

NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

Mystery Shrouds Boy's Death.

Kinston, Special.—Grover Cleveland Cannon, a young colored boy about 16 years old, was reported on the streets as having been drowned while in swimming with some companions in the swimming hole out at the Kinston Brick Company's plant. Something of a mystery seems to surround the drowning and a coroner's inquest was held Monday evening. It is said that prior to the drowning two or three colored men were seen to be standing about there. They disappeared when the news was reported. Several parties went out to investigate and found the dead boy dressed and lying beside the edge of the pool. There is considerable doubt expressed as to the nature and cause of the boy's death and a complete investigation will be made. Cannon has been for some time a boot-black at the John Cox Company's store and bears an excellent reputation both for honesty and politeness. He was evidently trustworthy and never been in trouble of any kind since he had been here.

A Bold Burglar.

Durham, Special.—A burglary was committed at the home of Mr. J. S. Perry, McMannen street Sunday night or rather early Monday morning, that was as bold as it was bad. The burglar or burglars entered the residence went to the second floor and from a room in which three men were sleeping stole the pants of all three and ransacked the pockets in the hall almost in front of the bedroom. The burglar secured \$43.50 from the three pockets and the deed was done so quietly that it was not known until Monday morning. The three men robbed are: Messrs. John S. Carr, manager of the Carolina Roller Mills; H. D. Morris and W. E. Baker. A few borders are taken at the Perry home and these were three of those who made their home there. They usually occupied two rooms. They did not hear a single sound during the night and the first they knew of the robbery was Monday morning when they went to get their clothes and missed the pants. These were then seen pitched in the hallway and the burglary was out.

Water Still Rising.

Wilmington, Special.—Within a radius of five miles at the confluence of the Northeast, Shelter rivers and Shaken creek, six miles east of Burgaw, in a fine farming settlement known as Holly Shelter, between thirty and forty families have been driven from their homes and thousands of dollars' damage to crops and live stock is reported to have been wrought by high water, consequent upon freshets in those streams. The water is still rising and suffering is said to be in sight unless present conditions abate. Estimates of the damage are as high as \$100,000. All previous records of freshets have been broken.

Attacked by Savage Dog.

Concord, Special.—Master Charles Marion Stone, the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Stone, of Charlotte, sustained a serious scalp wound when attacked by a collie dog. The canine was enjoying his evening meal when the child came upon him. The dog made a vicious lunge and plunged his teeth in the front part of the child's forehead, probably penetrating the skull. Mrs. Stone and her two children are guests at home of her parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. M. Alexander. The wound is not thought to be a fatal one, though it is of a serious and dangerous nature.

Stranded Off Cape Lookout.

Wilmington, Special.—An unknown four-masted schooner flying signals of distress is reported stranded with sails and spars gone off Cape Lookout. The Wilmington tug Sea King has gone to her assistance. No further details are obtainable here at this time.

North State Items.

News has reached Southport of the drowning of Capt. A. M. Guthrie, a well-known Cape Fear pilot, who was washed overboard from the small coasting schooner Frank Williams off Hateras Sunday night during the heavy weather following the storm.

Rocky Mount's tobacco market opened for the season with sales at 60,000 pounds, which brought satisfactory prices. The prospects are bright for a large crop in this territory and tobaccoists are anticipating a record-breaking season. The quality of the offering was poor.

Postmaster Ramsay has received notice that beginning August 10th railway postal service will be established on trains No. 21 and No. 22 between Salisbury and Norwood. This will give the Yadkin road a double daily mail service, excepting Sunday. No. 21 and No. 22 are now carrying only express pouch mail.

Preparations have been going on at Guilford for several weeks for the two hundred and ninth annual session of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Policeman on Trial for Murder.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Policeman S. L. Swain, indicted for murder, was put on trial in Forsyth Superior court last week for shooting and killing Charles Phelps a young negro man, Sunday morning June 14th. The officer and a man deputized to assist him in arresting Phelps for gambling claim that the negro fired upon Swain twice before the officer shot Phelps. Phelps' mother and two other negroes gave evidence that the officers did all of the shooting while Phelps was running away from them and the deceased did not even have a pistol. The trial resulted in the acquittal of the policeman.

To Meet in Charlotte.

Raleigh, Special.—The second annual meeting of the Association of North Carolina Postmasters will be held in Charlotte, September 22, and 33, 1908. The first annual meeting was held in Raleigh last fall week, when the association was formed. At this meeting the association was addressed by Hon. P. V. DeGraw, Assistant Postmaster General, and other prominent officials from Washington were present. The place of meeting was decided by the executive committee to whom the matter had been left. The residential and 4th class postmasters will attend the meeting at Charlotte, and it is expected that prominent officials from Washington will be in attendance.

State News in Brief.

The Secretary of State charts the Barium Springs Pienie Committee having for its purpose the benefiting of the North Carolina Presbyterian orphanage at Barium Springs. It is without capital stock, the incorporators being H. N. Howard, P. S. Boyd, W. D. Pharr, B. W. Pressly, H. D. Hills and Z. V. Turlington. Other charters just issued are the Quinn-McGowan Furniture Company, Wilson, capital \$20,000 by O. W. Quinn, A. D. McGowan and others, the Continental Credit Company, Asheboro, capital \$1,000 by C. L. Loftin and others for commercial business and the Belhaven Lumber and Manufacturing Company, \$100,000 capital by J. A. Wilkinson and others.

During the month of July there was a total of 142 arrests in Durham for various offenses. Assault cases took the lead with 21 arrests. Fifteen were arrested for cursing, and 14 each for larceny and assault with deadly weapons. There were 13 arrests for drunkenness and 6 for selling whiskey. Most of the other cases were small violations of the law.

The coroner's jury after investigating the cause of the death of Grover Cannon, the colored boy who was drowned near Kinston Monday, found no evidence of foul play and decided that he came to his death by accidental drowning.

The Blue Ridge Construction Company, of Asheville, has been given the contract for the erection of the public building at Tuscaloosa, Ala., at a cost of \$138,447.45. The building is to be finished by December, 1909, and is to be of marble to the second story; the balance of brick, with marble cornices.

Treasurer is Under Arrest.

Greensboro, Special.—M. L. Bloomberg, secretary-treasurer of the Greensboro Table Company, was arrested under arrest and bail proceedings, charged with misappropriating funds of the company. He was held under a \$4,000 bond for appearance at the August term of the Superior Court.

Death of Venerable Horse.

Lexington, Special.—"Ann" Thomas, a colored farmer 8 miles from town lost his 34-year-old horse this week. The animal had about "made" a 15-acre-crop of corn and cotton, and then turned up its feet. It had a record, having belonged to Chas. M. Griffith, when he was sheriff years ago. There is no doubt of its age.

Fortune Awaits These People.

Raleigh, Special.—Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes has received a letter from a party in Canada asking for information of Donnell, John and Christopher McCrae, who came to this country from the Highlands of Scotland, and settled in this State. If any one knows of the descendants of these people they will please write to the Secretary of State as to the identity of the same. The descendants of these people; it is said, are entitled to a portion of a fortune of \$1,000,000.

Whitaker is Given the Limit.

Asheville, Special.—Rev. William G. Whitaker, convicted of using the mails for fraudulent purposes, was sentenced by Judge Newman in the United States Court to eighteen months in the Federal prison at Atlanta and to pay a fine of \$500, the maximum sentence. The court said in passing sentence that it would be a miscarriage of justice not to give Whitaker the limit.

HYDROPHOBIA TREATMENT

Announcement by the North Carolina State Board of Health, Under Signature of Dr. Richard H. Lewis, Secretary of the Board.

Raleigh, N. C., Special.—The North Carolina State Board of Health has issued the following bulletin on the prevention of hydrophobia:

The General Assembly, at its last regular session enacted the following: An Act Authorizing the State Board of Health to Provide for the Preventive Treatment of Hydrophobia.

Section 1. That the State Board of Health is hereby authorized and empowered to provide for and have conducted under its direction the preventive treatment of hydrophobia or rabies, whenever in its judgment circumstances, financial and other, will justify it. To meet the expenses of this treatment the said board is hereby given authority to supplement the revenue derived from fees for the treatment by such sums from the treasury of the State Laboratory of Hygiene as may be necessary: Provided, that the usefulness and efficiency of the said laboratory is not thereby impaired.

Sec. 2. That the benefits of said treatment shall be given free of charge to all residents of the State who shall present to the Secretary of the State Board of Health, or its representative having in charge the management of this special work, an affidavit of inability to pay, duly sworn to and subscribed before a justice of the peace, or if the case be a minor, such an affidavit by the parent or guardian. To meet as far as may be the expenses of this special work, the said State Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to demand from those able to do so the payment in advance of a reasonable fee, not to exceed in any case the usual charge made by the reputable Pasteur institutes of this country.

The Board of Health, at its recent annual meeting, decided that circumstances would now justify the treatment.

The following extract from the circular of information issued by the Laboratory of Hygiene gives the necessary details:

Rabies.—In no other disease is an early diagnosis of more vital importance. Fortunately, a diagnosis can in most cases be made from a microscopic examination of the brain of the rabid animal. The suspected animal, or its head and neck, should be sent at the earliest possible moment to the laboratory for examination. The head should be packed in ice to prevent putrefaction, and should be sent by express, prepaid. A careful account of the animal, with a full history of the cause of suspicion, should be sent in every case.

The treatment will require the presence of the patient in Raleigh for about three weeks, but residence in a hospital is not necessary. The cost of the entire treatment will be \$50, or will be furnished free to persons unable to pay, upon submission of "an affidavit of inability to pay, duly sworn to and subscribed before a justice of the peace, or if the case be a minor, such an affidavit by the parent or guardian."

Attention is called to the fact that the law requires the fee to be paid in advance. It should be said also that, if after trial it should be found necessary for the support of this special work, the fee will be increased. This work will be in charge of Dr. C. A. Shore, Director State Laboratory of Hygiene, and all communications on the subject should be addressed to him, at Raleigh, N. C.

Lumber Plant Destroyed.

Elizabeth City, Special.—A large and spectacular fire occurred here Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock when the Charles Creek Lumber Company's saw mill on Charles Creek was reduced to ashes. Dry kilns adjoining the saw mill were saved by heroic efforts of the fire company. A large number of laborers are thrown out of work, a number of whom reported at the mill as usual, not being aware of the morning fire. Forty-six hundred dollars insurance was carried on the property, but this does not cover half of the loss.

Negro Manslayer Given Three Years on Roads.

Winston-Salem, Special.—In Superior Court John Wooley, colored, submitted to a verdict of manslaughter for shooting and killing Peter Denison in this city June 6th. Wooley was given a term of three years on the county roads. After the murder Wooley escaped to Roanoke, Va., where he was arrested by a Baldwin detective.

Another Ice Factory.

Wilson, Special.—There is a movement on foot for the organization of a company for the manufacture of ice in Wilson. Some of the most substantial business men of the city are interested in the movement. The factory is to be of ten-ton capacity and will be ready for business by the opening of the next ice season.

SEN. ALLISON-DEAD

Served in Congress For Nearly a Generation

WAS A MAN OF GREAT ABILITY

After Suffering For Some Weeks From a Complication of Diseases Senator W. B. Allison of Iowa, Suddenly Begins to Sink and Passes Away Before His Friends Are Aware of His Critical Condition.

Dubuque, Ia., Special.—United States Senator W. B. Allison died at his home in this city Tuesday afternoon. The immediate cause of his death was heart failure. The end came as a result of a serious sinking spell due to a prostatic enlargement complicated with kidney diseases, and during a period of unconsciousness which had lasted since Saturday afternoon.

Two weeks ago the Senator left his home in the city to escape the heat. He went to the home of Mrs. Fannie Stout, a friend of the family living on the Asbury road a few miles from town. For a few days his condition seemed to improve, but he began to grow worse. Medical advisers urged that an operation be performed to relieve the prostatic enlargement which was bringing his condition to a crisis.

Saturday morning the Senator was brought back home. Soon afterwards he relapsed into a condition of semi-consciousness. Except for brief periods of partial recovery he remained in this condition until death came.

News of the serious illness of the aged senator was kept from the public as much as possible until his death came as a surprise to the thousands of friends residing in this city. Only the more intimate friends of the family were aware of his critical condition. No arrangements for the funeral have yet been made.

Long Term in Congress.

Senator Allison was born at Perry, O., March 2d, 1829. His boyhood days he spent on the farm, which was his birthplace. Reaching young manhood he secured his education in Allegheny College, in Pennsylvania, and the Western Reserve College, of Ohio. He was admitted to the bar in 1850. From 1850 to 1857 he practiced law in Ohio. In 1857 he removed to Dubuque. He was a delegate to the national Republican convention in Chicago in 1860. He was a member of the Governor's staff during the Civil war. In 1863 he was elected to Congress and served continuously until 1871. In 1878 he was elected United States Senator from Iowa and represented his State in this capacity until the time of his death.

Cummins a Candidate.

Lake Forest, Ia., Special.—Governor Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa, has announced himself as a candidate to succeed United States Senator Allison. The Governor paid a glowing tribute to his late political adversary's services to Iowa and the country at large then frankly declared his ambition to be elected to the Senate by the Legislature of his State.

Prominent Chicago Broker Arrested.

Chicago, Special.—Robert E. Eastman, until last Thursday a broker with offices at 33 Wall Street, New York, was arrested by detectives from Chicago central station. The charge against the prisoner was not revealed but it was stated that the arrest was made after A. A. Knowles, a vice president of the Mechanics National Bank, of New York, had come to Chicago with evidence against the man. Mr. Knowles refused to discuss the case but Eastman asserted that his troubles was due to an overdraft of \$15,300 on the Mechanics National Bank.

Lynching Narrowly Averted.

Richmond, Va., Special.—Jacob I. Hechler is believed to be mortally wounded and Royal E. Eellerson is in the city jail on a charge of attempted murder. The shooting took place in Hechler's home. Hechler accused Eellerson of improper conduct toward his wife, and Eellerson shot him three times—twice in the face and once in the lungs. Friends of Hechler tried to lynch Eellerson and six policemen were engaged for nearly an hour in getting the man to the station several persons trying to shoot him.

A Catholic University.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.—The twenty-sixth annual convention of the Knights of Columbus opened here with more than a thousand delegates attending. A parade of the delegates opened the programme. Several matters of importance will be taken up by the convention, one of the most important of which is the raising of half a million dollars for founding a Catholic University at Washington.

Manager Lumber Company Shot

Boyer, La., Special.—Samuel Dubois, a log sealer, shot and killed John Tower, general manager of the National Lumber Company, at Cleveland Spur, nine miles west of this town. Dubois then turned the revolver upon himself and inflicted a fatal wound. The shooting is said to have been the result of personal differences between the sealer and general manager.

PROUD OF BLOODY ACT

Sensational Shooting in Raleigh—The Murderer Flees But Is Run Down by Members of His Own Race and After a Trial Placed in Jail.

Raleigh, Special.—The combination of a jealous negro, a gun and a dead woman was the sensation here Thursday. At 12:30 o'clock Simon Lovejoy, very black and aged about 40, who has been a hard-working fellow and who for the past nine years has consorted with Annie Martin, a negroess aged 35, and who has a son about half her age, went to the woman's house, quarreled with her about another lover and then shot her, using a repeating rifle, in which he had only one cartridge. The bullet took effect in her head, making a most horrible wound, and as soon as he saw his victim dying the murderer dashed out of the house and made a run for the country. George Lane, a well-known negro in east Raleigh, saw Lovejoy running and heard the shot and he raised the hue and cry. He and other negroes pursued and the man was chased through a truck farm, where he threw away his gun, presently getting rid of his coat and he was next seen in the pond in the old granite quarry. The quarry was surrounded. Lovejoy was in the water up to his neck. He was forced to come out by his captors, who besides Lane were Ernest Riddick, Alexander Atwater and William Walton, and those brought him in a hurry to the court house, followed by a great number of other negroes, feeling being pretty high against Lovejoy.

On arrival at the court house the murderer was instantly taken before Justice Harry Roberts, who committed him without bail and in a few minutes he was in jail. The police had been telephoned of the murder and that a man was making his way toward the northeastern part of the city, so they went out on East Martin street. Meanwhile Lovejoy had been taken on South street, about a mile from the Capitol, after he had run several hundred yards.

Lovejoy exults in his crime. He laughed and said he killed the woman and was glad of it. When the sheriff told him to stop talking and that he did not know what he was saying, he replied that he had fed and clothed the woman and that she had washed and cooked for him but that a man had come between them and that he was entirely willing to be hanged for his deed.

Gale Hits Wrightsville.

Wilmington, Special.—The population of Wrightsville Beach, resident and transient, had a bad fright with the fuller development of the northeast storm that swept the coast early Thursday morning. The wind blew a gale for most of the night, many declaring the velocity fully as high as when the railway trestle across the sound was swept away and much damage done to property in September two years ago. The disarrangement of light and power wires on the beach early in the night added to the general confusion there and no electric cars were operated across the sound after 11:45 p. m. In order to provide safety for all on the beach in case of an emergency, the Tidewater Power Company, which owns the traction line to Wrightsville, chartered a three-car steam train from the Atlantic Coast Line and this was operated continuously all night, connecting with the electric cars on Wrightsville sound.

There was considerable excitement Wednesday night and many people came up to the city.

The storm did not reach the height of its fury however, until between 9 and 10 o'clock Thursday morning, when the tide was piled high on the beach by the strong northeaster and the surf broke over the southern end of the beach. The trestle remained intact during it all, though the steam train operated across it up to an early hour in the evening had to move with extreme caution. Practically all the inhabitants of the beach were off by 10 o'clock Thursday morning and many of the visitors are quartered on the sound side of the beach and at the hotels in the city. Thursday night there were only a few persons on the beach and these may leave at any time on the train which is kept in waiting in case of an emergency. It is believed, though that the worst of the storm is over. Steps and board walks about some of the cottages have been washed away and a small cottage on the extreme southern end of the beach, occupied by the family of Mr. A. A. Nathan since the burning of the Ocean View Hotel was blown down. The damage will not exceed \$500. The Tidewater Power Company announces that the regular schedule of electric cars along the entire beach front will be resumed on regular schedule in a day or two.

Train Kills Deaf Mute.

Durham, Special.—The late afternoon train from Keyville, Va., on the Southern Railway, struck and killed Willie Pigford, a colored deaf mute, one hundred yards from the union passenger station here. The negro was walking on the parallel Seaboard track and stepped in front of the passenger train on the Southern. He had been here less than a week and came from Warsaw. A mute with him had a narrow escape.

SLEW HIS FATHER

Lad in North Carolina Town Shoots to Kill

TRAGEDY AT A MILL VILLAGE

James Riddle, Engineer at Hope Mills Plant Shot and Killed by His Son—Youth Claims That he Acted in Self-Defense.

Hope Mills, N. C. Special.—An awful tragedy was enacted Sunday night at Cotton, a mill village one mile from Hope Mills and seven miles from Fayetteville. A father was shot down in the vigorous strength of less than middle age by his son, just entering into manhood.

While James A. Riddle, engineer of Hope Mills, No. 4 was conversing with three friends in front of a livery stable at Cotton about 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon his son, Tom Riddle, aged 18, walked up into the crowd and proceeded to roll a cigarette. The father remonstrated with his son on the evil of cigarette smoking and told him that he must quit the practice or that evil results would follow. Tom, the son gave a very pert answer. Rough words followed, when James Riddle, the father raised a plank and threatened his son with chastisement.

Tom pulled his pistol and began firing on his father, one ball—which caused death—passing through the heart, another just above the heart, another through the shoulder another through the arm. The fifth and last chamber missed fire.

Riddle, the murderer, surrendered to Chief of Police W. A. McLean, of Hope Mills, at 9 o'clock Sunday night. McLean was instructed by the coroner's jury to take no bail, whereupon the prisoner was conveyed to the county jail at Fayetteville late Sunday night.

Receiver For Big Electric and Waterworks Company.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—James T. Anderson, of Marietta, was appointed receiver for the Georgia Manufacturing and Public Service Company, a half million dollar corporation which supplies the city of Marietta with electric lights and water. The appointment was made on an involuntary petition in bankruptcy filed against the concern by Atlanta creditors. The company of which M. M. Sessions is president owns an electric light plant, waterworks system and a paper mill. A hearing was set for August 11th.

Grain Elevators Burned.

Chicago, Special.—Fire which was so hot that the firemen could not get nearer than a block of it, and which made it necessary to play streams of water on buildings three and four squares away, destroyed the Burlington elevators, "E" and "F", the dock transfer warehouse of that road and either burned or rendered useless 100 box cars. The loss on the grain in the two elevators is placed by Armour & Co., who owned it, at \$700,000. The total loss is placed at \$1,000,000.

Three Killed by Premature Explosion.

Hazleton, Pa., Special.—Two Americans and an Italian, all of this city, were instantly killed by the premature explosion of a blast at the stone crushing plant of Charles Kehoe, on the outskirts of Hazleton. Thomas Kehoe, a son of the contractor, was injured about the head. Contractor Kehoe said that the death of the men was purely accidental. The bodies were blown some distance from the scene of the explosion.

Steel Cars Demolished.

Philadelphia, Special.—What is declared to be the greatest freight wreck involving the destruction of steel cars occurred on the New York division of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway near Meadowbrook, a suburb, Sunday, when out of a coal train of twenty-eight cars, nineteen were demolished, entailing a loss estimated at \$100,000. The train which was running at the rate of 50 miles an hour, was thrown from the track by the breaking of the flange on the one wooden car in the entire train.

Shippers Given Ten Days.

Washington, Special.—Nothing further was heard by the inter-State commerce commission in relation to the controversy over freight rates in the Southeastern territory. Shippers in that section have been given ten days from July 31st in which to file a complaint against a proposed increase of rates and it is expected their complaint will be here in a few days.

Rhode Island Mills Out Wages.

Providence, R. I., Special.—Notices were posted at the mills of the United States Cotton Company at Centraf Falls that one week from Tuesday a reduction of wages will go into effect. The rate or reduction was not mentioned but it is understood by the operatives to be a 10 per cent, one. The company employs 500 hands.