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Southern.

A disastrous fire broke out in Culpepper, a Virginia town of 3,000 inhabitants. A telephone message from a neighboring town said that all the wires were down to Culpepper, and that the latest report from there stated that the fire was sweeping through the entire business section of the town. The latest message from Culpepper came from a railroad operator, who said that the fire was driving him from his key. He stated that the flames were then under control, but that practically the entire business district had been wiped out.

The first legal electrocution in South Carolina took place at the state penitentiary in Columbia, where William Reed, a negro, convicted of a felony, paid the penalty of his crime. The bill providing for the installation of an electric chair was passed at the last session of the legislature after a hard fight and received the signature of Governor Blease. The chair used for the execution is of the same make as the one in which Henry Clay Beattie, the Virginia wife slayer, was executed.

Kissing, in so far, at any rate, as teachers and pupils are concerned, has been frowned upon by the committee on elementary schools of the New Orleans school board. The committee issued instructions to the superintendents of schools to warn the teachers of the dangers that lurk in osculation and to advise them against practicing it in greeting their pupils.

Sam Verge, a negro, was taken from officers near Hall's creek, Marengo county, Alabama, and riddled with bullets. A posse is after his brother, Richard, Vernon Tutt, a well-to-do farmer, was the employer of the negroes, and had words with them over putting a team of horses out of the rain. He struck one of the negroes with his fist. One of the negroes got a gun and shot Tutt, mortally wounding him.

General.

The Panama canal bill, when it passed the senate, contained provisions which amend the Sherman anti-trust law and the law creating the interstate commerce commission, and is beyond all odds the most important piece of legislation which has passed either house this session. British ship owners, however, are indignant at the senate's action.

The national palace of Haiti, at Port-au-Prince, was blown up by a powder explosion and burned to the ground. The president of the republic, Gen. Cincinnatus Leconte, was killed. Members of his family, who were awakened by the terrific shock, found themselves almost surrounded by flames, but managed to make their way to safety.

Bernard C. Murray, son of former fire commissioner of Hartford, Conn., has confessed to having set fire to thirty hotels and house buildings in Connecticut and western Massachusetts during the past four months. While no lives were lost, in many fires there were hundreds of persons, whose lives were imperiled, and the total property loss is estimated to be over \$250,000. At the time of the alleged confession Murray was serving a sentence of thirty days on a charge of larceny.

Woodrow Wilson, governor of New Jersey, in the presence of several thousand friends and admirers from many states, accepted the Democratic nomination for president of the United States. The speech of notification was made by Senator-elect Ollie James of Kentucky. Governor Marshall of Indiana, the Democratic nominee for vice president, was present.

Ira Haworth, known as the "grandfather of the Republican party in Illinois, and a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, died at a Kansas City, Mo., hospital, a charity patient. He was one of the six men who attended the first Republican meeting in Illinois in 1856 and later was one of the delegates who voted for the nomination of Lincoln for president.

In the Missouri primary election five state tickets—Republican, Democratic, Prohibition, Socialist and Socialist Labor—were in the field. Five Democrats and three Republicans were candidates for governor.

Rufus L. Perry, a negro lawyer of Brooklyn, has embraced the Jewish religion.

The failure of the sardine schools to visit the coast of Maine in their accustomed number this year has resulted in a shortage of the canning supply which threatens to send up the price of the fish for the year 1913. Many are out of employment.

An aeroplane, with pilot and two passengers, crossed the English channel from Douai in a storm. The aeroplane landed at Ashford, Kent, but owing to the heavy wind collided with a tree. No one was hurt.

Several years ago in Petersburg, Ind., a tramp appeared at the kitchen in which Maggie Drain was working and asked for something to eat. The family in which she was employed as a servant protested, but she gave the man his breakfast, and an hour later he returned with a paper which he handed to her, charging her to keep it. It proved to be a document giving to the girl the property of Marshall McMurrin at his death. The will has been probated, and Miss Drain will get \$40,000.

The Turkish gendarmes in the garison at Okhrida, Albania, mutinied, and their commander, General Djemal, declared war in the name of the Young Turks against the present government. The commandant gave notice that he would lead an army against Constantinople, and issued a proclamation calling upon all loyal Young Turks to join his standard. The rebels will attempt to force the abdication of the present sultan, who took the throne when the Young Turks rose up against Abdul Hamid's regime.

The committee of nine appointed by the New York City board of aldermen to investigate the alleged alliance between the police and lawbreakers began today steps to make a sweeping probe. Special counsel will be retained and \$25,000 will be expended getting at the vital facts in the situation. A fund of \$50,000 is said to have been raised for the defense of Police Lieutenant Charles A. Becker, under indictment for the murder of Herman Rosenthal.

The most remarkable candidacy for nomination to office at the approaching August primaries in Oklahoma is that of "Al" Jennings, former outlaw and traitor, once sentenced to life imprisonment and then pardoned. Jennings is seeking the office of county attorney of Oklahoma county on the Democratic ticket. He has made such an effective campaign that wagers are being freely offered that he will be nominated and elected. Jennings is practicing law in Oklahoma City.

The only Chinese aviator in the world, Tom Cunn, made an aeroplane flight at Alameda, carrying Gen. Lan Tien Wei, formerly in command of the Manchurian army of the Chinese republic, and now in this country to inspect the American army. The general was taken one thousand feet up and carried through turns and dips in fearless fashion. When he set foot on earth he announced unqualifiedly that aviation would be introduced into the Chinese army.

The finding of an unbreached shotgun, wrapped in a sack, in a house, 200 yards from the home of Eugene Shewmake, at Eupora, Miss., where Walter Permenter was shot to death, inspires the peace officers to hope that the assassin will be captured. This is the first important clue unearthed in the last chapter of the Winston county bloody tragedy, in which pretty Janie Sharp was killed. One thousand dollars have been offered for the arrest of Permenter's slayer.

Not in a decade or more have there been so many snakes in the southeastern part of New York state as at present, according to reports received by the New York Zoological society. Because of this prevalence the society has placed in service an automobile equipped with 500-candle power searchlight will hunt the reptiles by night in several suburban counties. The automobile is equipped to carry several hundred snakes.

Washington.

More than a half-million dollars of old paper money washed and ironed to the crispness of new in the Federal government's currency laundry will be placed in circulation. This lot will represent Uncle Sam's first job as a laundryman. For weeks the treasury department has been cleaning and reviving dirty old notes by the washing machine perfected in the bureau of engraving and printing. Secretary MacVeagh stamped the venture a success and the laundry will be run in full swing.

More than \$8,000 damage was done to crops in the South in July by the army worms, according to unofficial estimates of the department of agriculture. Whether the season's second brood of the insects, appearing in South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and other states, will increase this loss is of much concern to government experts. All the means at the department's disposal are being used to meet the emergency. There are army worms at some places half a foot deep on railroad tracks.

By a vote of 44 to 11, the senate refused to strike from the Panama canal bill the provision exempting American ships from payment of tolls for passage through the Panama canal. The defeat of the Burton amendment to strike out the discrimination in favor of American ships was the senate's defiant answer to the protest of the British government against the legislation. It was this clause of the bill which led Great Britain to send a formal protest to the state department.

A constitutional amendment by Representative LaFollette of Washington for the president by direct votes of the people is provided in a resolution introduced in the house. It provides that candidates for these offices must be chosen in primary elections and that the successful candidates shall have a majority of all the votes cast. If this fails on a first election a second election is to be held on the last Thursday of each November quadrennially. The senator is very hopeful that his bill will pass at this session.

G. O. P. WILL MEET IN CHARLOTTE

THE STATE CONVENTION CALLED
TO CONVENE IN QUEEN CITY
SEPTEMBER 4.

CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR

With the Taft Forces in Control the
Meeting Will Be Radically Different
From the One Which Was Held in
Raleigh.

Charlotte.—The announcement from Greensboro that the state convention of the Republican party in this state will be held in Charlotte on Sept. 4 was not the least unexpected from the fact that when the spring meeting of the party was sent to Raleigh by the executive committee it was practically agreed that the state convention would come to this city.

Interest now centers in the resolution adopted at the meeting of the executive committee ruling on the eligibility of the delegates to the state convention, specifying that all those who will sit in this convention will be required to pledge support to the Chicago ticket and platform. This action was taken, it is stated, in view of the reports that the Bull Moose followers in this state were planning to capture the convention here and name their own candidates for state offices.

As was shown recently, the state committee as at present constituted, favors President Taft by a majority of not less than three and the meeting showed that the supporters of the president are in control of the machinery of the state organization and that they will, therefore, probably control the state convention since this committee is the arbiter of the qualifications of membership in this convention and it has ruled that to sit all must take the pledge to support the Chicago ticket and platform.

Weather Observation Station.

With the view to establishing a weather observation station at Hickory Nut Gap, near Hendersonville, three men widely known in their fields of endeavor are now stopping in Hendersonville. These gentlemen are Prof. H. J. Cox of Chicago, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; William M. Hutt of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and L. C. Denton of the state weather observatory at Raleigh. The purpose of their visit here is to install an observation station at Hickory Nut Gap, to ascertain the peculiar advantages of that section and to investigate the possibilities of apple growing here and to also investigate the always interesting and ever mysterious belt.

The Orange County Campaign.

Millboro.—The Orange county Republican convention have named the following ticket: House of Representatives, H. G. Dorsett; sheriff, T. E. Sparrow; treasurer, S. E. Cole; commissioners, W. R. Lloyd, R. Y. Walker and W. E. Ham. The naming of candidates for register of deeds, coroner and surveyor was left with the executive committee. The sentiment of the convention was almost entirely for Roosevelt. It was intimated, however, after adjournment by one of the most prominent Taft supporters of the county that there would be a regular Republican convention held later.

Teachers' Institute for Rowan.

The biennial county teachers' institute for Rowan county will open in the Salisbury graded school building in the near future and will continue two weeks. Prof. L. C. Griffin, superintendent of the Marion graded school, assisted by Mrs. D. F. Giles of Marion, will conduct the institute. All public school, high school and graded school teachers in the county are required by law to attend the entire term.

Harnett County Campaign.

The Harnett county Republican convention met at Littleton and nominated a full county ticket as follows: For the house, W. P. Byrd; for sheriff, A. F. Surles; register of deeds, J. A. McLeod; treasurer, H. N. Bizzell; coroner, Dr. C. A. Young; surveyor, Prof. N. E. Cox; commissioner, D. H. Senter, D. Trullington, Duncan Darroch, F. M. P. McLeod and P. G. A. Tart. The convention passed a resolution saying they did not recognize Taft as the nominee and pledged their support to Roosevelt.

Durham County School Census.

The school census report for the county of Durham has been compiled by the county superintendent of education and it shows that the county has gained a very little in the number of children of school age. The most interesting feature is that there are but 131 children between the ages of 6 and 21, who are unable to read and write. This number out of a school population of 11,902 gives a percentage of illiterates of about 0.011, or about one child in every hundred who is unable to read and write.

GLADDEN FOUND NOT GUILTY

Cleveland County Believed Him Innocent and So Records Their Verdict—Ross Will Go to the Chair.

Shelby.—"Not guilty" sounded good to Frank Gladden when the foreman of the jury of 12 came into the court house and spoke the magic words that made him a free man.

The case had been on trial here for several days. O. M. Gardner, L. B. Wetmore and N. F. McMillan made able speeches in defense of their client while the prosecution was looked after in the same able manner by Solicitor Wilson, Clyde R. Hoey and T. B. Falls.

Judge Daniels finished his charge and gave the case to the jury at 6:30 in the evening. They dined and then went in consultation on the case returning the verdict as above stated in a short while. It is learned that on the first ballot the jury stood 10 for acquittal and 2 for conviction, but the latter were soon won over.

Gladden was charged with the murder of Mrs. Dixon last December, who was slain at the same time, when her husband, John Dixon, lost his life. Gladden was tried for the murder of Mrs. Dixon in February and acquitted and was later arrested on the charge of the murder of Mrs. Dixon for which he was acquitted.

John Ross, colored, is the self-confessed murderer of Mr. Dixon and will, unless the governor interposes, which is not likely, be electrocuted in the state prison at Raleigh, August 14.

It was upon Ross' evidence that Gladden was arrested both times and in each instance the jury has refused to believe him. It is believed by many that Ross killed both the Dixons without the assistance of any one while others think he had accomplices; who they were, however, will never be known and in about a week's time the curtain will fall on the last scene of this fearful tragedy, in the death house at Raleigh.

Board of Election For Each County.

The state board of elections named boards of elections for each county in the state, the appointments being on recommendation of the county executive committees of the respective counties, two Democrats and one Republican. However the county boards will not be made public for some days yet.

The board also fixed the size of the ballots to be used in the general election. The state ticket will be 3-1-2 by 12 inches, the presidential ticket 3-1-2 by 8 inches and congressional ticket 3-1-2 by 2 inches. The board consists of Colonel Wilson G. Lamb, chairman; William J. F. Ray, Clifford, Dunn, secretary; J. R. Cay, Franklin, Democrats; and W. L. Davila, Hendersonville and Clarence Call, Wilkesboro, Republicans. Ray and Davila were not here for the meeting.

Rowan Commissioners Meet.

The Rowan county commissioners met and disposed of some important matters. They decided to build the new court house of Rowan county granite instead of brick. By using the granite the structure will cost \$111,100. The old jail has already been removed, and digging is now being done for the foundation of the court house. The commissioners took up the farm demonstration proposition and decided that they would not make the appropriation as they were did not want to put the additional burden on the incoming board, but they passed favorably on it that the appropriation should be made. They recommended that the incoming board take the matter up.

Man Killed Near Goldsboro.

Benj. F. Coley, a young white man of the Eureka neighborhood, about 15 miles north of Goldsboro, was shot in a row at that place and died. Corporal Stanley and Sheriff Edwards were notified at once of Coley's death and hurried to the home of Coley where he had been carried. The jury which the coroner empaneled placed the killing on Ernest Cook, who is alleged to have fired the shot, and his brother, Arthur Cook, as an accessory. Ernest Cook was arrested after a long chase by the officers in their automobile just as he was attempting to board a train at Boston, on the Norfolk Southern.

Campaign in Catawba County.

The Democratic executive committee of Catawba county met and re-elected Chairman J. D. Elliott of Hickory. W. C. Feimster of Newton was made vice chairman and F. B. Gwynn of Hickory, secretary. Routine business was transacted and the next meeting fixed for the first Monday in September. Catawba Democrats are confident of success this fall. The Republicans appear apathetic since the nomination of Taft. Indeed there has been talk of not putting out a county ticket.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

The following charters for new enterprises were issued by the secretary of state: The French Broad Handle Company, of Brevard, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$10,000 subscribed, for making handles, spokes and similar articles of wood. The Southern Pines Improvement Company of Southern Pines, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$2,500 subscribed, for general real estate and building in vestments. The Byrd-House Company of Bunn Level, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$2,500 subscribed.

VETERANS MEETING

HELD AT WINSTON-SALEM HAS
ENDED.—THE OLD SOLDIERS
MARCH IN PARADE.

THE LINE GROWS THINNER

This Reunion Was the Most Successful in Many Years—There Were 1,790 of the Confederate Veterans Present—Large Crowd Attends.

Winston-Salem.—The Confederate veterans reunion, closed after one of the most enjoyable meetings in the history of the State Acting Adjutant A. H. Boyden of Salisbury, declared that there are 2,147 white children in the public schools of this city. This is a increase of 66 since the census in 1910. In the colored schools there are 563, a decrease of 42 since the 1910 census.

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NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Short Paragraphs of State News That Have Been Gotten Together With Care By the Editor.

Concord.—J. W. Cannon has signed a contract with the Concord Gas Company to run its gas for that community.

Durham.—The Primitive Baptist Association that has been in session here has adjourned. The attendance was unusually large during these meetings, many spending the nights in tents.

Spencer.—The funeral of John S. Harkey of Spencer, who was accidentally killed by a traction engine running into a ditch near Spencer, was preached by Mrs. G. A. B. Horderly of East Spencer, at Friendship, Stanley county. It is unusually for a man but such was the case this time.

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SAM SCHEPPS MAY MAKE CONFESSION

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HOT SPRINGS.

HE HAS REFUSED TO TALK

Asserts That He is Key Note to the
Situation in New York and Must be
Treated Right—Will Not Fight
Requisition.

Hot Springs, Ark.—"I am ready to go back to New York without any requisition or without fighting the case," said Sam Schepps, under arrest here for alleged complicity in the murder of Herman Rosenthal in New York, "but I want to know that everything is all right."

"I am the keynote to the situation in New York and if they want me to treat the district attorney's office right they will have to treat me right," Schepps said that he has not decided whether he will join with Rose, Vallon and Webber in a confession. The alleged go-between added that he would make up his mind on that question while on the way East.

He will refuse to talk further, he said, here or on the way to New York. Before he "talks," he said, he wanted to go over the situation with Rose, Webber, Vallon and District Attorney Whitman. Then if he has a statement to make, he added, it will be given first hand to the district attorney.

Schepps is held in Hot Springs under uncertain circumstances as to when he shall be delivered. His arrest came about through confidential information from the office of the district attorney in New York and it was supposed that Detective Russo of the New York district attorney's office would be here for him. Russo has not appeared.

The police department of New York has made inquiry about Schepps and has suggested that if press reports of his arrest here are true, agents will be sent to take him back to New York.

Much Legislation Before Congress.

Washington.—Congress is about to end a session that has now run over 250 days. Since the organization of the government there have been seven continuous sessions of great length. Measured by the standard of new laws enacted, this one has not been fruitful of much general legislation; but from the standpoint of great issues fought out and great policies outlined, it has been of more than usual interest. Political activities have helped to prolong it and political differences between the House and Senate, the one Democratic and the other controlled by an independent element of the Republican party have served to tie up appropriation bills and impede the progress of much general legislation.

Detectives at Work on Robbery.

New York.—It was learned that private detectives are working on a \$72,000 bank robbery which occurred in the heart of the financial district two months ago but which has not been openly reported. Skilled cracksmen entered a bank building by way of a coal hole, dug through a thick ceiling and bored into a steel vault, where they helped themselves to \$72,000 in bills. A safe in a corner, which the burglars apparently overlooked is said to have contained at the time more than \$3,000,000 in bills and coin. The directors of the bank voted not to make the robbery known until report was made to the state banking department.

To Exterminate Rats.

Washington.—The government is to become a modern competitor of the Pied Piper of Hamelin as an exterminator of rats. But the magic of the Pied Piper's flute is to be displaced by the most improved modern, double action, steel-jawed rat trap that American inventive genius can furnish. Through Surgeon General Blue of the public health and marine hospital service the government has asked for demonstration of rat traps.

Friendliness Voiced in Knox's Visit.

Tokio.—The announcement of plans for coming of Secretary of State Knox from Washington, to attend the funeral of Emperor Mutsuhito September 12, is received by all the leading Japanese newspapers with expressions of sincere appreciation. Articles in journals voice a note of friendliness in connection with Mr. Knox's projected visit. Prince Katsura, former Premier whose visit to Europe was cut short by the death of the Emperor, has returned to Japan to be present at the funeral.

A Change of Policy.

Washington.—Government disjunction in designating deposits. Federal funds is gradually being effected under a change of policy. Secretary MacVeagh, who has reduced the number of deposits augmenting the government's deposits, especially in small amounts, with only two banks dividing the government's deposits. In advantages enjoyed by the negotiable.