

PROBABLE MURDER AT GREENVILLE S. C.

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 17.—It is now generally believed that W. T. Davis, who disappeared from this city about a week ago, instead of leaving on his own volition, has been foully dealt with.

Davis conducted a general store in the Woodside village, one of Greenville's numerous cotton mill settlements, and while the business was involved to a slight extent there is nothing to indicate that the proprietor should find it necessary to leave the city. The affair has the elements of mystery about it. Davis was sober, industrious and popular in the village. An examination of his effects shows that all his best clothes were left untouched and the till in the store containing quite a sum of money remains untouched.

The stock of goods is now in the hands of the sheriff, there having been since Davis' disappearance. Levels to the amount of \$500 have been made upon the stock.

SUGAR TRUST PAYS FINE.

Takes Seventy Gold Certificates to Liquidation in Federal Court.

New York, Dec. 15.—It took seventy gold certificates today to pay a fine of \$108,000 for rebelling the largest yet imposed by the federal court. More than a score of government officials and attaches of the United States formed a circle around Commissioner Shields' desk to see Tompkins K. Hill, of Parsons, Claason & McMillan, hand over ten \$10,000 bills, two \$5,000 bills, and fifty-eight \$1,000 bills. Of this \$98,000 went to pay the fines of the American Sugar Refining Company of New Jersey for collecting and accepting rebates from the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, the other \$70,000 being charged against the sugar trust's subsidiary corporation, the Brooklyn Cooperage Company, for a like offense.

Commissioner Shields immediately tucked the fine into his wallet and started on a run for the bank.

Bishop of Arras Expelled.

Arras, France, Dec. 15.—The Bishop of Arras was expelled from his residence under the church and state separation law this morning. The gendarmes were several times compelled to charge the friends of the prelate, who barricaded the doors of the seminary. Eventually the doors were broken open with trees used as battering rams.

Advance in Wages.

Boston, Dec. 15.—An advance scale for nearly 20,000 operatives in the cotton mills of Lowell and Chicopee went into effect today. By January 1st 175,000 cotton mill operatives all over New England will enjoy the advance.

Will Hold at White House.

Washington, D. C., December 15.—The simplified form of spelling will be continued at the White House in all correspondence emanating from there but is not required to be printed at the government printing office.

Fishing Snack Sank.

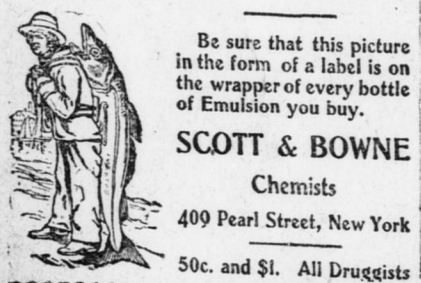
Mobile, Ala., December 15.—The Dutch steamer Delta, sank the fishing smack of Edgar Randall. The captain and crew of the vessel were rescued.

All Run Down

THIS is a common expression we hear on every side. Unless there is some organic trouble, the condition can doubtless be remedied. Your doctor is the best adviser. Do not dose yourself with all kinds of advertised remedies—get his opinion. More than likely you need a concentrated fat food to enrich your blood and tone up the system.

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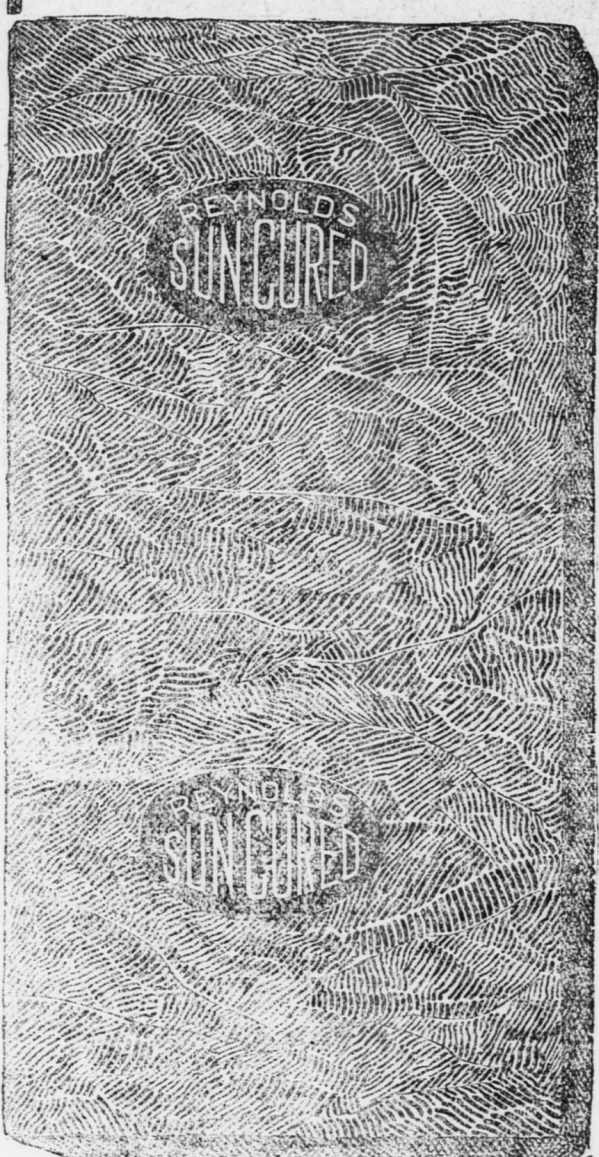
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Mecklenburg Co Leads in Taxes

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 17.—The North Carolina Corporation Commission and State Tax Commission made its annual report to Governor Glenn which report will be submitted to the General Assembly. The report shows that the total property valuation for the State is \$491,320,668 as against \$442,508,221 in 1904. This is an increase of \$18,822,446.

The commission recommends that the requirement in regard to the personal income tax and the tax on corporations as to secrecy in collecting these taxes be revised. The commission sees no reason why these taxes should not be made public as all other official business.

Mecklenburg county shows the largest valuation of property, \$18,627,348. Wake county is second with \$17,104,628. The commission recommends that the exemption of personal property be increased from \$25 to \$300. It is also recommended that the poll tax be limited to \$2 and cities and towns are not to be allowed to levy any poll tax at all.

It is further recommended that the State tax shall not exceed 66 2/3 cents on the hundred dollars for both State and county purposes. The commission believes that his will force some counties to levy a more equitable tax rate. As the law now stands some counties levy a special tax rate for the support of county affairs and also draw on the State for the money for public schools out of all proportion to the taxes which are paid.

A charter was granted this morning to the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Garysburg, N. C. Capital stock of \$7,500. The principal incorporator is A. J. Ellis.

A special legislative committee appointed by the legislature to examine the records and vouchers in the offices of the State treasurer and auditor semi-annually met today to transact official business.

A FAKE ABROAD.

Under the Guise of Newspaper Connection He Fleeces the People.

Union, S. C., Dec. 17.—Saturday a man giving the name of Webster came to the Progress office in this city and applied for work. During the day he managed to borrow \$5 and steal \$5 from the establishment. A warrant has been issued for his arrest. He is believed to be the same man who fleeced the people of Ridgeway Friday. At that place he gave his name as Jackson, claimed to represent the Columbia State and took in quite a number of the State's subscribers. The public had better be on the watch for a smooth-tongued stranger claiming to represent any publication.

Lost Man Turns Up.

Columbia, S. C., December 17.—Lawrence F. Evans, the printer who disappeared on Thursday last, leaving a note stating that his body would be found in the Congaree River, came to the home of a neighbor early this morning and announced the neighborhood. He was taken to the police station and today was examined by physicians, who declared his mind to be deranged and he will be committed to the insane asylum.

He cannot give an intelligent account of his movements, since Thursday, but evidently had been in the State in the northern portion of the State.

Cabinet Readjustment.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Oscar S. Strauss, of New York, was today introduced into the office as secretary of Department of Commerce and Labor in pursuance of the re-arrangement of the Cabinet, recently made by the President.

President Sends Two Messages

Washington, Dec. 17.—The President sent Congress a special message on naval personnel, in which he said: "In my last three annual messages I have invited the attention of Congress to the urgent necessity of such legislation as will cause officers of the Navy to reach the grades of captains and Rear Admirals at less advanced ages and will give them more training in the important duties of these grades."

Continuing the message said: "The system results in prejudice in favor of promotion of lieutenants in the order of seniority. Naval officers have more than ample service in subordinate positions but inadequate experience as captains and as flag officers in command of squadrons or fleets."

"History, modern and ancient," said the President, "has invariably shown that an efficient personnel is the greatest factor toward an effective navy."

After giving a table showing the ages at which officers attain the rank of captain and rear admiral in the navies of the five largest powers, the President says the facts shown by this table are startling and earnest attention is invited to them.

"I am firmly of the opinion that unless the present condition of higher commissioned personnel is rectified by judicious legislation, the future of our navy will be gravely compromised."

On Public Lands.

The President in a special message to Congress on public lands, says: "The development of the past year emphasize with increasing force the need of vigorous and immediate action to recast public land laws and adapt them to the actual situation."

"I am gravely concerned at the extremely unsatisfactory condition of the public land laws and at the prevalence of fraud under their present provisions. For much of this fraud the present laws are chiefly responsible."

"The present coal law," the President says, "puts a premium on fraud. It is a scandal to maintain laws which sound well, but which make fraud a key without which great natural resources must remain closed."

Legislation is recommended giving the forest service adequate working capital; placing national parks under the care of the agriculture Department, and for government control of public range.

Would Add to Navy.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Rear Admiral Mason, chief of the bureau of ordinance in the navy in his annual report urges the construction of one vessel on the Atlantic and one on the Pacific, both of considerable size, to be devoted exclusively to carrying ammunition to ultimately have one with each fleet.

An increased appropriation is asked for target practice in view of the increase of vessels in commission. He says unless the Iowa, Brooklyn and other vessels are not equipped with modern guns they cannot be considered efficient.

A man thinks he is fair when he suspects another of being a liar and calls him a thief.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. Frank J. Cheney. (Seal) Notary Public.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Fierce Snow Storm.

St. Paul, Dec. 14.—The worst snow storm of years was reported by the roads. Trains in Western North Dakota are snowbound and in some cases lost track of. The snow in many cases is piled 20 feet.

MINER STILL ENTOMBED.

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 17.—The release of Hicks, the miner entombed in a mountain of granite in Kern Dakota is snowbound and in some cases lost track of. The snow in many cases is piled 20 feet.

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CHARRED REMAINS OF WOMAN FOUND

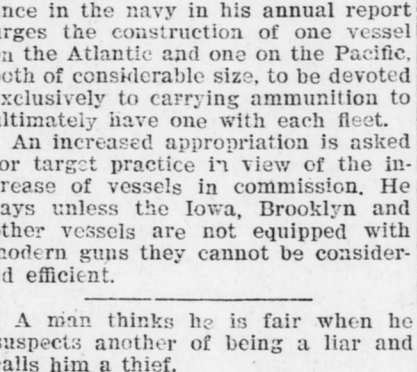
Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 17.—The charred remains of a young woman was found on the mountain between Hazleton and Ebervale.

Slipper, hair combs and the frame of a woman's hat were picked up near the spot where the remains lay. Later the body was three wire loops such as one uses on barrels. It is the belief of the police that the woman was murdered, then placed in a barrel and burned. This theory is sustained by the odor of kerosene near the place. The identity of the woman has not been established.

Episcopalians Withdraw.

Norfolk, Dec. 14.—It developed that the Episcopalians, as a denomination, have withdrawn from the proposed interdenominational evangelistic campaign to be conducted at Jamestown. A meeting for Virginia State Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist committees is called for Dec. 28th, when the local committees of these denominations will discuss the situation with the State representatives. It is stated for the Episcopalians that the withdrawal is because of no disinclination to co-operate but because of rather unsettled conditions in two or the leading Episcopal churches here, also because it is not regarded there as such an evangelist campaign as some thought.

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NEW DIVISION TO BE AT DURHAM

Durham, N. C., December 15.—In the formation of a new division, by the Southern Railway Company, Durham will be made headquarters for the North Carolina railroad, which will be known as the Durham division. Mr. G. V. Payton will be made superintendent and Mr. A. V. Shelton chief dispatcher. The office has formally been located at Greensboro. Besides the chief dispatcher and Mr. Payton the superintendent, there will be some ten or more clerks.

The offices for these men will be located in the Durham Trust building, as there is no room for them at the union station. The transfer will be made about January first, this is quite an important change in railroad circles.

Arrangements are fast being made for the erection of the beautiful new Main Street Methodist church, which will cost \$250,000, and will probably be the finest church in North Carolina. The contract has been awarded to Mr. George W. Kramer, of New York city, and the plans and specifications have been submitted several weeks. Shortly after the official board decided to build the church, they visited several northern cities, in order to get together the ideas of handsome church edifices. On this trip they visited a number of fine churches and made notes of what they wanted. The old church will remain as a memorial to the late Washington Duke, but will be used by the Christian congregation. Possession will be given as soon as the new church is completed. It is expected the work on the foundation of the new church will begin shortly after the first of January. The building occupied the lot purchased which is located on East Chapel Hill street, has already been moved. This is the old home place of the late Col. W. T. Blackwell. The lot contains about three acres and will make a beautiful site.

Owing to the delay in rendering the decision in the Hodges case that was tried before the Supreme Court several weeks ago, the people of Durham have formed the general opinion that he will be granted a new trial, in fact it has been intimated by the attorneys representing the murderer. The Hodges case probably has created more indignation among the people of the surrounding country, than any case ever tried in Durham county. The people have always been in favor of hanging the murderer, who committed a foul murder, by killing his wife in a brutal manner, and after shooting boasted that he was proud of the deed. The case will be decided by the Supreme Court judges within the next few days. It is likely he will be granted a new trial.

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Every part of the body is dependent on the blood for nourishment and strength. When this life stream is flowing through the system in a state of purity and richness we are assured of perfect and uninterrupted health; because pure blood is nature's safe-guard against disease. When, however, the body is fed on weak, impure or polluted blood, the system is deprived of its strength, disease germs collect, and the trouble is manifested in various ways. Pustular eruptions, pimples, rashes and the different skin affections show that the blood is in a feverish and diseased condition as a result of too much acid or the presence of some irritating humor. Sores and Ulcers are the result of morbid, unhealthy matter in the blood, and Rheumatism, Catarrh, Scrofula, Contagious Blood Poison, etc., are all deep-seated blood disorders that will continue to grow worse as long as the poison remains. These impurities and poisons find their way into the blood in various ways. Often a sluggish, inactive condition of the system, and torpid state of the avenues of bodily waste, leaves the refuse and waste matters to gather and form uric acid and other acids, which are taken up by the blood and distributed throughout the circulation. Coming in contact with contagious diseases is another cause for the poisoning of the blood; we also breathe the germs and microbes of Malaria into our lungs, and when these get into the blood in sufficient quantity it becomes a carrier of disease instead of health. Some are so unfortunate as to inherit bad blood, perhaps the dregs of some old constitutional disease of ancestors is handed down to them and they are constantly annoyed and troubled with it. Bad blood is the source of all disease, and until this vital fluid is cleansed and purified the body is sure to suffer in some way. For blood troubles of any character S. S. S. is the best remedy ever discovered. It goes down into the circulation and removes any and all poisons, supplies the healthful properties it needs, and completely and permanently cures blood diseases of every kind. The action of S. S. S. is so thorough that hereditary taints are removed and weak, diseased blood made strong and healthy so that disease cannot remain. It cures Rheumatism, Catarrh, Scrofula, Sores and Ulcers, Skin Diseases, Contagious Blood Poison, etc., and does not leave the slightest trace of the trouble for future outbreaks. The whole volume of blood is renewed and cleansed after a course of S. S. S. It is also nature's greatest tonic, made entirely of roots, herbs and barks, and is absolutely harmless to any part of the system. S. S. S. is for sale at all first class drug stores. Book on the blood and any medical advice free to all who write.

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Senator Overman and Representative Patterson Extend Invitation in Behalf of Confederates—Could Not Accept.

Washington, D. C., December 15.—The President declined an invitation to attend the re-union of the Blue and the Gray who participated in the fight and surrender of Fort Fisher. The invitation was extended by Senator Overman and Representative Patterson of North Carolina in behalf of the Confederates and Representative Sherman of New York in behalf of the regiment of his State. The President said he could not spare the time at this juncture.

Comforts of the Farm.

From the Kansas City Journal.

In the past few years the farmers of Brown county have fitted up their country homes with nearly every convenience, such as bath and toilet rooms, telephones and furnaces. With mail delivered every day and good roads they are even more comfortably situated than their city brethren, John Leidy, a farmer living near Robinson, has gone them all one better by installing a complete electric light plant on his place which lights his house, barns, cowsheds, corncribs and granaries. A gasoline engine runs the dynamo for the plant.

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Chester	Lv. 9:00 am	4:30 am	
Yorkville	Lv. 9:48 am	5:57 am	
Gastonia	Lv. 10:38 am	6:00 am	
Lincolnton	Lv. 11:56 am	7:45 am	
Newton	Lv. 12:28 pm	1:06 pm	
Hickory	Lv. 12:57 pm	2:20 pm	2:20 pm
Lenoir	Ar. 2:12 pm	3:15 pm	3:15 pm
Southbound			
Lenoir	Lv. 3:05 pm	9:45 am	
Hickory	Lv. 3:57 pm	5:20 am	
Newton	Lv. 4:24 pm	7:00 am	
Lincolnton	Lv. 5:02 pm	9:00 am	
Gastonia	Lv. 6:00 pm	12:10 am	
Yorkville	Lv. 6:50 pm	3:05 pm	
Chester	Ar. 7:45 pm	4:45 pm	

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