Arthur S. Cooper's cross examination by Mr. Osborne of the counsel for Green and Gaynor was continued. The witness was closely questioned to determine the character and quality of the brush material along the coast that the contractors might have found available for mattresses. He answered that all along the coast he had seen plenty of good brush material that might have been used in machines.

The mattresses put in by Greene and Gaynor, the witness said, cost the contractors nine cents per yard and cost the government 95 cents. He disclaimed any responsibility for this.

PEOPLE DELIGHTED. Decision of Jury Ticks Hickory People—Depot Declared Nuisance—Crossing Also Declared Dangerous.

Special to The News. Hickory, Feb. 16.—Hickory is greatly excited over the decision in the Superior Court on the railroad case. The city wins all along the line. The railroad holds 100 feet along the line. The city controls the parks on either side. The jury pronounced the freight depot a nuisance. The crossing at Marbury street was declared dangerous. The people here are wild with delight. Have gained all they claimed and more than they hoped.

DEAD KING TO BE BURIED SUNDAY. Body of King Christian of Denmark Removed to Cathedral at Roskilde. Will be Buried Sunday in the Tomb of the Danish Kings.

By Associated Press. Copenhagen, Feb. 16.—The body of King Christian was removed from the Christianburg church to the Cathedral at Roskilde, where it will be buried Sunday among the tombs of the Danish kings, who for 1000 years have found their last resting place in the ancient capital of the Kingdom.

The whole of Copenhagen was given up to mourning. Business and work were at a standstill, while the emblems of sorrow were displayed everywhere. Immediately behind the hearse was led King Christian's favorite riding horse, Jusuff, which will be shot tonight according to the ancient Danish custom.

FALLING BUILDING CARRIED DEATH. Thomas J. Revell Caught Beneath Timber of Falling Building and Crushed to Death. T. J. Wilson and Gus Wilson were Seriously Injured.

Special to The News. Asheville, N. C., Feb. 16.—Thomas J. Revell, a prominent builder of this city, was caught beneath the timber of a falling house on Central Avenue at 2 o'clock this afternoon and crushed to death.

T. J. Wilson and Gus Wilson, two workmen, both white, were seriously injured and are in the hospital. Another was less severely hurt. Repairs were in progress on the house, which was the property of Mr. Revell and the structure was being raised on jacks when the supports gave way and the building crashed to the ground.

Mr Smith to Go To New York. Mr. Burton Smith has accepted a position with the General Electric Company, of Schenectady N. Y. and expects to leave for that place the latter part of next week. Mr. Smith has been connected with the Southern Power Company for several months.

Companies Chartered. Special to The News. The Secretary of State has chartered the Aurora Hardware Co., of Rutherfordton county at a capital of \$10,000 by W. A. Thompson and others. The Health, Lee Hardware Co., of Monroe, changes its name to the Health Hardware Co., and increases its capital to \$250,000.

JURY FIND VERDICT OF GUILTY IN CASE AGAINST SAMUEL

After Long Deliberation Jury in Famous Samuel Case Return Their Verdict of Guilty at 12 O'clock To-day. Case in Progress 32 Days.

On Counts in Bill Charging Conspiracy They Were Unable to Agree, but Found Him Guilty on Charges of Making False Reports.

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 16.—The jury in the Federal Court at 12 o'clock brought in a verdict of guilty against Samuel, the revenue officer on trial 32 days for frauds as a revenue officer.

On counts in the bill charging conspiracy they failed to agree, but on all counts charging making false reports they found him guilty.

Upon the announcement of the verdict Judge Boyd adjourned the court until 3 o'clock.

PROPOSITION TO EMPLOYERS. Committees Begin Arduous Task of Formulating Propositions to be Presented to Employers.

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 16.—The anthracite miners sub committee of seven appointed at yesterday's conference between the coal operators and the unions special scale committee began their work of formulating in detail a proposition which has already been presented in a general form to the employers.

The task is an arduous one, and it probably will be at least a week before the committee will have the report in shape for submission to the sub committee of seven, appointed by the operators. In the meantime it is likely there will be no development in the situation, as the operators will not be able to make a move until they learn specifically what the mine workers will demand.

CHARLOTTE AND ROANOKE. New Mail Service to be Instituted Next Monday.

The new mail service that is to be established between Charlotte and Roanoke will supply a long felt want. The postal clerks who will run on the new route will have their headquarters at Charlotte and will be paid off by Postmaster Smith. In speaking of these new mail services, the Twin City Daily Sentinel says:

"An order has been received at the postoffice here from the department at Washington announcing that postal service will be established next Monday on the trains between Charlotte and Roanoke, via Winston-Salem.

The postoffice department ordered this service to go on last December, but the Southern Railway was unable to supply a mail coach until this time hence the delay.

"The new service will be welcomed by the business men of this city, as well as those of Charlotte, Roanoke—in fact all along the line.

"The postal clerks named for this run and those in operation between Winston-Salem and Roanoke and from there to Charlotte are as follows: S. J. Craver, C. T. Pinkston, W. P. Flery and J. D. Lee."

OUR MINISTERS SEEK BETTER ORGANIZATION

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MECKLENBURG MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION WAS PERFECTED THIS AFTERNOON AND OFFICERS WERE NAMED—LARGE NUMBER OF MINISTERS PRESENT.

There was a large gathering of ministers in Charlotte today, ministers who came here from every section of the county at the call of the Charlotte Ministerial Association for the purpose of forming an organization to be known as the Mecklenburg County Ministerial Association.

An informal meeting of the ministers was held at the Young Men's Christian Association this afternoon at 1 o'clock, which was only a social gathering, mainly for the discussion of the proposed organization. Every one present talked enthusiastically of the county association, advocating it in strong measures.

From the Y. M. C. A. the ministers marched to the Denny Cafe, where they were seated at two long tables in the banquet hall. Here a elegant dinner prepared by the cafe caterer, Mr. Lester Boyte, was served and during the dinner the organization was discussed.

The Mecklenburg Ministerial Association is the revival of the old Mecklenburg Bible Society, which was a very vigorous organization 10 or 12 years ago, and supported by nearly every minister in the county. Its purposes were practically the same as the Charlotte Ministerial Association, that is, in bringing about a better feeling among the ministers of all denominations of the county; to be in a position to have a general concert of action on all moral issues that may arise from time to time in Mecklenburg.

Rev. Dr. R. C. Holland, president of the Charlotte Ministerial Association, presided over the meeting as chairman.

Dr. Holland arose and stated a few of the purposes of the proposed organization, after which he asked Solicitor Heriot Clarkson to say a few words on the Law and Order League. Mr. Clarkson said he was glad to be with the ministers on this occasion and said a few words on this subject.

He said nothing was more important in a county or city than to see the law properly upheld and that no class of men could assist in upholding it than the ministers. He said every law that is good cannot be administered unless the people and the jurors convict the violators; that is was necessary to educate the people of every community in maintaining the high standard of the law. Mr. Clarkson spoke of the grand jurors, saying that it is important that they be men who would respect and enforce laws.

Mr. Cameron Morrison, who is the Law and Order League counsel, was next called upon. He said he could only respond to the toast in words of commendation for the Law and Order League, but he said, it seemed inappropriate to do so because he was the only man in the Law and Order League who had made anything out of it. Seriously, he said, it was foolish for any man to object to the League unless it be a man opposed to it. He said it was a good thing for the people who wanted law and order in a community to organize and assist the officers of the law to enforce the law; to form an organization that the officers may go to for information and assistance. Mr. Morrison closed his remarks by saying that he never had a client whom he took more pleasure in standing up in the court houses than stand there and defend the Law and Order League.

The organization of the Mecklenburg Ministerial Association was perfected with the following officers: Rev. W. W. Orr, president; Rev. P. H. Gwynn, vice president; Rev. J. A. Baldwin, secretary; Rev. J. Q. Adams, treasurer.

An executive committee was appointed consisting of the above named officers with Revs. R. C. Holland, G. P. White and H. M. Pressley.

LAST DAY OF CARNIVAL. The Baby Show Yesterday Afternoon Was Something Great.

The baby show at the Carnival of Hearts yesterday afternoon was an interesting feature. The judges had a very difficult time making their decisions, and asked for assistance in awarding the third prize to little Mildred Henderson and James Mason. The four prizes were awarded as follows: Francis Harriet Beattie, first; Leonard LeGrande Hunter, second; Mildred Henderson, third, and William Baxter Hussey, fourth.

A special program of entertainment, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, will be rendered at the Carnival tonight. Misses Julia Alexander, Bertha Klueppelberg, Hutchings and Mrs. G. G. Harley and the Dilworth string band will participate.

The Carnival has been a great success and the ladies in charge appreciate very much the valuable services of their friends in other churches. The Carnival will close tonight with a big auction of the articles that have not been disposed of.

GET \$2,000 DAMAGES. Case of Gallert vs. Morrow Results in Verdict of \$2,000 Damages For Plaintiff.

Special to The News. Rutherfordton, Feb. 16.—The case of Gallert vs. Morrow, which has been in progress since Monday morning, resulted in a verdict today by the jury giving the plaintiff \$2,000 damages. The argument by counsel was concluded last night and Judge Allen charged the jury this morning, after which they took the case, remaining out only about an hour, and returned the verdict as stated above.

The Woman's Exchange will conduct a bread and cake sale tomorrow in the Tryon Street Music House.

"GENTLEMEN, COTTON IS KING" DECLARED CH'N WADSWORTH

"Cotton Statistics are Now on Trial" Were Among First Words of the Chairman in Hearing on Crop Statistics Before Committee.

Southern Representatives and Planters Present. Mr. Hayes Gives Plan of Department of Agriculture for Gathering Statistics. Other Plans.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 16.—"Gentlemen, Cotton is King today. Cotton statistics are now on trial." With these words Chairman Wadsworth, of the House Committee on Agriculture, opened the general hearing on the crop statistics before his committee today.

Assistant Secretary Hayes, of the Department of Agriculture; President Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Association; J. A. Taylor, president of the National Ginners' Association, and many Southern members of Congress and representative planters were at the hearing.

Assistant Secretary Hayes gave in detail the plan of the Department of Agriculture for gathering the statistics and the changes recently made in the system of the Bureau of Statistics.

He said the department proposed to retain the crop reporting board; to have 2,800 county reporting agents; 41 district agents and several supervising inspectors, who shall travel and instruct the district agents.

Different codes were to be furnished each district agent monthly and agents' reports are to be given to computers in the sections, to avoid the possibility of leakage.

With perfected reports, Mr. Hayes said, the markets would be less affected. Frequent and accurate reports would work against the speculator and the Weather Bureau reports will furnish a guide as to the conditions for the time between reports.

The Cotton Report. Mr. Hayes said that he judged by the statistics on ginning that the cotton report was within 2 per cent. of the actual production.

Mr. Jordan said he believed the report of the Bureau of Statistics had been fairly accurate and he believed if the information gathered by the department could be safeguarded its report would be generally considered satisfactory as far as it goes.

In the opinion of Mr. Jordan the government was doing only one-half of its duty to the common interests. He said the reports are all for the use of the consumer and of little value to the producers. He urged that the estimates on the probable consumption of cotton should be made by the Federal authorities through American Consuls. He said the statistics could be gathered abroad. Of the Census Bureau, Mr. Jordan said it should not attempt to deal in facts concerning the crops unless it could be equipped to handle the facts.

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