

## JURY VERDICT NOT GUILTY

### Decision in the Norris Case Was Rendered in Raleigh Saturday Night.

## JURY WAS OUT 24 HOURS

### Would Have Been Discharged if the Jurors Had Been Out an Hour Later--Norris Congratulated by Friends on his Acquittal.

Raleigh News & Observer.

At 9:35 o'clock last night the jury in the Norris case returned a verdict of "Not guilty," acquitting Mr. M. T. Norris, one of Raleigh's most prominent merchants, of the charge of burning the old Norris house, the property of his wife, for the purpose of collecting an insurance policy thereon for \$500. The trial began Tuesday afternoon and was one of the stormiest between counsel ever conducted in Wake Superior Court. The case went to the jury Friday night at 9:45 o'clock, and the jury was out 24 hours and 10 minutes.

At 9:20 o'clock last night Judge Webb was informed by the officer that the jury had reached a verdict. He proceeded immediately to the court room and asked the jurors if they had agreed upon their verdict. Mr. John Stronach, spokesman for the jury, announced that they had agreed, and Judge Webb instructed the clerk, Mr. Vittevis Royster, to take the verdict. The jurors stood up and when their verdict was announced the clerk said, "So say you all," and there was no response to the contrary.

Mr. Norris and several of his personal friends were present, and they congratulated him warmly upon his acquittal.

At 8:30 o'clock last night Judge Webb sent word to the officer of the jury to come to the hotel at once, and upon his arrival instructed him to notify the solicitor and counsel for the State and for the defendant to be at the hotel at 10:30 o'clock, his purpose then being to discharge the jury if they had not agreed upon their verdict. He was of the opinion that should they not have agreed by that time it was not likely that they could arrive upon a verdict, and Judge Webb did not propose to continue the term of court next week.

When the officer arrived at the hotel he informed the judge that the jurors were at supper, and upon their return to the court room they sent the officer for Judge Webb and announced their verdict.

The jury sent for Judge Webb at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and Mr. Stronach, the spokesman announced that the jury could not agree. The judge told them about the great importance of the case, and said they looked to be honest men, capable of arriving at a just decision, and that he would have to keep them together until they should have agreed.

The jurors sat down and held a conference in undertone, and the spokesman stated to the judge that the jury wished to hear the evidence read. Judge Webb read about half of the testimony of the witnesses, and just before he had concluded reading the testimony of the negro boy Spokesman Stronach stated that when he had finished reading that the jury would have heard all of the evidence that was desired to refresh their memory.

It was 2:45 when Judge Webb left the court room. At 4 o'clock the jury sent word to the judge that they could not agree, but Judge Webb informed the officer that he would keep them together longer, but told him he need not report to the jury what he had said.

Judge Webb ordered a recess in

court at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, having re-convened court, and the jury not coming into the court room.

During the day the interest of the public in the case was manifested by the crowd that lingered near the court house, and the frequent inquiries on the street as to the standing of the jury and the probable result.

## POLITICS IN NEW YORK.

The New York Sun says the next governor of New York will be a democrat and that that democrat will be the next president of the United States. Possibly the Sun may not know what will take place in 1908. Possibly therefore, William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska is still in the running.

The next governor of New York will undoubtedly be a democrat, and possibly he may become the choice of the national democracy. It is a shrewd guess of the Sun, which must be counted a republican paper.

At this writing Mr. Hearst seems a winner of the gubernatorial nomination in New York. He is carrying county after county. He will lose some democratic votes, but the malcontents and the floaters would flock to him and he would be elected. He was a vote-getter last year, and he will be a vote-getter this year. Mayor McClellan proposes, however, to keep him out of the nomination by pushing the claims of William Travers Jerome, but the chances of nomination do not run towards Jerome. On the other side of the horse Governor Higgins expects renomination, but he may get out of the way to let Lawyer Hughes of insurance prosecution fame run. Neither, however, can be elected. Governor Higgins certainly cannot be, and Mr. Hughes' prospects are not much better.

But even if it be assumed that William Randolph Hearst will be the next governor of New York, what then? Mr. Hearst says he is not a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination in 1908.

## Death of An Old Goldsboro Citizen.

A telegram received in this city Saturday evening by our townsman, Mr. W. K. Lane, announced the sad intelligence of the death of his brother, Mr. Sampson Lane, which occurred very suddenly at Gulfport, Miss., Friday afternoon, where he was employed as Assistant Superintendent of Immigration for the U. S. Government, which position he has held for the past 12 years. He formerly held the same position at New York, Montreal, Canada and other places, but was transferred to Gulfport on account of feeble health.

Mr. Lane was well and favorably known in this city, where he was reared, leaving here for Texas about 25 years ago.

He leaves a daughter, who resides at Lexington, Missouri, and the disposition of his remains will be left with her.

Besides a daughter, deceased leaves four sisters, Mrs. Brock, of Jones county, Mrs. Hugh Humphrey and Miss Emma Lane, of this city, Mrs. Whitfield, of Fort Worth, Tex., and two brothers, Messrs. Jno. Lane, of Portsmouth, Va., W. P. Lane, of this city, and other relatives and friends to mourn his demise, and to all of these the ARGUS extends its sincere condolence.

Deceased was 55 years of age.

## The Minister's Revenge.

Kansas City Journal.

A Hiawatha clergyman preached a rather exhaustive sermon from the text, "Thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting." After the congregation had listened about an hour some began to get weary and went out; others followed, greatly to the annoyance of the minister. Soon another person started, whereupon the preacher stopped his sermon and said: "That's right, gentlemen, as fast as you are weighed pass out."

Hammocks, all grades greatly reduced, also porch shades at Parker & Falkener's.

## TO BEGIN PUBLICATION

### The North Carolina Journal of Education.

### First Issue In September. Will Be Semi-Monthly. E. C. Brooks, Editor- In-Chief. Associate Editors to Be Announced Later. J. E. See- man, Publisher.

We copy from the Raleigh Evening Times, of Saturday last, the following notice, which will be read with interest by friends of education in this city and county, as well as by the many admiring friends of Prof. E. C. Brooks, superintendent of our matchless Graded Schools, who is to be editor-in-chief of the new publication:

"Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. Y. Joyner, made the announcement this morning that a conference of the board of managers and the publisher of the proposed State Educational Journal has resulted in the determination to begin publication in September.

"The name will be The North Carolina Journal of Education, and it will be published semi-monthly. Superintendent E. C. Brooks, of the Goldsboro Graded Schools, will be the editor-in-chief, and there will be associated editors for each of the departments, among which will be primary education, intermediate and high school, city schools and superintendents, county superintendents, State department of public education, college and university education, among the teachers, general educational news.

"The editors of these departments will be announced later. The prospectus will be issued at once.

"Mr. Joyner says that such a medium of communication between the educational forces of the State has long been needed and will certainly prove a potent factor in the advancement of the cause of education in the State."

## THE NATIONAL BANK OF GOLDSBORO

### Is Installing an Up-to-date Electrical Burglar Alarm System

The National Bank of Goldsboro—always alive to the best interest and well-fare of its patrons—is having installed in the banking building an up-to-date double automatic electrical burglar alarm system.

Mr. Herman Hubin, of the Electric Bank Protective Co., of New York, has the work in charge, and he tells us the work will be completed in a few days, after which a public test will be given by general manager, E. B. Thaw, of New York. Its adoption eliminates the necessity for safes, steel-lined vaults, heavy built doors, etc., and there is practically no limit to the extent of the security and protection afforded by the system, which prevents even an attempt to enter the bank room or vault. It is impossible to even open the vault door after it has been sealed by the electrical timers without turning in the entire alarm system.

In addition to the protection afforded there will be a large outside gong, which will ring every day at 12 o'clock.

## Notice.

At a meeting of the Democratic County Executive Committee, of Wayne county, it was ordered that the Precinct Primaries be held in all the Precincts outside of Goldsboro Township, on Saturday, July 21st, at three o'clock p. m. and in Goldsboro Township on Friday night, July 20th, at 8:30 o'clock, and that the County Convention be held on Saturday, July 28th, 1906, at 12:30 o'clock p. m.

F. A. DANIELS,  
Ch'm Dem. County Ex. Com.  
H. B. PARKER,  
Secretary.

## DEATH OF MR. SAGE

### The Great Financier Is No More.

### He Would Have Celebrated His Eighty-Seventh Birthday on the Fourth of August. To Be Buried Wednesday.

New York, July 23.—Russell Sage died suddenly Sunday at his country home, "Cedar Croft," at Lawrence, L. I. The immediate cause of death was heart failure resulting from a complication of diseases incident to old age. The veteran financier would have celebrated his 87th birthday on August 4.

Mr. Sage had been in exceptionally good health since his arrival at his summer home about six months ago. At noon Sunday he was seized with a sinking spell and collapsed, falling into unconsciousness about two hours before his death, which occurred at 4:30 o'clock.

There were present at the end Mrs. Sage, her brother, Col. J. J. Slocum, Rev. Dr. Robert Leetch, Dr. Theodore S. Janeway, of New York; Dr. J. Carl Schmuick, a local physician, and Dr. John P. Munn, for many years Mr. Sage's family physician, who was summoned from New York when the first alarming symptoms were manifest.

The funeral services will be held on Wednesday at the West Presbyterian church, West Forty-second street, of which Mr. Sage had been a member for many years. The interment will take place in Troy on Thursday.

Mrs. Sage and her brother, Col. Slocum, are named as the executors of Mr. Sage's will.

Mr. Sage's will probably will be probated shortly after the funeral. A former business associate of Mr. Sage expressed the opinion that the estate would aggregate well beyond \$100,000,000 and that the will would contain many surprises.

## A CORRECTION.

EDITOR ARGUS:—

As published in your issue of Saturday, the names of the delegates is incorrect in the 2nd ward, and the number of delegates allotted each candidate for Clerk is also incorrect. The delegates appointed are as follows:

John A. Daughtery, S. W. Draper, Richard Johnson, I. F. Dortch, T. W. Slocumb, J. C. Barden, B. G. Thompson, J. D. Daniel, J. E. Stanley, Gurney Hood, G. R. Stith, G. C. Korngay and J. W. Edwards, divided as follows:  
C. F. Herring—4.  
J. E. Peterson—3 3-5.  
A. B. Hollowell—2 5-6.  
J. R. Hatch—1 2-3.

Very truly,  
J. M. HOLLOWELL,  
Secretary.

## TWENTY DEAD.

### Latest News of Wreck Near Hamlet-- Most of the Killed Were Negroes.

Charlotte, N. C., July 23.—The latest reports from Hamlet, near which place a freight and a passenger train collided last night, is to the effect that two white men and 18 negroes were killed and about 20 injured. Among the dead are Engineer F. B. Leads, of Hamlet, and Fireman Tom Hill, of the passenger train. The train at fault was bound north over the Seaboard Air Line.

## HEROES OF THE WRECK.

Judge W. B. Council, of Hickory, who was on the wrecked passenger train and Conductor J. D. Bowen both proved heroes in the terrible wreck near here Sunday.

Judge Council was injured, but despite this, when the wreckage

took fire he saved the debris from fire by putting this out with wet sand. Conductor Bowen, though badly hurt, worked until exhausted. Both these men deserve great praise. There were many others who did all they could and people came from nearby to help.

It is said here that Conductor Bowen reported about 60 negroes as being in the fatal coach, most of whom had got on at Rockingham coming east.

No trains are running east or west as late as 11:30 tonight. The report here is that about thirty negroes were killed.

## TO LOCATE COLONY

### Fred L. Merritt to Relieve Labor Sit- uation.

Elizabeth City, July 23.—Your correspondent had an interview today with Mr. Fred L. Merritt, land and industrial agent of the Norfolk & Southern Railway. He is engaged at present in negotiations which will, in all probability, bring to the section traversed by the Norfolk and Southern a large number of desirable immigrants.

Mr. Merritt said that he was already in correspondence with New York parties about the project and as each side seems satisfied with the other's proposition, it is very probable that the colony will be located in the near future. He stated to the reporter that he has personally investigated the class of people who will be induced to come and found them to be industrious and energetic agriculturists with no money but anxious to work.

These will be welcomed gladly by the farmers along the road, for the labor situation is very much in need of relief. Mr. Merritt is making inquiries of farmers along the road as to the number of laborers needed.

## DEAL AT NEWBERN.

New Bern, N. C., July 23.—Dr. James B. Hughes sold to James B. Blades his entire property on South Front street and on Middle street to the Channel. This includes the telegraph office, Hotel Chattawka and about 40 other buildings of wood and brick. The consideration was \$100,000 dollars. This property is in the business section of the town. Mr. Blades expects to improve all the brick structures and replace the wooden ones with brick buildings.

On South Front street the property covers one-half block and on Middle street it reaches for two blocks. The Newbern Banking and Trust Company was organized today with \$100,000 capital stock paid in, and elected the following directors: Jas. B. Blades, W. B. Blades, J. S. Basnight, J. J. Wolfenden, J. W. Stewart; C. E. Foy, F. W. Hughes, L. E. Culter, Jr., and C. D. Bradham. The directors will meet later and elect the officers.

The bank expects to be open for business by September 1st.

## His Biblical Prototype.

From Harper's Weekly.

The head of a well-known theological seminary in the south is accustomed to test the ability and self-possession of the students by sending them into the pulpit with a sealed envelope in their hands containing the text of a sermon to be delivered on-the-spur of the moment.

On one such occasion the student on opening his paper, read these instructions: "Apply the story of Zaccheus to your own circumstances and your call to the ministry."

The student, cleverly enough, delivered himself of the following:

"Brethren, the subject on which I address you is a comparison between Zaccheus and myself, with reference to my qualifications for the pulpit. The first thing we read of Zaccheus is that he was small of stature. I never felt so small as I do now. In the second place, we read that Zaccheus was up a tree, which is very much my position at present. Thirdly it is related that Zaccheus made haste to come down; and in this I gladly and promptly follow his example.

## DREWRY ROLLS UP A BIG MAJORITY.

### Precincts in Wake County Give Publisher Lead of 1,374 Votes.

Raleigh, N. C., July 23.—Returns official or partial, have now been received from every precinct in the county except Buckhorn and the majority of John C. Drewry for candidate for state senator in the Democratic primary Saturday is 1,374 over his opponent, Percy J. Olive.

Returns from three precincts, namely Buckhorn, Robinson's Store and Forestville, are still lacking on representatives but Charles U. Harris, Millard Mial and W. C. Douglass appear to have received a majority of the votes cast and are the nominees for the house without another primary.

Joseph H. Sears for sheriff, with the three above named precincts missing, has a clear majority of 483 over his three opponents combined. There can be no question of his nomination in the first primary for he has evidently carried Buckhorn and Robinson's Store, and Wake Forest. Forestville precinct will not overcome his big lead. The vote in Raleigh township stood as follows:

For senator—Drewry, 1,241; Olive 406.  
For representatives—Douglass, 472; Honeycutt, 637; Harris, 1,288; Mial, 662; Jones, 664; Faison, 613.  
For sheriff—Sears, 746; Rand, 629; Robbins, 225; Whitaker, 123.  
For constable in Raleigh township Byrum received 1,133 and his opponent John R. Banks, 409.

## THE GOLDSBORO SHOE CO.

### Declares a 5 Per Cent Semi-Annual Dividend.

The stockholders of the Goldsboro Shoe Co. were all wearing pleasant smiles yesterday, on account of a 5 per cent. semi-annual dividend which was declared on the capital stock of the company, a check for which was presented to each member. Besides this a nice sum was also placed to the surplus fund.

The Goldsboro Shoe Co. is one of the most progressive and wide-awake business enterprises in the city.

Under the supervision of its clever, wide-awake and public-spirited manager, Mr. J. M. Allen, the business has been a success from the start and has grown larger each succeeding year, until to-day it is second to none in the city. Mr. Allen is both courteous and obliging and possesses the confidence and respect of the trading public in general, and besides this he believes in judicious advertising, and has been one of our most liberal patrons—to which, in a measure—he attributes the wonderful success achieved by his firm.

The Goldsboro Shoe Company is all right. They carry at all times a select line of standard make shoes, a competent and obliging corps of clerks are always on hand ready to cater to your every need, and you are sure of a perfect fit at a satisfactory price.

The management desires to express its sincere thanks and appreciation to the people of Goldsboro and surrounding country for their most liberal and substantial patronage in the past and promises in return a square deal to every one in the future as has been its policy in the past.

We wish the Goldsboro Shoe Co. continued success.

## Bonds Oversubscribed.

Washington, July, 23.—It was announced this morning that the Panama canal bond issue was oversubscribed eight times. The total amount of bids which has just been tabulated reached the enormous sum of \$145,000,000.

See Parker & Falkener for Hammocks and Porch Shades. At your own price.