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CONCERNING MATTERS OF STATE AND NATIONAL HAPPENINGS.

Gathered From Our Many Exchanges And Given in a Condensed And Interesting Form.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 18—Stockdale Snyder, aged 28, of Wilson Station, near here, was using a comb made of inflammable material while sitting near a gas rate last night when it caught fire and communicated the flames to his hair and clothing, burning him so severely that he died a few hours later.

New Orleans, Dec. 16—For refusing to answer questions put up to him by the Federal Grand Jury, which is investigating alleged irregularities in sugar importations at this port, Sidney Salvant, a sugar broker, was before Judge Foster today on a charge of contempt. The court gave Salvant until Monday to comply with the demands of the grand jury.

Mobile, Ala. 14—Rose H. Stapleton, George Brooks, Robert Robertson, J. F. Ptoomey, William B. Gunn, James R. Gunn, of Baldwin county, Ala., were today adjudged guilty of night riding, by a jury in the United States District Court here. It is alleged that on March 28, 1909, the party called at the home of D. R. Comstock and warned him to leave the country within a stipulated time or take the consequences. Sentence has not been pronounced.

Beaufort, S. C., Dec. 18—Private Charles Carroll, aged 24, a marine, of the Paris Island naval station, was burned to death when the town lock-up and the hose reel house was destroyed at Port Royal last night. Carroll enlisted at Dallas, Texas, November 20 and gave as next relative Miss Bridge Carrol, No. 1136 South West street, St. Louis, Mo. He had been locked up on a charge of being disorderly. The origin of the fire is not known.

Asheville, Dec. 18.—Judge Council of Catawba county has completed his work on the superior court bench in North Carolina. After a ten days' service Judge Council will, within a few days, be succeeded as judge of the thirteenth judicial district by Judge-elect Clise of Hickory. The last court held Judge Council in Buncombe county, and the members of the Asheville bar association, regarding the worth of Judge Council as a judge and the loss to the State by his retirement, adopted fitting resolutions on the last day of the term for the trial of civil cases just ended. The resolutions, while brief, speak in glowing terms of Judge Council's service to the State and the people while on the bench.

New York, Dec. 18—During a struggle on the Bowery for the possession of a heavy revolver, between Policeman Joseph McDoughlin, and a young man who gave his name as Frederick Holmyard, of Winnipeg, Canada, Holmyard was shot through the head early today and is in a critical condition. The policeman was trying to get the gun away from Holmyard after the latter had fired a shot at the officer for no apparent reason.

Washington, Dec. 17—President Taft today sent to the Senate the nomination of Chas. A. Cottrill, of Toledo, to be collector of internal revenue at Honolulu, Hawaii. Cottrill is a negro and his appointment was forecasted from the White House just prior to the last election. A protest from Honolulu that a resident of that city should be appointed, was unheeded.

Greensboro, Dec. 19—The four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson, of Pomona, was horribly

burned late yesterday afternoon, and died a few hours later from the injuries. The little fellow was left alone in a room, and when the mother returned a few minutes later she found the child enveloped in flames. She dashed a bucket of water over the child and extinguished the blaze but already practically all of its clothing had been burned from the body. Medical attention was hurriedly secured, but all the physicians could do was to alleviate the suffering until the end came. The interment took place at Hickory Grove church west of the city, this afternoon at 8 o'clock.

A recent news letter from Gastonia conveys some information with regard to cultivation of long-staple cotton in that vicinity which is worth close attention. It is estimated 100 bales of this variety were raised this season in Gaston county. One of these sold recently, weighed 522 pounds and brought 24 cents, making \$125 for the lint, while it yielded 38 bushels of seed, part of which has been marketed at \$2 a bushel. Though, of course, the piedmont region is not nearly so well adapted for the production of this long staple as are lower lying lands, its cultivation deserves careful investigation. The fact that in the bale just mentioned the staple measured one and three-eighths inches shows that an excellent grade can be produced.—Charlotte Observer.

Pittsburg, Dec. 17.—Ten thousand workmen, employed by the steel and iron district of this city, have departed for their homes, or preparing to depart. There is no encouraging promise of employment should they again wish to return to this city at the beginning of the new year. The United States steel corporation has already laid off 46,000 men throughout the country, and it is believed that by the first of the new year 75,000 will be idle.

When asked for the reason for this decrease in the employees of the works, the Pittsburg managers of the companies replied that the conditions were the result of railroads withholding orders. They hinted to the railroad officials that unless something was done by congress in way of relief, there would be even greater reduction and less work.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A special meeting of the cabinet was called by the president this afternoon. Secretary Norton declared that only routine business was discussed, the meeting being called to finish some of the departmental matters that were left over from yesterday's session.

The meeting lasted for several hours, and it is understood that the matter of national defense was taken up.

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WISHING YOU

...A Merry Christmas...

AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS

New Year, 1911

FOUL DEED COMMITTED IN GRANVILLE COUNTY

Negro Montague Caught With the Bloody Proofs

Terrible Triple Tragedy in Granville County Near Hester, in Which Miss Mattie Saunders was Assaulted and Butchered, Her Father J. L. Saunders and His Grand-Daughter Irene Overton, Murdered

The House Burned to Hide the Crime, But a Bloody Tell-Tale Knife Gives the Clue Leading to Arrest of Nathan Montague. The Negro First Taken to Durham. Being Carried to State Prison at Raleigh

Durham, N. C., December 20th—One of the most atrocious crimes in the history of the State was committed last night near Hester, when a negro, Nathan Montague, criminally assaulted Miss Saunders, aged 20 years, afterwards cutting her throat with a large jack knife, killed her father, Leyton Sanders, and a 2 year old grandchild, and then placed the bodies in the house and burned their home. A posse quickly gathered and a lynching was narrowly averted, Sheriff S. M. Wheeler, escaping with the negro and bringing him to this city, arriving here this morning at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Sanders yesterday morning took his wife to Oxford to visit friends, returning to his home he assisted a neighbor in killing hogs.

His daughter and granddaughter were also at the killing, as was the negro who helped in the work. Shortly after the members of the family returned home last night, the young girl was attacked just outside of the house by the negro, and from the appearance of the ground, the girl put up a hard fight for her life. Blood was found all around the house, and the knife that the negro had used during the day was found covered with blood. The bodies of the three were found huddled together in the charred ruins of the home.

The first alarm given the neighbors of the awful tragedy was when they saw the house ablaze. They hurried to the scene to assist in extinguishing the flames, when to their horror they saw that one of the darkest crimes in the annals of the State had been committed. A posse was soon formed and Sheriff Wheeler was notified. He hurried to the home of the negro and found him there bathing. He was hustled into a buggy and brought at break neck speed to this city for safe keeping. He is now lodged in jail here. The negro is about 80 years old.

A large crowd gathered at the scene of the triple murder this morning. Mr. Sanders was a man about

60 years old. He was a well-to-do farmer and the citizens of Granville county held an indignation meeting today.

Mrs. H. A. Newell Dead.

On last Saturday night, about nine o'clock the death angel visited the home of Dr. H. A. Newell, one of Louisburg's most prominent physicians, and claimed for its victim his beloved wife. She had been sick for only a short while and her death was a shock to the entire town. She was twenty-four years of age and was generally considered a model in young womanhood. She possessed a disposition that was worthy of envy from many and her daily walk in life caused all who came in contact with her to love her. She was married to Dr. H. A. Newell about two years ago and in her death is the breaking-up of a most beautiful home. She was formerly Miss Janet Hayes, and was the granddaughter of Major William Eaton, one of the most prominent families in the county. Besides a husband

she leaves a mother, three sisters, a brother and a host of relatives and friends. Her remains were laid to rest at the old Newell burying ground near Mapleville on Sunday afternoon and the funeral was held from Maple Springs Baptist church and conducted by Rev. G. M. Duke, the services at both places being attended by an exceedingly large number of friends and relatives who had gathered to pay their last sad tribute to the deceased. The pallbearers were J. H. Best, N. M. Perry, Hugh Perry, Ivy Allen, G. L. Aycocke, S. P. Boddie. The floral tribute was indeed beautiful, but only spoke in a small measure the esteem in which she was held by her many friends.

We join the entire community in extending the keenest sympathies to the deceased husband and relatives.

Meeting Called Off

The regular meeting of the Farmers Union at Moulton for the fourth Saturday night in December has been called off on account of the holidays and the next meeting will be on Saturday before the second of January, at 2 o'clock, p. m., at which meeting there will be a special speaker present to address

the Union. All members are urged to be present at this meeting and are invited to bring with them their wives and daughters for the purpose of joining.

Schools Take Holiday

The college closed on Tuesday evening and will open again on Tuesday, January 3rd. Many of the girls went to their respective homes to spend Christmas.

The Graded School closed on Wednesday evening, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd, to observe the holidays.

Beautiful Marriage.

There was a beautiful home marriage at the residence of Mr. S. B. Nash, Wednesday morning at 10:30 O'clock when the lovely and accomplished Miss Mattie Belle Nash became the bride of Dr. David Lyles, a prominent young physician of Rock Hill, South Carolina. The bride was tastefully attired in a traveling suit of blue cloth which accorded well with the lovely parlor decorations of ferns, holly, marriage arch, wedding bells &c. The brother of the groom and Miss Ora W. Lemmond, of Rock Hill, S. C., as best man and maid of honor, with a few friends filled the parlor as Rev. R. W. Bailey, using the beautiful ring service of the Methodist Church, said the word that made them husband and wife. May heavens richest blessings attend the happy couple.

Changes.

From what we can learn the following changes of location will take place on January 1st, 1911.

W. E. White has purchased the L. P. Hicks building now occupied by J. W. Hollingsworth, and will move his furniture business there.

J. W. Hollingsworth will move his furniture business to the Clifton corner after January 1st.

T. T. Terrell has purchased the Ferguson Bros. building on Main street and will move in same the new year.

Dr. A. H. Fleming has leased the room occupied by Alston & Yarboro, barbers, in the hotel building and will fit up an up-to-date dental parlor therein.

Alston & Yarboro, barbers, will occupy the room under the Clifton corner, now occupied by K. A. Perry.

K. A. Perry will move his beer saloon to the Harry Dunston building on River street.

It is rumored that E. S. Ford will covey the rooms now occupied by W. E. White Furniture Co., and will fit up a nice buggy and vehicle store therein.

THE MOVING PEOPLE

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere for Business or Pleasure.

Mr. S. A. Newell, of Williamston, was in town the past week.

J. W. Hight, of Robersonville, was in town the past week.

Capt. P. G. Alston returned Tuesday from a visit to Norfolk.

Mrs. Mattie Nash returned home from South Carolina the past week.

Miss Ors Lemond, of Rock Hill, S. C., visited at Mr. S. B. Nash's the past week.

Messrs. J. E. Thomas, J. H. Person and T. G. Boddie spent Sunday at Norfolk.

Mr. O. R. Smith, of Henderson, was a pleasant caller at the Times office Tuesday.

Messrs. Frank and Edward Alston are visiting their sister, Mrs. W. H. Pleasants.

Mrs. Clarence Stimpson left the past week to spend Xmas with her people at Statesville.

Miss Ernestine Hayes, who has been teaching near Asheville, returned home Monday.

Mrs. Priestly Mangum and little daughter, of Wake Forest, visited her people here the past week.

Miss Nonie Aycocke attended the marriage of her brother, Mr. E. D. Aycocke, at Rowland last week.

Mrs. Lucy Early and daughter, Ruth and Miss Sallie Pleasants, returned this week from a visit to their sister at Aberdeen.

Walter Weddel, who is attending school at Mars Hill, returned home one day last week to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bailey went to Raleigh Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Dr. A. B. Hawkins who died in that city on Sunday.

Among the Movers

Mr. J. H. Johnston has moved his family to the residence near the Graded School recently occupied by Mr. Gunther, and Mr. Gunther has returned to his home in Maryland.

Left For Durham.

Rev. A. J. Parker and his good family left here on Saturday last for his new charge at West Durham. For the past year he has filled the position of Financial Agent for Louisburg Female College and has done a great work for the institution. He is a zealous worker and he and his family made many friends here who wish for them much success in their home.

Came Near Being Serious

In walking down Main street Monday afternoon a college girl, by stepping upon a piece of orange or banana peel, had a very severe fall on the pavement. Several who were standing near rushed to her and assisted her in rising, after which it was seen that the fall was painful if not serious. People, in eating such things, should be more careful and throw the peeling in the streets as they are very dangerous to step on.

Holden--Winston

We acknowledge the receipt of the following invitation:

"Mr. and Mrs. Janadus Calvin Winston, request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Martha Edith, to Mr. Sidney Cleveland Holden, Tuesday evening, December the twenty-seventh nineteen hundred and ten, at eight o'clock, Christian Church, Youngsville, N. C."

Enclosed with the invitations were cards reading as follows: "At Home after January third, Louisburg, N. C."