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## TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

### STATUS OF PROHIBITION WORK

**Sixteen Counties Have Licensed Saloons and There Are Twenty-Eight Dispensaries.**

Raleigh, Special.—The chairman of the State anti-saloon league, Mr. John A. Oates, will at once take up the work that was so long actively carried on by J. William Bailey, who retired from the chairmanship at the meeting of the executive committee. Mr. Bailey's report is of special value and its most salient features are given below in condensed form, for the public convenience: There are sixteen counties in the State in which saloons are licensed, Beaufort, New Hanover, Wayne, Wilson, Lenoir, Greene, Pitt, Martin, Hertford, Edgecomb, Halifax, Caswell, Rockingham, Forsyth, Rowan and Buncombe; 11 of these being in the east. Eight counties, Wayne, Beaufort, Wilson, Lenoir, Pitt, Hertford, Caswell and Rockingham, have open dispensaries and saloons. There are 28 dispensaries, in counties of Hertford, Bertie, Craven, Beaufort, Jones, Lenoir, Wayne, Harnett, Pitt, Vance, Franklin, Granville, Person, Caswell, Rockingham, Alamance, Wake and Haywood. Pitt leads with five dispensaries. Johnston county by vote at Pine Level August 27 returns to the counties having dispensaries.

This is the solution as regards the sale of liquor in this State. It must be remembered that such sale under any circumstances is illegal outside of incorporated towns and that the manufacture of liquor is forbidden by law outside of towns of a thousand population. Over 500 registered distilleries have gone out of operation in the State and the number of saloons has been reduced to less than 200. The temperance forces in the State were never so numerous and enthusiastic as at present.

### Vermont, \$60,000 Whetstone \$16,000

Charlotte, Special.—A long distance message from Bessemer City brings the information that the two cotton mills sold at auction there were purchased by Mr. J. H. Mayes, of Charlotte and Mr. John M. Miller Jr., of Richmond, Va. The Whetstone was sold to Mr. Miller for \$16,000 and the Vermont to Mr. Mayes for \$60,000. These bids according to the terms of sale, will stand open for 30 days in order to get an advance of 10 per cent. provided other purchasers care to pay more than the prices made. A number of cotton mill men from Charlotte and this section of the State attended the sale. The telephone messages states that a number of bids were received before the sale was closed. The Whetstone Mill according to the Blue Book of 1907-'08, manufacturers table damask. It has 43 broad looms. Mr. L. L. Jenkins has served in the capacity of receiver since the mill went into bankruptcy several months ago. Mr. R. F. Coble has been general manager and buyer. The Vermont Mill makes heavy shirting. It has 96 looms, 5,000 ring spindles and employs 100 operatives. It is learned that the Vermont will not discontinue operations. It is not known what disposition Mr. Miller will make of the Whetstone.

### Kenneth Beasley Case.

An appeal has been docketed in the Supreme court in the case of Joshua Harrison convicted of the abduction of nine-year-old Kenneth Beasley. The case comes from the first district and is to be argued some time next week.

### Colored People's Corporation.

Raleigh, Special.—A charter was granted last week to "The District Household of Ruth, No. 10, G. U. O. of O. F., of North Carolina." This is a mutual benevolent insurance association of colored people. The principal incorporators is P. M. N. G. Addie Whitaker, D. W. R. of Raleigh.

### Rodman's Motion for New Papers.

Raleigh, Special.—In the Supreme Court W. B. Rodman, attorney for the Southern Railway, made a motion to have additional papers sent up from the Superior Court, in the \$30,000 penalty suit. Ex-Governor Aycock on behalf of the State, made a motion to advance the case on the docket so that it can be heard at an early date. Both motions will be heard later. The attorneys for the State say that the transcript as sent up is complete and there was no occasion for such motion by the Southern's attorney.

### Thirty Injured in Collision.

Asheville, Special.—Passenger train No. 41 on the Southern Railway collided with an engine on the west-bound main line in this city at 11 o'clock Thursday morning, damaging both engines and the combination car. Thirty persons were injured, none fatally. The more severely injured are: R. Y. Strubble, Fredericksburg, O.; E. H. Jennings, Pittsburg, Pa.; Mrs. E. C. Brown, Americus, Ga.; Miss W. A. Collins, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Elias Feld (colored) Asheville, N. C.; Mrs. J. B. Smith, Atlanta, Ga.; Carris McIver, Charlotte, N. C.; R. L. Cruikshank, Greenville, S. C.; J. B. Hardy, Americus, Ga.; Evelin Dicks, Dambarton, S. C.; J. R. Davis, Salisbury, N. C.; W. M. Shears, Atlanta; Miss Alice Holdenburg, New Orleans; J. B. Enslave, Sylvia, N. C.; John Sample, Ninety-Six, S. C.; Mrs. Elizabeth Chambliss, Tuskegee, Ala.; Miss W. L. Richardson, Conway; C. Hazel Eckert, Asheville, N. C.; Miss G. B. Eckert, Asheville, N. C.

### Death in the Game.

Apex, Special.—A young white man by the name of Powell died at Merry Oaks Saturday afternoon during the progress of a base ball game. Apex and Merry Oaks were playing and Mr. Powell was the first baseman of the Merry Oaks team. While his side was in and he was standing by he suddenly dropped to his knees. He was caught by two of his friends and carried to the shade, where he died in about half an hour, regaining consciousness only once after he fell. Mr. Powell was about 23 years old. He worked at the Pan Cake Mills, near Merry Oaks. His relatives live in Virginia, but further than this their whereabouts are not known here.

### Stokes Sanitarium to be Enlarged.

Salisbury, Special.—The Whitehead-Stokes Sanitarium will shortly be enlarged twenty rooms and efforts made to grow to the demands made upon it. Twice in its history has it been necessary to expand and never since Dr. J. E. Stokes became the head of it has it been possible to meet the public in quest of treatment there. In the charity hospital canvass for funds to equip it, Dr. Whitehead is a large contributor, it being certain that the new institution will be an aid to the old and not a competitor. Dr. Stokes has contributed very handsomely to the health restorer bearing a portion of his name.

### New Company in Salisbury.

Salisbury, Special.—Salisbury now has an insurance company the Security Mutual Life Association having been inaugurated here within the past few days and now having between 100 and 200 policies to its credit. The charter was received last week and as soon as the organization had been perfected, it will go to work in the Norwood-Welch block, with S. L. Adeock manager and very likely the Salisbury synonym of success, J. M. Maupin, as State agent. Life insurance is its aim and it expects to do great business all over the State.

### Fugitive From Justice Captured.

Reidsville, Special.—Ernest Mills, young white man who escaped jail in Danville at the time of the delivery last February, when eight prisoners gained their liberty as a result of the door having been accidentally unlocked was captured at Spray by Sheriff Eanes. He was carried back to Danville by Deputy Sheriff Smith. At the time of his escape Mills was confined awaiting trial on the charge of housebreaking.

### Hurt in a Sawmill.

Burgaw, Special.—Haywood Banerman was very painfully hurt last Friday while working at his saw mill by being struck in the side with no chance for his recovery but later he was resting easy and his condition seems to point possibly toward recovery.

### Bold Robbery Near Durham.

Durham, Special.—A bold robbery was done Saturday night just before 10 o'clock when a farmer Mr. W. J. W. Terry who lives near Bahama, was sand-bagged and robbed by a negro. The robber secured what money the farmer had in his pockets, this amounting to a few cents over \$18, and then took his pocket knife, and half plug of tobacco for good measure. It was a bold piece of work and the police believe that they can work up the case.

## REFORMATORY DIRECTORS

Governor Glenn Announces Names of Those Composing the Board.

The Governor has announced the names of those who will serve as trustees for the new State reformatory school, which will be named the Stonewall Jackson Manual Training and Industrial School. The trustees appointed are as follows:

For six years, Mrs. T. J. Jackson, of Charlotte; Mrs. M. C. D. Burgwyn, of Weldon; Miss Eastdale Shaw of Rockingham; Mrs. Sallie Yates Faison, of Charlotte. Four years: Dr. H. A. Royster of Raleigh; Mrs. A. L. Coble, of Statesville; Mrs. W. N. Reynolds, of Winston; Mrs. J. P. Cook of Concord; Mr. E. R. Preston, of Charlotte; Mr. George W. Watts of Durham. For two years: Mrs. D. Y. Cooper, of Henderson; Mrs. G. R. Erwin, Morganton; Mr. Caesar Cone, of Greensboro; Mr. J. H. Tucker of Asheville; Mr. Duncan McEachern, of Wilmington.

The News and Observer says of the school:

"Governor Glenn has called a meeting of these trustees for the third of September. The trustees are to select a site of not less than 100 acres or more than 500 acres, and with the \$5,000 given by the State and private subscriptions in hand and as received to provide a reformatory for the detention and reformation of the criminal youth of the State. Officers are to be elected and all the management of affairs to be in the hands of the trustees named.

"Governor Glenn called the attention of the committee appointed by the General Assembly to investigate reformatories to the fact that its report must be made prior to September 1st, and he asks that this manner be attended to at once."

### Elizabeth College Has Great Promise.

Charlotte, Special.—The session of Elizabeth College which opens on September 18th, gives promise of being far the best in the history of the school. From the applications from students now in the president's office, it is very probable that the enrollment at the beginning of the year will be larger than that attained at any time during last session. The patronage from North Carolina will be decidedly larger than ever before. The recent tour of Rev. W. C. Shaeffer in the interest of the school included a visit to 18 States and in all of these he found the popularity of Elizabeth College to be growing. One of the features of the next session that is of special interest is that the entire junior class of last year, including the students of music and expression, will return to graduate. The freshman class will be unusually large this year. The faculty will be strengthened by the addition of several new members among these being Miss R. Adele Allen, of Kentucky, who will be at the head of the department of English, and Miss Maude Shaeffer, who will occupy the chair of assistant in the department of mathematics. Miss Shaeffer graduated at Elizabeth College several years ago, and since that time she has been doing post-graduate work, and is well equipped for her work as a teacher.

### Prisoners of the Smithtown Raid.

Greensboro, Special.—Several deputy marshals under the direction of United States Marshal J. M. Milikan left for Dobson, Surry county for the purpose of bringing to Greensboro twelve prisoners for trial at the special term of United States District court, which begins here next Monday. The prisoners were arrested in June and July and ten of them have been in jail at Dobson since June 20, the time of the Smithtown raid. The prisoners are: Logan Chambers, Zeb Frazier, James F. Shelton, J. Frank Cardwell, Oscar Smith, John T. Griffin, James D. Williams, Oscar Williams, John Young, H. J. Lovins and David Wilson.

### Minor State Happenings.

The jury in the case of Major Guthrie, on trial for murder at Durham, returned a verdict of guilty, and he will be sentenced to hang. Ed Ashby, who was tried at Salisbury last week on a charge of murder, was found guilty of second degree murder, and given ten years. September 17th has been fixed by the North Carolina Supreme Court for the final hearing of the rate cases.

### Innocent Men Pardoned.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn has pardoned Carroll Harris, convicted at the Wilson court in 1897 and sentenced to 15 years for manslaughter. The Governor says Harris was the dupe of an older criminal and the judge regrets the length of the sentence which was excessive. A pardon was also granted to J. F. Barnes and James Williams convicted in Rowan in 1906 of highway robbery and given five years on the roads. The prosecuting witness has turned out to be a bad man and is now a fugitive from justice. It seems that the defendants are innocent.

## SHOT CLOSE FRIEND

Rash Act of a Young Man at Asheville, North Carolina

### NO CAUSE FOR THE TRAGEDY

Hugh Postell Shoots and Kills Almost Instantly His Room-Mate, Ed Edwards—Much Excitement Attending the Killing, Which Took Place in Bicycle Establishment.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—A sad tragedy occurred Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock when Hugh Postell, a former street car conductor and well-known young man of Asheville, shot and almost instantly killed Ed Edwards his erstwhile good friend and close companion, the killing occurring in the rear of the J. M. Hearn & Co. bicycle establishment where Edwards was at work.

According to the best information obtainable the killing was the result of a slight quarrel started Friday over a trivial matter, a matter of one dollar. Postell fired but one shot, the bullet taking effect in Edwards' head. As he fired the shot Postell dropped the pistol and ran out of the bicycle establishment, going in the direction of the French Broad river. A physician was summoned but Edwards was dead in a few minutes.

Officers at once started after Postell and met him in the vicinity of the river. The slayer at the time was headed back to the city. He did not know that Edwards was dead and the first question he asked the officers was "How bad is he hurt?" When deputy Sheriff Poland informed Postell that Edwards was dead, the prisoner broke down and cried like a baby, declaring that he "loved him as a brother." Edwards boarded at Postell's home.

After his arrest Postell requested that the officers allow him to go home and "tell the folks." When the prisoner and the officers went to Postell's home they found Postell's mother there and two of Edwards' brothers. The meeting was pathetic. Postell spoke a few words to the brothers of the man he had killed and again broke down. When placed in jail he was on the verge of collapse.

Whether there is any motive for the killing aside from that apparent on the surface is not known, none, however is hinted at. Postell, while reticent to a degree, said that he was afraid of Edwards, that Edwards had threatened him bodily harm. He avers that, when he shot, Edwards had reached for something, he doesn't know what.

### Morgan New Traction King.

New York, Special.—J. P. Morgan has stepped into the arena as the new traction king, dethroning Ryan and Belmont. The great banker, according to reports current in the best quarters of Wall Street has purchased \$20,000,000 shares of Metropolitan bonds and will undertake the reorganization of the local traction trust. His purchase of bonds has relieved at least one big banking house from desperate trouble. Morgan got the bonds at 50. These bonds were issued in exchange for Interborough Rapid Transit stock at the rate of two for one and Morgan gets equivalent Interborough railroad transit stocks at par. It is paying 9 per cent. and is earning much more.

### France to Pursue Warring Trigesmen.

Paris, By Cable.—The French government telegraphed instructions to General Druce authorizing him to pursue a relentless campaign against the warring tribesmen in the Casa Blanca region and specifically permitting him to make a two days' march into the interior. He is told, however, not to make any campaign in the nature of an expedition.

### Reduction in Ocean Rates.

New York, Special.—The International Mercantile Marine Company announced a reduction in outward bound first-class cabin minimum rates on the White Star and American lines. Rates on the White Star Liner Oceanic have been reduced from \$105 to \$82.50 and on the Majestic from \$90 to \$67.50. On the four American line ships the rate has been reduced from \$90 to \$67.50.

### Good Pecan Crop.

Austin, Tex., Special.—Reports received from various parts of Texas indicate that the pecan crop this fall will be exceptionally good. In some sections the hot dry weather has caused the nuts to drop from the trees, but the damage is not widespread and there will likely be an unusually large quantity of pecans gathered in October. The reported shortage in other sections will likely result in good prices for the owners of Texas pecan forests.

## SAYS PANIC MAY FOLLOW

Comptroller Plant Says in Case This Should Result From State Legislation North Carolina Would Have to Share Its Burden of Responsibility.

Washington, Special.—The probable adverse effect of State legislation on the prosperity of the railroads and the people of the country, was the feature of the testimony of Comptroller Plant, of the Southern Railway, in the North Carolina rate hearing case. He pointed out that if a panic should result from the lowering of passenger rates, the State of North Carolina would have to share the burden of responsibility.

Discussion of this phase of the controversy was brought about by a question asked Mr. Plant by Mr. Justice, Speaker of the North Carolina Legislature, as to whether there was objection on the Southern Railway lines in North Carolina.

Mr. Plant replied that congestion had been relieved to some extent during the last six months by means of improvements to the Southern system. Asked if he attributed the congestion to the recent act of the North Carolina Legislature reducing passenger rates, Mr. Plant replied that the more the rate legislation the less congestion there would be because legislation would have a tendency to decrease business in the country as a whole. "I mean to say," added Mr. Plant, "that the greater the agitation against the railroads of the country, the greater the probability of a decrease in general trade."

The reason why the Southern Railway does not increase its facilities for moving traffic faster than now Mr. Plant explained was that the Southern has not the cash to pay for such additional facilities. To get the money for these improvements, it must go into the money markets and sell its securities. "It cannot," he said, "find a market for securities in the face of State Legislation tending to reduce its rates below the point where it can earn the money to pay for the necessary improvements."

"If the rates in North Carolina are exorbitant, do you think the Southern Railway Company ought to criticize the State of North Carolina for making rates to what it thinks are proper," asked Mr. Justice. "If the rates are exorbitant," replied Mr. Plant, "and can be shown to be, I do not believe the Southern Railway would hesitate to consider their reduction."

Asked if he thought the railroads and not the North Carolina Legislature ought to fix the rates, Mr. Plant replied that personally he believes there should be a mutual understanding between the railroads and the public, as he felt that the railroads and the public were copartners. "When one prospers," he said, "the other should prosper, and there should be a mutual understanding and an equitable arrangement as to rates."

## COURIER JOURNAL BUILDING BURNS.

While Flames Enwrap the Building of the Louisville Courier Journal the Editors and Reporters Continue at Work Until Fire Faces Them at All Exits.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—The Courier Journal building was practically destroyed by fire early Friday entailing a loss of \$650,000 in damage to the structure and contents. The blaze started in the top of an elevator shaft, and the cause is supposedly defective insulation of electric light wires. The fire spread rapidly, but the editorial and reportorial forces of the paper stuck to the building in the hope that the blaze would be subdued and they could issue the paper. They were caught napping with fire at all the exits and had to be taken out by ladders. During the fire the third floor collapsed.

### Four Killed in Auto Wreck.

Rochester, N. Y., Special.—An automobile run by Dr. George Waldron, of Rochester, was struck by a Rochester & Eastern trolley car at a crossing near Canaigua Thursday afternoon and four persons, Dr. Waldron, Mrs. William Scandling, Mrs. Jane Hobbs, of Hopewell, and Mrs. Katherine Farnsworth, of Rochester, were instantly killed.

### Two Killed in Auto Crash.

Saundersville, R. I., Special.—W. Waldo Merrill, of 915 Beacon street, Boston, a State street stockholder, and Eric Landstrom of Mattapan, Mass., a chauffeur were killed by the overturning of an automobile which crashed into a strong wall at a sharp curve in the road leading to Narragansett Pier. Four other occupants of the touring car, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick L. Milliken, of Milton, Mass., their daughter, Miss Rita Milliken and Mrs. Merrill, wife of W. Waldo Merrill, escaped with slight injuries.

## Late News In Brief

### MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

Charles Williams, a negro outlaw who began his career of murder by shooting the Sheriff who sought to arrest him, killed two other white officers in Georgia and is being pursued by a third posse sworn to take him alive or dead.

The International Law Association began its second convention at Portland, Maine.

The leading brewers of the country resolved at a meeting to fight the rising tide of local option.

New Yorkers say all the capital for a railroad from Nebraska to the Gulf of Mexico has been subscribed.

Energetic measures are being taken to fight the bubonic plague at San Francisco.

Lack of morals in the French navy is the cause assigned for recent disasters by the Senatorial commission of investigation.

The British Parliament was prorogued after a long and arduous session.

The assassination of the Sultan of Morocco was rumored.

Presidents Roosevelt and Diaz have offered their good offices to the Central American republics to arrange for a peace conference.

All previous work records by the Panama canal have been broken by Colonel Goethals in July and August.

The Comptroller of the Treasury decides that Government officials must sign all documents by hand, the use of rubber stamp "signatures" being illegal.

Rev. Dr. R. T. Wilson a prominent Southern Methodist minister died near Petersburg.

Rev. Robert Smith is dead at Manassas.

F. R. Fiori a brewery collector was held up and robbed of \$1,700 near Tunnelton.

Miss Anna McDonald Duncan and Mr. Charles B. Hendricks were married in the West Virginia building at Jamestown.

Osteopaths in session at Norfolk declared they would prove A. T. Parrick not guilty of murder in New York.

Directors of the Jamestown Exposition are expected to end the Tucker-Barr social war Friday.

George Whitelock of Baltimore, created a stir in the American Bar Association by introducing a resolution criticizing the President for commenting on the Beef Trust trial a year ago.

A movement is said to be on foot to appeal to the President in the telegraph strike.

Four persons were killed in a collision between an automobile and a trolley car near Canandaigua, N. Y.

Prince Wilhelm of Sweden lunched at Sagamore Hill and came away loud in his praises of the President.

Chester B. Runyan, the New Yorker who stole nearly \$100,000 blamed his downfall on Laura Carter.

Senator Tillman discussed the race question in Wilmington, Del.

Secretary Taft continued on his westward journey.

Radical changes in New York's transit system are ordered by the Public Service Commission.

Secretary Newberry plans to transfer the historic Frigate Constitution from Boston to either Annapolis or Washington.

The Earl of Dunmore, the most prominent Christian Scientist in England is dead.

Canada wants to restrict the number of Japanese immigrants.

The Joint Army, Navy and Treasury Board agreed upon a bill providing for an increase of pay in all branches of the service.

According to the present program the battleship fleet will not reach San Francisco until May 1, 1908.

James P. Farrell, an Irish Nationalist member of Parliament and 40 others were arrested on charges of holding meetings that caused a riot with the Sinn Fein Society.

Matusehenko, the sailor who led the mutiny on the Russian battleship Kniaz Potemkin two years ago, has been arrested.

Governor Swanson denied that he was in any way connected with the social war at the Jamestown Exposition.

Cyrus Graffin, considered a poor hermit in Richmond died leaving \$75,000.

Samuel Gompers and William Randolph Hearst will be the speakers Labor Day at the Jamestown Exposition.

Ludwig Hostotle was killed at Parkersburg, W. Va., by a sharp splinter of wood piercing his heart.