

TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

One Goes Free.

Raleigh, Special.—One pardon was granted by Governor Glenn, this to Drewry Streeter of Richmond county, who gets his pardon only because further confinement means death by consumption.

John Springs, of Gaston county and Dolly Cline of Swain county are refused pardons. The woman's sentence if six months begins October 1st, and she was sentenced for the illegal sale of whiskey the Governor stating that it appears from the record that she is not a good woman.

Two Pardons Refused.

John Springs—Defendant was convicted Sept. term, 1906, Superior Court of Lincoln county of manslaughter and sentenced to two years on the chain gang of Gaston county. He had a fair trial and sentence of two years for taking human life in my judgment was light enough. There being no new testimony and no recommendation of the judge for clemency, the application is refused.

Dolly Cline—Defendant was convicted July, Swain Superior Court of retailing and sentenced to take effect the first of October. It appears from the record that she was not a good woman and the judge evidently intended by holding up capias to make her leave the State, else serve six months in the county jail. A bad woman who is a retailer is a nuisance to any community, and I approve the sentence of the court and cannot see my way clear to grant application.

The Pardon Granted.

Drewry Streeter—Defendant was convicted April term, 1907, of assault with deadly weapon and sentenced to twelve months on the public roads of Richmond county. It was a serious assault and the defendant ought not to be pardoned except for the fact that since his confinement he has developed consumption and two reputable physicians certify that he will die if confined or kept on chain gang and in any event is doomed to early death. Pardon is therefore granted for this reason and not on account of feeling that punishment is excessive.

Called Out and Shot Dead.

Wilmington, Special.—W. Banks Rothwell, 55 or 60 years of age, a well-to-do colored man living on the corner of Owen Martindale, five miles below the city, was called out of his home Friday morning about 4 o'clock by three white men and shot to death when he attempted to run from two of the number, who took hold of him. The ball entered the back and pierced the lungs. Rothwell, who was in his bare feet, circled when he was shot, ran back into his house and later Constable Savage and others tracked the party with the county bloodhounds to a point near the city and a clue was obtained by which arrests are expected to follow the coroner's inquest.

No True Bill Found.

Wilmington, Special.—The grand jury in the Superior Court here has failed to find a true bill against Gaston M. Murrell, a local grocer, charged with setting fire to his store at Fifth and Campbell streets just before day about four weeks ago, it having been alleged that this was for the purpose of collecting the insurance case was worked up by Deputy State Insurance Commissioner Scott, but the evidence would not hold water under the critical examination of the grand jury, and Mr. Murrell was discharged from a \$500 bond required of him.

Bloodhounds For Spencer.

Spencer, Special.—Deputy Sheriff R. P. Horsett, of Spencer, has just received two fine bloodhounds from a well-known kennel in Philadelphia, which he proposes to use in running down criminals in this section. The dogs are thoroughbred and are said to be among the best in this country. It is believed the use of bloodhounds will be valuable in catching car robbers and other law-breakers here.

Bills For Manslaughter.

Raleigh, Special.—The grand jury in the Superior Court here returned a true bill against Engineer W. W. Rippey, Conductor C. H. Oakley, Chief Train Dispatcher B. P. Ketchum and his assistant, Victor Davis all of the Southern Railway for manslaughter for killing Engineer W. C. Parker and Fireman Robert Young and W. J. Bethel in the railway collision near Auburn, this county. State Treasurer B. R. Lacy, J. D. Robertson, J. M. Barrett and B. Y. Ferrell were the witnesses examined.

Many Banks Started.

Raleigh, Special.—The development of banks in the State this year has certainly been remarkable about 30 having been chartered, the last being the Merchants & Farmers' at Mooresville which is to do a general banking business. Many of the banks chartered during the past few years are in very small towns and some have as small a capital as \$5,000 but they seem to prosper and to serve a very useful purpose.

Explanation Wanted.

The Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer writes that paper as follows:
"The attorneys for the state in the North Carolina rate case have determined to summon as a witness Col. A. B. Andrews first vice president of the Southern Railway. He will be asked to explain the payment of \$2,000 to The Raleigh Evening Times and \$14,000 to John C. Drewry, president of the Visitor-Press Publishing Company as disclosed in vouchers of the Southern which have put in evidence. 'There is still another matter that the North Carolina lawyers want the Southern vice president to explain. This was the expenditure of \$3,000 last year in a lump sum, the object of which was not disclosed in the voucher that was placed in evidence. The voucher read, 'Expended under the direction of the first vice president.' The State's attorneys attach much importance to vouchers in favor of J. P. Morgan & Co., the Wall Street firm, aggregating \$45,000. The vouchers showing this expenditure which was for the past two years were offered in evidence just before the hearing here was adjourned. The expenditures purported to be for postage stationery and commissions or disbursements of interest. The States attorneys claim that any reputable banking firm would gladly have entered expense to do the Southern Railway's banking and that the \$45,000 expenditures disclosed in the vouchers is practically a gift to Morgan & Co.'"

Reports Much Exaggerated.

Spencer, Special.—Notwithstanding the adverse railroad legislation and other untoward effects upon the railroad world Lane Bros. Company, contractors of Lynchburg, Va., have big contracts for the delivery of stone ballast on the main line of the Southern north of Spencer. The stone is being taken in large quantities from a quarry two miles from this place and is being shipped daily to points on the double-tracking of the road. Many wild and misleading rumors have gained circulation concerning the cut of the force of men employed by the Southern Railway at Spencer during the past ten days one to the effect that only 500 remain in the service. As a matter of fact more than 1,600 names are still on the pay roll of the shop men alone. An equal number of men are employed on the road, yard and track forces of the company. About 250 men have been temporarily suspended from the service here and the curtailment is hardly noticeable.

Charles Bostian a Free Man.

Newton, Special.—There was great relief and much rejoicing when word came from Mr. Charles Bostian's lawyers at Taylorville that the case had been not pressed on account of lack of evidence and Mr. Bostian was a free man again and on his way to his home and family. It will be recalled to newspaper readers that some six or eight months ago Mr. C. L. Bostian was lodged in the Newton jail to await trial for the alleged murder of John Childers of Taylorville who was found dead in a hog pasture near his home nearly 19 years ago. Mr. W. C. Feinster was engaged at once to defend Mr. Bostian and has not failed ever since to declare the man's innocence. At the court house the case was not even called. Sufficient evidence was lacking to make out a bill against the man, and thus it is after all these days and months of horror and suspense in the county jail Mr. Bostian is at home in the bosom of his family.

A New Enterprise.

A charter is granted the Byrd Manufacturing company at Durham to do iron and wood work of a general and special character and to manufacture certain patented articles, the capital stock being \$125,000, B. E. Byrd being the chief stockholder.

Engineer Painfully Hurt.

Salisbury, Special.—Engineer H. H. Sullivan, who is running for Capt. C. L. Welch, of this city, received painful injuries in a wreck at Greenville. He was pulling passenger train No. 35 which ran late and was having trouble on the mountains, and the crew had sent for the helper from Old Fort. While the men were hitching it to 35, a freight train dashed into the rear of the passenger and knocked the engine against the engine, breaking two ribs and, it is feared, making internal injuries. Several of the crew and passengers were hurt, but none dangerously.

Arm Out Off in Cotton Gin.

Dallas, Special.—A terrible accident happened at John Humphrey's cotton gin here Friday afternoon, of which Mr. Wilim Smith, a prosperous farmer, who lives about two miles from here, was the unfortunate victim. While trying to take some lint out from under the gin his right arm was caught by the saws and was completely jerked off. At present he is resting very well.

LONG SILENCE IS BROKEN

Senator John C. Drewry Breaks His Silence and in Sensational Statement Tells About the Vouchers For \$6,000.

Raleigh, Special.—The Raleigh Evening Times, which appeared in one edition late Saturday afternoon contained two sensational statements. The first was signed by State Senator John C. Drewry, grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons and president of the newspaper company, breaking his silence of five days regarding the vouchers for \$6,000 paid him in ten months last year by First Vice President A. B. Andrews of the Southern Railway.

Drewry says that two years ago, then owning an interest in the paper he approached Andrews and asked him how he would like to see a large afternoon paper in Raleigh. Andrews replied that he would greatly like it, as The News and Observer had never treated him or the Southern fairly, hearing personal animosity against both, and he insisted on an impartial paper. Andrews said that he could not take any stock but would give advertising to the value of a few thousand dollars upon the paper's publishing the schedules, special notices and such clippings from other papers as he might designate the editorial department to be left entirely to the editor.

Returned a Voucher.

Drewry says the paper was then enlarged—all this before he had any idea of being State Senator; that it was April of last year, that Andrews paid him a Southern Railway voucher for \$2,000 which was turned over to Business Manager George B. Crater, and deposited to the credit of The Evening Times; that in August last year Andrews again sent another \$2,000 which was similarly handled as the books show; that late in January last after Drewry was in the Senate, Andrews again gave him another like voucher for the same sum which was deposited in the bank. Drewry says that a few hours later he realized that as Senator he might be criticised for accepting such a voucher, even though as president of the newspaper and so returned it, and that it was credited February 4th as paid back by the newspaper. Drewry denies that Andrews or the Southern Railway contributed a nickel to his campaign directly or indirectly, and says neither controlled him in the Senate or ever tried to do so and that in nearly all cases he voted against the railways and for the 2-1-4 cent rate.

Engineer Burned to Crisp.

Engineer Gaibraith was burned to a crisp by escaping steam. The injured were taken to the Glendale, West Virginia, and Bellaire Hospitals.

General Manager Fitzgerald who was in the neighborhood on an inspection tour, and General Supt. W. C. Loree, of Wheeling personally superintended the rescue work. Great difficulty was experienced in removing the injured passengers from the wrecked smoker. Work was slow, because every movement of the derrick caused some one to shriek with pain as the victims were entangled in a mass of timbers and twisted irons.

Train Had Six Coaches.

The wrecked passenger train left Chicago for Pittsburg and Wheeling at 9:30 Friday morning. The train divided at Chicago Junction part going on to Pittsburg by way of Akron and the other part coming through to Wheeling via Newark. The Wheeling end of the train consisted of six coaches.

Tobacco Growers Celebrate.

Guthrie, Ky., Special.—Over 30,000 tobacco growers are here to take part in the third anniversary celebration of the formation of the Planter's Protective Association of the dark tobacco districts of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia. One hundred cords of wood, 600 head of sheep and hogs, 6,000 loaves of bread and 15 barrels of pickles have been provided for the great barbecue. The great advance in the price of tobacco brought about by the efforts of the association has rendered and the planters unusually prosperous and the celebration is on a more lavish scale than any previously held.

Lonnie Snipes Acted in Self-Defense.

Wilmington, Special.—After deliberating twenty-four hours the jury in Superior Court found Lonnie Snipes not guilty of the killing of W. L. Williams a traveling man in a house of ill fame here last September. The verdict was qualified with the statement that Snipes in shooting Williams was acting in self defense. Snipes who has been in jail a year was discharged.

Jacob Gant Gets Six Years.

Taylorville, Special.—Jacob Gant for killing William Stafford was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to imprisonment for five years on Irredell county roads, and one year for retailing. The solicitor and grand jury were busy all week and the illegal sale of whiskey in the county was given a shake-up. Officers went out again last night to arrest liquor sellers.

WRECK KILLS EIGHT

A Collision of Swiftly Moving Passenger Trains

MANY PASSENGERS INJURED

The Chicago and Wheeling Express on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad dashes into a freight train on a siding at Bellaire, O.—Fifteen are instantly killed and a score injured, many of them fatally. The Richard Carle Opera Troupe Among the List of Passengers The Wreck Due to the Failure of an Operator to Throw the Switch

Wheeling, W. Va., Special.—Eight were killed and a score injured, a number fatally, at Bellaire, O., at 3:15 Saturday afternoon when the Chicago and Wheeling express train on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad crashed into a freight train which was moving slowly on a siding.

The wreck was due, it is said, to the failure of an operator to throw a switch. The west-bound freight had received orders to meet the passenger at the western limits of the Bellaire yard, and was moving slowly along the siding. At the point where the wreck occurred there is a very sharp curve which prevents the engineers of the east-bound trains from seeing more than a few feet ahead. The passenger train swung around the curve very rapidly between three hours late, and should have gone on the safety on the main line. The switch to the siding, however, had not been turned and the train shot into the siding and into the freight. There was scarcely time to apply the air brakes and no time for the engineers to jump. The two big engines were reduced to junk by the impact, but the worst damage was done to the smoker which was telescoped so completely by the baggage car that every seat was thrown out of the coach. Every occupant of the smoker was badly injured. The passengers in the other day coach and the two Pullmans were tumbled from their seats, but not seriously injured.

Eleven Poisoned by Cream.

Statesboro, Ga., Special.—Eleven persons were poisoned by ice cream, made from condensed milk, 10 miles from here Tuesday night, and it was stated by the attending physician that there were grave fears that 10 of the number could not survive.

Atlanta Viaduct Collapses.

Atlanta, Special.—The Jones avenue viaduct collapsed Friday when a switch engine jumped the track and struck a pillar of the structure. A negro driver and his team went down with the structure. The driver was badly injured.

Killed By Derrick's Collapse.

Parkesburg, W. Va., Special.—Robert Conley of Burning Springs was instantly killed in the Burning Springs oil fields. He was at work on the inside of the derrick at the Dennis O'Brien well on Chestnut run when the top of the derrick collapsed, crushing him to the floor. He was taken out as soon as possible but life was extinct. He was a Mason and was well known by the oil fraternity all over the State.

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ROOT VISITS TEXAS

The Secretary of State Spent a Strenuous Fifteen Hours Period in San Antonio and is Entertained in a Beffiting Manner by the People—Representatives of the Mexican Republic Meet Him in the Texas City to Escort Him Over the Frontier.

San Antonio, Tex., Special.—Elihu Root, Secretary of State was Saturday the guest of San Antonio. He was entertained in a beffiting manner and after a strenuous 15 hours left the city at 11 o'clock to continue his journey to the Southern Republic of Mexico.

The Secretary was met here by the Mexican welcoming committee, which consisted of General Pedro Rineon Gallardo, Chairman Major Porfise Diaz, Jr., son of the President, Julio Limatour a brother of the secretary of finance for the Mexican republic and Lieutenant Col. Samuel Garcia Culla, of the President's staff. The formal meeting of the representatives of the two republics took place Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in the parlors of the International Club. From that time on Secretary Root and the representatives of the Mexican government participated jointly in the receptions and carriage or automobile rides through the city ending with a banquet in the evening on the roof of the International Club where the Mexican and American colors were entwined.

Met By Committee.

Secretary Root reached the city shortly after 7 o'clock Saturday morning and two hours later was met by the local reception committee.

The special train with the representatives of Mexico and Ambassador and Mrs. Thompson on board, reached the city from Mexico at 10 o'clock. Shortly after the arrival at the club the party was introduced to the Secretary of State and the State and city officials.

At 11:30 o'clock Secretary Root and party went to the city hall where the public reception was held. An immense crowd of citizens was there to greet him and bid him welcome.

Welcomed by Governor.

Governor Thomas M. Campbell welcomed the secretary and other visitors and the mayor also spoke. The Secretary responded briefly and citizens shook the Secretary's hand. At 1 o'clock there were a luncheon at the hotel at which were the Secretary, the representatives of the Mexican government, Ambassador Thompson, Brig. Gen. Albert Myer, Governor Campbell, Mayor Callaghan and J. E. Jarrett, president of the International Club. Secretary Root and party later drove to Fort Sam Houston where a reception was tendered him by the officers and ladies of that post.

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A PRETTY CONTEST

Being Waged Between Cotton Growers and Speculators

INTEREST IN FINAL OUTCOME

Mr. E. D. Smith, President of South Carolina Cotton Association Says There is Now Being Waged the Most Interesting Contest in the History of Cotton, Between Farmers and Speculators.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—Mr. E. D. Smith president of the South Carolina Cotton Association and organizer of the general association has returned from a tour of the West, and several days spent in New Orleans and cotton centres.

"The most interesting contest in the history of cotton is now on between the farmers and the New York speculators" said he, in answer to a question as to the falling off in the price of spot cotton. "The price of the manufactured goods is now based on a price of 15 cents or more for the raw material and the demand for the cloth is unprecedented. The mills a few weeks ago were paying 14 to 14 1-2 cents without a murmur. The crop is unquestionably short, far below the needs of the trade while the trade conditions of the world are excellent and the money situation is easy."

"Now what has caused the decline? Certainly no lack of demand for cotton. There is no oversupply in sight. No strikes or other curtailment of spindles. Every mill is running on full time. There is no financial stringency or rumor of international complications."

"Therefore the low prices of cotton means simply that the speculators entrenched behind a lot of low grade cotton held in their warehouses are putting the future quotations down for purely speculative purposes. And it is a clean-cut fight between them and the farmer, merchant and banker of the South as to who will win."

"If the people of the South simply refuse to sell below 15 cents the fight is won. If they put their cotton on market at the absurd caprices of the gambler then all the work of the different organizations goes for nothing."

Mr. Smith says with the exception of South Carolina and Georgia and parts of North Carolina, where the mills are located not half as much cotton has been sold for future delivery as was sold in the same manner last year. The South Carolina association has received a report that in York county alone 8,000 bales has been sold for future delivery.

"It is the weak cotton that breaks the back of the strong." Said Mr. Smith. The great bulk of cotton that would be held for the minimum price is forced on the market by conditions brought about by the weak fellows going on the market. I am going to call a meeting of the South Carolina county presidents in a day or so to see what can be done to put our holding schemes into practice. These holding concerns are being operated with success in other parts of the South, and I have reports from several South Carolina county organizations that the money is available. If we can hold this weak cotton off the market the fight is won, as the strong will stay off itself then."

Charged With Treason.

Havana, By Cable.—Charged with treason Masso Parra and General Ducasse were arrested in accordance with orders from Governor Magoon. Several other arrests of known revolutionaries have been made but the identity of these held has been guarded. It is stated that one of them is willing to confess the plans of the alleged conspirators who intended leading a general uprising throughout the island.

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Late News In Brief

MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

The shingle mill and barrel factory owned and operated by W. B. Ellis, at Newberne, N. C., was destroyed by fire Thursday night. The origin is unknown. The loss is \$40,000.

President Roosevelt arrived in Washington from Oyster Bay at 5:57 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. His party was at once driven to the White House.

The New York Yacht Club at a meeting Wednesday night declined the challenge of Sir Thomas Lipton for a race for the America's Cup next year.

A conspiracy to start a revolutionary movement in Cuba has been discovered. Under instructions issued by Governor Magoon a number of suspicious persons believed to be connected with the conspiracy have been shadowed for several days past. It is believed that the movement is backed by New York capitalists.

The University of South Carolina opened under the most favorable conditions.

The New York local of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union voted to call out all cased wire operators employed by the press and brokers offices in this city, if such action shall be sanctioned by the national officers. Action by the national officers will be awaited before anything further is done.

During a thunderstorm Sunday evening a large white oak tree in the yard of Mr. John G. Harner, near Ore Hill, Chatham county, N. C., was struck by lightning, which splintered the trunk and the house damaged by it to a considerable extent. Only two rooms are now fit for occupancy. Mr. Harner and two or three of the children were eating supper at the time and received severe shocks, but were not as seriously injured.

A special from Asheville, N. C., says: It is learned here that several contractors working for the South & Western Railway have had their concrete and grade contracts considerably reduced. These contractors were working south of Marion, and the cutting off of a part of the work will be a considerable item. For instance, one contractor with a \$40,000 contract has had \$20,000 lopped off, while a grade contractor with 175,000 yards of dirt to move has been notified to suspend with the completion of 100,000 yards. It is understood that Mr. Carter, of the South & Western, has given it out that the change in the plans of the road is made in order that rolling stock may be placed quicker.

The wharves at Richmond are expected to be under water in a short time.

Pittsburg capitalists are buying up alleged anthracite coal lands in Frederick county, Virginia, and Hampshire county, West Virginia.

William Seal and Fred Jenkins were held for court at Culpeper for the murder of William Smith.

Judge Landis scored the Standard Oil Company in assenting to immunity for the Chicago and Alton Railway, and directing the grand jury to investigate a statement of President Moffett, of the Indiana company.

Governor Folk, of Missouri, spoke on "Democratic Ideals" at a home-coming week banquet in Nashville.

Three sections of the American Bankers Association held sessions at Atlantic City preliminary to the annual meeting.

Mrs. Bertha Mund, of Buffalo, strangled her three children in a fit of insanity.

President Harlan, of the Illinois Central Railroad, issued a statement attacking former President Fish.

Receivers were appointed for the New York City Railway Company.

The Standard Oil hearing was continued.

A jury was secured in the Borah trial for land frauds at Boise City, Idaho.

The trial of "Aek" Hale for the murder of Lillie Davis was begun.

The General Naval Board is said to favor the building of four monster battleships, larger than any now afloat.

Minister Wu Ting-fang is expected to resume the fight on the Chinese Exclusion law.

Two Baltimore companies bid for the contract to furnish coal for the battleship fleet on its voyage to the Pacific.

Jamaica would shut out Chinese and Syrians as undesirable aliens.

Dr. Samuel L. Clemens, Cornelius Vanderbilt and others arrived at Norfolk for the Fulton centennial celebration.

The Russian naval program includes the construction of a number of battleships and cruisers.

Russian soldiers are required to remain members of the Orthodox Green church.

The Countess Montignoso, according to report, will marry a music teacher.

Many fishermen were lost during the last gale along Newfoundland. testimony for the defense will be given.