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## Directory.

Madison County.  
Established by the Legislature Session 1866-67.  
Population, 50,123.  
County Seat, Marshall.  
1644 feet above sea level.  
New and modern Court House, cost \$12,000.00.  
New and modern jail, cost \$15,000.00.  
New and modern County Home, cost \$10,000.00.

**Officers.**  
Hon. Jas. L. Hyatt, Senator, 21 District, Burnsville, N. C.  
Hon. J. C. Ramsey, Representative, Marshall, N. C.  
W. H. Henderson, Clerk Superior Court, Marshall, N. C.  
W. M. Buckner, Sheriff, Marshall, N. C.  
James Smart, Register of Deeds, Marshall, N. C.  
C. F. Runkin, Treasurer, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.  
R. L. Tweed, Surveyor, White Rock, N. C.  
Dr. J. H. Baird, Coroner, Mars Hill, N. C.  
Mrs. Eliza Henderson, Jailor, Marshall, N. C.  
John Honeycutt, Janitor, Marshall, N. C.  
Dr. C. N. Sprinkle, County Physician, Marshall, N. C.  
James Haynie, Supt. County Home, Marshall, N. C.  
Home located about two miles southwest of Marshall.

**Courts.**  
Criminal and Civil, First Monday before First Monday in March, commencing Feb. 26th, 1912.  
Civil 11th, Monday after First Monday in March, commences May 20, 1912.  
Criminal and Civil, First Monday after First Monday in Sept. commences Sept. 9th, 1912.  
Civil 6th Monday after First Monday in September. Commences October 14, 1912.

**BOARDS.**  
County Commissioners.  
W. C. Sprinkle, Chairman, Marshall, N. C.  
C. F. Casada, Member, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.  
Reubin A. Tweed, Member, Big Laurel, N. C.  
G. B. Masburn, Atty., Marshall, N. C.  
Board meets first Monday in every month.

**Road Commissioners.**  
A. E. Bryan, Chairman, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. 2.  
J. A. Ramsey, Secretary, Mars Hill, N. C., R. F. D. 2.  
Sam Cox, Member, Mars Hill, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.  
G. W. Wild, Big Pine, N. C.  
Dudley Chipley, Road Engineer, Marshall, N. C.  
George M. Fritchard, Atty., Marshall, N. C.  
Board meets first Monday in January, April, July and October each year.  
Board of Education.  
Jasper Ebbs, Chairman, Spring Creek, N. C.  
Thos. J. Murray, Member, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 8.  
W. R. Sams, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.  
Prof. M. C. Buckner, Supt. of Schools, Mars Hill, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.  
Board Meets first Monday in January, April, July and October each year.  
Colleges and High Schools.  
Mars Hill College, Prof. R. L. Moore, President, Mars Hill, N. C. Fall Term begins August 17, 1911. Spring Term begins January 2, 1912.  
Spring Creek High School, Prof. G. C. Brown, Principal, Spring Creek, N. C. 8 Mo. School opened August 1, 1911.  
Madison Seminary High School, Prof. J. M. Weatherly, Principal, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2. 7 Mo. School began October 3, 1911.  
Bell Institute, Miss Margaret E. Griffith, Principal, Walnut, N. C. 8 Mo. School began September 9, 1911.  
Marshall Academy, Prof. R. G. Anders, Principal, Marshall, N. C., 1 Mo. School began Sept. 4, 1911.

**Notary Publics.**  
J. C. Ramsey, Marshall, N. C. Term expires Jan. 11, 1912.  
A. J. Roberts, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 5. Term expires May 30, 1912.  
Jasper Ebbs, Spring Creek, N. C. Term expires August 10, 1912.  
C. C. Brown, Bluff, N. C. Term expires December 6, 1912.  
J. A. Leak, Revere, N. C. Term expires January 10, 1913.  
W. T. Davis, Hot Springs, N. C. Term expires January 10, 1913.  
J. H. Southworth, Stackhouse, N. C. Term expires January 15, 1913.  
N. W. Anderson, Paint Fork, N. C. Term expires February 6, 1913.  
J. H. Hunter, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2. Term expires April 1, 1913.  
J. P. Tilson, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3. Term expires April 3, 1913.  
C. J. Ebbs, Marshall, N. C. Term expires April 21, 1913.  
J. W. Nelson, Marshall, N. C. Term expires April 25, 1913.  
Roy L. Gudgeon, Marshall, N. C. Term expires May 3, 1913.  
Geo. M. Fritchard, Marshall, N. C. Term expires May 23, 1913.  
Dudley Chipley, Marshall, N. C. Term expires July 25, 1913.  
W. G. Connor, Mars Hill, N. C. Term expires November 25, 1913.

**POST.**  
George W. Gahagan Post, No. 28 G. A. O.  
E. M. Davis, Commissioner.  
J. E. Ballard, Adjutant.

Meets at the Court House Saturday before the second Monday in each month at 11 A. M.

## A STIFFER POLICY TOWARDS MEXICO

### UNCLE SAM DETERMINES TO BETTER CONDITIONS SOUTH OF BORDER.

### WILL PROTECT AMERICANS

Note of Warning Will Be Communicated by Ambassador Wilson on Return to Vera Cruz.

Washington.—The determination of the administration to adopt a stiffer policy toward Mexico as disclosed in the announcement of the purpose to make fresh representations to that government regarding the continuation of the rebellion is directly attributable to the recent return to Washington of several persons thoroughly cognizant of alleged evil conditions existing south of the border.

First was Henry Lane Wilson, American ambassador to Mexico, who has been in close touch with every one of the American consular officers in the disturbed districts and who is also personally aware of the attitude of the Mexican government toward the large number of American claims presented as a result of the depredations committed by rebels.

Then there have come forward the three members of the self-constituted committee of Americans, representing the large plantations and mining interests in northern Mexico who from personal knowledge were able to inform the state department of the various practices employed by the rebel leaders to extort money from the American managers and foremen and of the comparative indifference of the Mexican government officials to the numerous appeals of the American interests for protection from the raiders.

Lastly there have come the members of the senate subcommittee on foreign relations, fresh from an investigation at first hand of border conditions, from California to Texas.

The combination of all these representations has made a profound impression upon the administration. It has been concluded that stronger representations that have heretofore been made must be directed to the Mexican government if the conditions are to be improved.

### MAD KING TO LOSE THRONE

His Place Will Be Taken by Prince Ludwig, the New Prince.

Munich, Bavaria.—Prince Ludwig, the new prince regent of Bavaria, will become king and the mad king, Otto, who has never known that he was a royal personage, will be dethroned, in all probability, next year.

The Bavarian premier informed the speaker of the Bavarian diet and the leaders of the various parties in that assembly that an amendment to the constitution would be submitted to the government at a special session of the diet in January, by the terms of which the regency would be abolished and Ludwig would receive the title of king.

Neustrelitz, Mecklenburg, Strelitz, Germany.—The Grand Duke Adolf Friedrich issued a rescript announcing that the estates would be convoked in extraordinary sessions in 1913 to enact a constitution for the two grand duchies of Mecklenburg-Schwerin and Mecklenburg-Strelitz, which are now the only states in Europe not possessing a constitution. Previous attempts have been made for many years to modernize the feudal form of government, but these have always failed owing to the attitude of the privileged classes.

Uncle Sam Discovers Death for Bugs.  
Washington.—Disheartened housekeepers, weary with long struggles against the presence of bedbugs, cockroaches, fleas, clothes, moths, ants, houseflies, rats and mice, may take heart, for the agricultural department has found a remedy. It is hydrocyanic acid gas. Dr. L. O. Howard and C. H. Popovitch the discoverers acknowledge it will drive out also the human inmates of the house in which it is used, but they may return later.

England Honors Whitelaw Reid.  
London.—Memorial services for the late Ambassador Whitelaw Reid, celebrated in Westminster abbey, was an impressive ceremony. The honor of such a service in Great Britain's most historic cathedral has on only few occasions been accorded to any but British subjects of great distinction. In the congregation of 2,500, which assembled, nearly half were American residents in England, including the staff of the American embassy and consulate general, and many prominent people.

Army Surgeon Commits Suicide.  
St. Louis, Mo.—Brooding over his separation from his wife, formerly Miss Louise Bearritt, a minister's daughter, who divorced him three years ago and now lives with their five-year-old son, Eugene, at Millville, Mo., Dr. Henry E. Ferrell, aged 37 years, a major in the medical corps of the First regiment, committed suicide here by shooting himself twice in the head at his office in the fidelity building with a revolver which was hidden from him by his mother several days ago.

## MOST EXCLUSIVE BRASS BAND IN THE WORLD



The band here pictured is made up exclusively from the ranks of those unfortunate who have been banished for life to the island of Culeen in the Philippines, the retreat for the lepers of Uncle Sam's possessions in the far east. Every member of the band, as well as every other inhabitant of the island, is a leper.

### TAFT PREDICTS PROSPERITY

#### HE CONGRATULATES SOUTH ON ELECTION OF WILSON AND PROPHESES PROSPERITY.

He Gave His Philosophy of Politics and the Verdict of the People at the Polls.

St. Augustine, Fla.—President Taft in a speech here congratulated the South upon the election of a Democratic president, predicted nationwide prosperity under the new administration and spoke with pride of the way this nation takes the quadrennial verdict of the people at the polls.

The president spoke in the Masonic temple and the crowd which listened to his words cheered him to the echo. He gave his philosophy of politics and closed with the remark that swept the hall with laughter:

"The only sorrow I have," he said, "is the thought that there will break in upon the people and some individuals the fact that there are not enough officers to go around."

President Taft said in part: "Your distinguished chairman, Senator Fletcher, has said something about the relations of the North to the South, and has read from one of my addresses with reference to the recent election. I meant every word I said. I am not taking back a word, only I want you to understand that I was playing the part of a philosopher and was attempting to find good out of something which might have been different."

"I had occasion to say when I visited the South during previous election campaigns that I ventured to think a great many of my audience would vote one way and pray another."

"I did not think that was the case in the last campaign—at least, there was nothing to indicate it. The morning after the election everything was settled, everybody acquiesced and there was not what, in colloquial terms, would be called a 'kick' anywhere."

Former Teller Freed of Charge.  
Chicago.—George W. Fitzgerald, former assenting teller in the United States subtreasury at Chicago, charged with the theft of \$173,000 from the government in February, 1907, was found not guilty. The jury took five ballots in deciding Fitzgerald's fate. The first, taken immediately after the jury retired, showed the members equally divided for conviction and acquittal. The third and fourth ballots were eleven for acquittal and one for conviction. The trial began November 12, and it, with five years' preliminary investigation of the miraculous shortage in the Chicago subtreasury, is said to have cost the government more than \$100,000.

Gigantic Fraud Charged to Six Men.  
New York.—On a Federal indictment charging fraudulent use of the mails in promoting stock for a mill where the linen was supposed to be made in a day, six men were arrested in a raid conducted by postoffice inspectors at the offices of the Sterling Debiture company here. The authorities estimate that the yearly income of the promoters in this and other ventures has been more than \$1,000,000, and that \$10,000,000 of the public's money has been paid over to them since they began business.

Sweet Potato Day.  
Washington.—In order to stimulate the use of the Southern sweet potato as a table delicacy, arrangements were made for one day by the Southern railway, the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific railway, the Alabama Great Southern railway, the New Orleans and North-eastern railway and the Mobile and Ohio railroad to serve the sweet potato free in various styles on their dining cars. Special menus for one day are prepared to advertise and feature the day.

### MADE FORTUNE BY GRAFT

#### A GOTHAM HOTEL KEEPER INVOLVES NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICIALS.

Each Month \$100 Was Paid for Protection—Names of Grafting Officials Given.

New York.—A story of how graft alleged to have been paid for police protection enabled a Raines law hotel keeper in Harlem to build up such a business that finally he disposed of his unpretentious place for \$140,000, was told to the sidewalk investigating committee.

George A. Sipp, for ten years keeper of the resort, gave the testimony and, as a result of his revelations, a police inspector, two ex-inspectors and a number of minor officers were summoned to police headquarters by Commissioner Waldo. A patrolman named as a graft collector was suspended forthwith.

Mentioning names and dates, Sipp testified that once a month from 1905 to 1910 he paid to police officers, including Eugene Fox, a policeman, \$100 for the purpose, he understood, of buying police protection so that there would be no interference in running his hotel. Fox was described as alleged go-between for certain high police officers.

Corroboration of portions of Sipp's story was given by Thomas Dorian, assistant manager of the same hotel, after Sipp sold it for \$140,000 to alleged members of the "vice trust" in control of a chain of disorderly resorts and their inmates. Dorian testified that he, too, paid money to Fox, making \$100 a month tribute up to and including December, 1911, and since then \$50 a month, including a payment of that amount the present month. All these payments were made to Fox, Dorian testified.

### RAILROADS APPEAL TO COURT

For Instructions in Working Out Disolution Plan.

New York.—Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the executive committee of the Union and Southern Pacific railroads, announced that he had arranged with Attorney General Wickersham to appeal at once to the United States Supreme court for instructions in working out the disolution plan of the railroads. Mr. Wickersham, the announcement continued, has refused to approve any plan involving the distribution of Southern Pacific stock owned by the Union Pacific.

In support of his contention that Southern Pacific stock be distributed among Union Pacific shareholders, Judge Lovett cites the Northern Securities case and the cases of the Standard Oil and American Tobacco companies. (These, he asserts, are fundamentally comparative with the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific disolution.)

Taft Accepts Yale Law Chair.  
Washington.—President Taft has made up his mind to accept the proffer of the Kent professorship of law at Yale, and probably will take up his duties at New Haven early in the spring. The president was said to have determined upon accepting the Yale professorship for several reasons. He will not be restricted to lectures to Yale students, but will be permitted to lecture if he desires in other law schools, or upon the platform, or to engage in any other occupation which he sees fit.

Georgia Whiskey Must Stay at Home.  
Jacksonville, Fla.—Judge John M. Cheney, in Federal court, handed down an opinion in the injunction suit brought some time ago by several local liquor dealers against the Southern Express company. The opinion in part follows: "That the Southern Express company be restrained from receiving and transporting for any consideration, intoxicating liquors of any class or kind from any person or persons engaged in the liquor business in the state of Georgia to any person or persons in that state."

### WILSON GIVES WARNING

#### PRESIDENT-ELECT WARNS OPPOSITIONS OF ECONOMIC CHANGES TO BE VERY CAREFUL.

President-Elect Admits That Machinery Is Here to Cause a Panic.

New York.—President-elect Wilson held up a warning finger to any man who might deliberately start a panic in the United States to show that intended legislative policies were wrong. In a speech at the banquet of the Southern Society of New York he declared he had heard sinister premonitions of what would follow if the Democratic party put into effect changes in economic policy.

The president-elect first distinguished in his speech between "natural" and "unnatural" panics. He said in many cases panic had come naturally because of mental disturbance of people with reference to loans and money generally.

"But the machinery is in existence," he said, "by which the thing can be deliberately done. Frankly, I don't think there is any man living who dares use the machinery for that purpose. If he does I promise him, not for myself, but for my fellow-countrymen, a gibbet as high as Haman's."

The governor added that he meant no "literal gibbet," for "that is not painful," but he said it would be a gibbet of public disgrace which would live "as long as the members of that man's family survive."

"America with her eyes open isn't going to let a panic happen," continued the governor, "but I speak as if I expected it—as if I feared it. I do not. I am afraid of nothing."

The president-elect's speech covered a variety of subjects. He treated first of sectionalism, declaring that it should not exist.

### UNDERWOOD FOR CABINET?

Effort to Have All Elements Represented in Cabinet.

Washington.—It is stated here that William J. Bryan is practically certain to be the first member of President Wilson's cabinet, and is expected to be secretary of state. Oscar W. Underwood may be secretary of the treasury. In the effort to bring about harmony and perfect a cohesive fighting organization Democratic leaders are trying to persuade Mr. Wilson to make his cabinet representative of all the different elements in the party.

To this end Mr. Bryan is said to be doing his utmost to bring about the selection of Oscar W. Underwood, his oldtime political foe, as a cabinet minister. Dispatches from Jacksonville, Fla., tell of a conference he held there with friends of Mr. Underwood looking to this end.

Shoots Wife and Her Parents.  
Donalsonville, Ga.—Ross Murkison was probably fatally shot and his wife and daughter seriously wounded by Ike Deal, the daughter's husband. "Emraged because his wife had left him, Deal followed her to her father's home and there he shot down her mother. After Murkison was shot down and shot Deal as he was leaving, badly wounding him. Deal, however, managed to make his escape, and is at large, although possees are hunting him.

## STATISTICS FOR STATE LIVESTOCK

### BULLETIN ISSUED BY DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

### IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE TOTAL

The Total Value of Crops in North Carolina For 1909 Was \$142,890,000—How the Crop of the State Was Divided.

Raleigh.—A special from Washington states that statistics for live stock products for North Carolina are presented in a bulletin soon to be issued by Director Durand of the bureau of the census, department of commerce and labor. It was prepared under the supervision of John Lee Coulter, expert special agent for agriculture.

The returns for live stock products obtained at the census of 1910, like those for crops, relate to the activities of the calendar year 1909. It is impossible to give a total representing the annual production of live stock products for the reason that the total value of products from the business of raising domestic animals for use, sale, or slaughter cannot be calculated from the census returns.

The total value of crops in North Carolina in 1909 was \$142,890,000. Of this amount, 89.5 per cent was contributed by crops for which the acreage as well as the value was reported, the remainder consisting of the value of by-products (straw, garden and grass seeds, etc.) derived from the same land as other crops reported, or of orchard fruits, nuts, forest products, and the like. The combined acreage of crops for which acreage was reported was 5,737,037, representing 65.1 per cent of the total improved land in farms (8,813,056 acres). Most of the remaining improved land doubtless consisted of improved pasture land, lying fallow, house and farm yards, and land occupied by orchards and vineyards, the acreage for which was not reported.

The general character of North Carolina agriculture is indicated by the fact that about one-third (35.3 per cent) of the total value of crops in 1909 was contributed by cotton, about one-fourth (26.5 per cent) by cereals, about one-tenth (9.7 per cent) by tobacco, and somewhat less than one-tenth (8.8 per cent) by potatoes and other vegetables. The remainder, representing 19.7 per cent of the total, consisted mostly of forest products, grains and seeds, other than cereals, land and forage, and fruits and nuts.

### Executive Clemency Granted.

Two pardons and two commutations were granted by Governor Kitchin each of them being on recommendation of the judge, solicitor and others. The 25-year sentence of Ananias Harrington, Moore county, for second degree murder is commuted to 19 years. He was sentenced in 1896. The sentence of Charles Rowe, Mitchell county, to six years for manslaughter, is commuted to three years. Blaine Haynie, Madison county, sentenced last February to 18 months on the roads for larceny is pardoned. Otis Curtis, Wake county, serving since September, 1910, on an eight-year sentence, is also pardoned.

### North Carolina New Enterprises.

Charters were issued to the Piedmont Lumber & Manufacturing Co., of Charlotte, capital \$3,100 authorized and subscribed by R. C. McManus, C. W. and T. G. Shuman and W. H. Allen; the Globe Baking Company of Wilmington, capital \$5,000 authorized and \$4,000 subscribed by George T. Johnson, D. L. Latta, J. E. Boylan and T. E. Sprunt.

### Appointments by Governor.

Governor Kitchin announces the appointment of Mr. M. Mc Jones of Belhaven as state shellfish commissioner to succeed W. M. Webb, resigned. The position of state fish commissioner is also vacant.

### To Report on Waterways.

General W. H. Birby, chief of the board of army engineers, ordered the board of review to make another investigation and report on the proposed extension of the inland waterway from Beaufort, N. C., to Key West, Fla. Gen. Birby's action is a result of the hearing in which a number of leading North Carolinians asked General Birby to reopen the case. General Birby paid high tribute to Hugh F. MacRae, of Wilmington, who made an excellent impression on the general public.

### An Important Question.

Have the people of Winston township paid in enough taxes to pay off the bonds subscribed to the Reasnoke & Southern railroad about 25 years ago? This is a question that is now being asked and one that is being investigated by a special committee composed of Mr. C. M. McNaughtan and Mr. Z. T. Bynum. The committee was employed by Messrs. J. D. Ward and Y. O. Roberson, two of the county commissioners at the request of ex-Judge R. B. James, senator-elect from this district.

## TAR HEELS GET THE BONDS

Bidders Appear For \$2,195,500 Worth of Issue, Which is For \$950,000 Premiums Offered Average 38.

Raleigh.—Twenty-one out of 53 bidders for amounts of the \$550,000 issue of 40-year, four per cent, refunding North Carolina bonds were successful. There were Northern bidders, but the bonds all go to North Carolinians.

There had been some apprehension about the outcome of the sale on account of the present influence of the bondholders' certificate of New York in striving to harass the state in every way possible to force a compromise issue on repudiated bonds. State officers and citizens, generally, are jubilant over the fact that the bonds were bid for more than \$1,500,000 in excess of the amount of the issue. The bids aggregated \$2,195,500. The successful bidders and awards are as follows:

E. D. Winstead, Milton, \$5,000; George W. Watts, Durham, \$50,000; C. N. Mason, \$3,000; H. D. Bacon, Charlotte, \$9,000; John D. Shaw, Rockingham, \$10,000; Raleigh Savings & Trust Co., \$26,000; Citizens' Bank, Elizabeth City, \$40,000; Henry D. Allen, Washington, D. C., \$1,000; S. H. Chestester, Asheville, \$25,000; D. M. Hodges, Asheville, \$1,000; Mrs. Ethel Burns, Whitton, Reidsville, \$2,000; Mrs. Sallie W. Williamson, Ruffin, \$50,000; Alexander Webb, Raleigh, \$300,000; Mrs. Fannie T. Biggs, Williamson, \$1,000; C. J. Osgburn, Winston-Salem, \$1,500; J. T. Pullen, Raleigh, \$500; Murchison National Bank, Wilmington, \$2,500; Savings Bank & Trust Co., Elizabeth City, \$1,500; National Bank of Newbern, \$5,000; C. C. McDonald, Raleigh, \$2,000; Merchants National Bank, Raleigh, \$35,000.

### Disastrous Fire at Elkin.

Elkin, Surry county, was recently visited by the most disastrous fire in its history. The total loss is estimated at from thirty to fifty thousand dollars, with only partial insurance. The fire originated in the brick store of J. D. Holcombe & Co., dealers in general merchandise. Other stores, all of which were brick structures, included B. J. Cochran & Sons, general merchandise; Fairmont Grocery Company, dealers in groceries, and Elkin Drug Company. The losses were partially covered by insurance on all stores except the Fairmont Grocery Company which did not have a dollar of insurance on either stock or building. The property was located in the very heart of the town. The origin of the fire is not yet known, but is believed to have been incendiary.

### To Amend State Food Laws.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Turbird and State Food Chemist W. M. Allen will urge upon the incoming legislature that the state food laws be amended so as to require that the weight of contents be placed on packages. They say there is much defrauding of the public through selling 6-ounce packages for half-pound and 12 or 13 ounces for pounds. They point out that so long as this state does not require that weight be stamped on packages this class of frauds can not be stopped by the department. Furthermore, the legislature will be asked to empower inspectors to enter manufacturing of food stuffs and see that the surroundings are clean.

### To Consider State Finances.

State officials and others in close touch with the financial affairs of the state declare that in connection with the much-talked-about progressive legislation regulating all manner of things about the state there is the greatest sort of need for state finances to be considered in no half-hearted sort of way. It is estimated now that a shortage of fully \$700,000 will be shown when the state finances are balanced for the biennial report to the legislature. Of this amount about \$300,000 was left over from two years ago. However, in preparing the revenue and machinery act of two years ago the legislature intended for the revenue of the past two years to meet current expenses, take care of all appropriations and liquidate the then existing shortage. This was not by any means done, however.

### Crime in North Carolina.

"There is something uncanny about the stability of crime," declared Attorney General Bickett, of North Carolina in his biennial report several days ago. "It seems to be perpetuated with as much regularity as the ebb and flow of the tides." He pointed out that the number of cases reported to the attorney general for the four years ended July, 1912, was 40,857 as compared with 40,604 for the preceding four years. Convictions for the two periods were a little more than 27,000.

### Handcuffed Men Arrested.

Two unknown men with handcuffs on their wrists and who had evidently escaped from officers were arrested at Morganton on the arrival of train 25. They had been handcuffed together but had succeeded in breaking the chain and each had one cuff on his wrist. The conductor of the train noticed the handcuff and telegraphed to the officers here, who made the arrest. Both men are young. Birby will draw, one being rather tall and the other about average size. Nothing can be learned as they will not talk.