

BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF
THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN
CONDENSED FORM.

WORLD'S NEWS EPITOMIZED

Complete Review of Happenings of
Greatest Interest From All
Parts of World.

Southern.

W. J. Harris, Democratic state chairman of Georgia, will be nominated by President Wilson to be director of the census to succeed E. Dana Durand.

A blue sky law similar to the Kansas law to drive from the state fraudulent land and investment companies will be introduced in the Florida legislature. This will kill off a number of companies now handling Everglades land on the installment plan.

David L. Brown, aged 60 years, a prominent druggist of Macon and proprietor of two stores in that city, went into the lobby of the Dakota hotel in Atlanta, Ga., and walked up to the head clerk's desk. He had been stopping at the Dakota for five days, which he had been spending in Atlanta on a business trip. "Let me have my key," he said. "I'm going to the room and take a good, long sleep. You needn't call me." Thirty minutes later a telegram came for the Macon man. The clerk went upstairs to deliver the message, and found the man lying on the bed, doubled up as though in pain. A bottle of carbolic acid, the contents drained, lay nearby upon the floor. He was dead.

Auto bandits dynamited the vault of the Bank of Commerce, at Summerville, Chattooga county, and while loaded down with loot, waged a desperate pistol battle with awakened citizens, who rushed into the public square. The thieves made a successful getaway from the Georgia town in the touring car which they had concealed in the woods, near the town, after the shooting of two men. They secured more than three thousand dollars in cash, together with valuable negotiable securities and \$1,000 worth of stamps.

General

The steamship France from Havre bearing the body of J. Pierpont Morgan and members of the family who were with him when he died in Rome, reached quarantine at the entrance of New York harbor, and were taken ashore.

The first active movement in preparation for a general strike in Brussels, Belgium, has been made by sending out of the country many children of the four hundred thousand odd workers, who will lay down their tools at the bidding of the Socialist party.

Troops with fixed bayonets held no terror for the striking carmen of the International Railway company and their sympathizers at Buffalo, N. Y., and the riotous scenes of former days of the strike were not only as numerous, but of a more serious nature. All efforts to resume traffic were blocked and all the cars were withdrawn at nightfall after an intermittent operation of less than four hours. A woman and man were wounded and a boy received a thrust from a bayonet. The woman will die.

Representative Roddenbery of Georgia introduced a radical immigration bill which will restrict the influx of aliens by imposing a literacy test, a \$25 head tax and the requirement that each alien must have \$100 in his pocket. Weak laws and feeble administrative policy account for many undesirable immigrants coming to these shores, he says.

Direct election of United States senators by the people was authorized and made compulsory when the Connecticut legislature ratified the constitutional amendment submitted by congress less than a year ago. Ratification already had been given by 35 states.

Former Congressman Harry M. Coudrey and Harry E. Gardner were sentenced to imprisonment in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, and each was fined \$1,500 in the federal district court at St. Louis, Mo. The two men were convicted of using the mails to defraud in the promotion of what was known as the "Twin Insurance companies," the Continental Life Insurance company and the International Fire Assurance company.

For the second time in less than six months on the face of returns available a constitutional amendment permitting woman suffrage was defeated in Michigan. The five amendments in the state constitution were lost.

Isaac McGirr, aged 84, and Andrew Horn, same age, were at a saddle at an auction near Washington, Pa., and Horn won to fight for it. A ring was formed and they battled till parted.

An encounter with a band of pirates on the West river, a force of Chinese soldiers, shot one and captured six.

Ota Gyzi, Spanish violinist, now appearing in New York, has had his hair cut for the first time in 27 years. It is said he was "trimmed" as part of an initiation stunt into a benevolent association.

Two sailors of the United States cruiser California were killed and three others wounded in a street fight at Mazatlan, Mexico. Two or three Mexican police were wounded in attempting to arrest the American sailors.

The Servian troops which have been assisting the Montenegrin army in the siege of Scutari have withdrawn and are now marching back to Servia. This leaves Montenegro standing practically alone in its defiance of the powers.

Bulgaria is making formal claims to the possession of Saloniki, now occupied by the Greek troops, according to a dispatch from Belgrade, Servia. The dispatch adds that Bulgaria is taking military measures to support her claims, while Greece is concentrating her army along the railway leading to Saloniki.

It is announced that the Constitutional party of Mexico will repudiate any loan contract made with the Huerta government in Mexico. This statement was given out on the authority of the governor of Coahuila, military leader of the forces which are working to overthrow Huerta.

Mail advices from French Guinea give details of a horrible story of cannibalism. Four inmates of the penitentiary of the colony made their escape. Three of the men were captured. They wandered in the forest for eight days. Scanty provisions were soon exhausted. One dropped from exhaustion. The others killed and ate him.

Chicago housewives paid 2 cents a pound or from 8 to 12 cents a head for fresh cabbage. One South Water street commission merchant paid \$1.50 to \$2 a crate; down in the Rio Grande county on the gulf coast of Texas cabbage was said to be rotting on the farms.

With little advantages to either side state forces alternately attacked Naco (Senora, Mexico) or were met midway by Ojeda's small federal force defending the border town. While on trol duty Private White of the Ninth United States cavalry was wounded in the hand and leg. Trumpeter Fleming was shot through the shoulder, the ball piercing body falling into his blouse pocket. C. J. Brown, another negro trooper, was shot in the abdomen. He will die.

Sir Thomas Lipton, the British yachtman, sent an unconditional challenge for a series of races for the America's cup, and after ten years of undisturbed possession of the trophy, American yachtmen must again prepare to defend it.

Berlin's police president, having failed to persuade the women to avoid pointed hat pins, or to provide protectors for them, now announces that offenders against the ordinance will be fined up to \$15 for each offense, and if they do not pay they will be imprisoned.

According to an official estimate, about one hundred and seventy acres in the northern suburbs of Memphis are inundated as a result of two breaks in the embankment along Bayou Gayoso, which serves as an outlet for "back-water" from Wolfe river, a tributary of the Mississippi.

Washington

President Wilson let it be known that the federal government would not interfere with pending legislation in California by which aliens who have not declared their intention of becoming naturalized as American citizens, are prohibited from owning land or property. He communicated this decision informally to Representative Baker. Though the measure is aimed primarily at the Japanese, the fact that it makes no discrimination of race in its contents, as well as the desire of the president not to interfere with the sovereignty of the state, has precluded any action by the federal government.

President Wilson, when told that Connecticut had ratified the constitutional amendment providing for the election of senators by direct vote, remarked: "I am sincerely glad that the amendment has been ratified so promptly and a reform so long fought for at last accomplished."

Speaker Clark was re-elected over speaker of the national house of representatives over James R. Mann, Republican, and Victor Murdock, Progressive, and other officers of the house also were re-elected. The Progressive strength was tested on the speakership, and Mr. Murdock received 18 votes.

Congress has opened in extraordinary session under Democratic domination. The opening sessions were enlivened by the activities of a healthy youth, the progressive organization in the house and an invasion of petition-bearing suffragettes. The youth who disturbed proceedings was in the senate gallery and he tried to halt a recess of that body by shouts of "Mr. Chairman." Taken in charge, the youth gave his name as George B. Clemmer of Monroe, N. C., and said he was a "herald of the Prince of Peace." He was finally led outside.

President Wilson sought to avert a diplomatic tangle with Japan over the bill pending in the California legislature through which Japanese would be prevented from owning property in that state. The Japanese government had filed formal protest with the state department against what it considers a proposed infringement of treaty obligations. The president conferred first with Secretary Lane of the interior department, who holds from California, and later with Senators Works and Representative William Kent of that state, and will confer again later.

WATER AND LIGHT MEN MEET SOON

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF
THE CAROLINAS AND GEORGIA
AT CHARLOTTE.

THE OBJECT OF THE MEETING

A Very Attractive Program Has Been
Arranged For This Occasion.—Several
Cities in the State Will Bid For
the Next Meeting.

Charlotte.—Water works and light officials, members of water boards and lighting plants, civil, mechanical and hydraulic engineers and experts, chemists, mayors and city councilmen will gather at Charlotte April 15, the occasion being the annual convention of the Tri-State Water and Light Association of the Carolinas and Georgia.

The session will be held at Hannah Hall, Y. M. C. A., and a full attendance of the members is expected. An attractive program has been arranged which will prove interesting and instructive to the membership. Among the prominent speakers secured for the meetings are: J. L. Ludlow, Winston-Salem; L. M. Laxton, Charlotte; M. F. Corin, Philadelphia; G. H. White, Columbia; J. H. Finney, Washington, and A. M. Schoen, Atlanta.

The object of the association is the advancement of knowledge of public water and light supply, furnished either by public or private ownership and the management of water works and light departments; the exchange of information pertaining to the management of water works and water supply, for the mutual advancement of the interests of consumers and suppliers, and for the purpose of securing economy and uniformity in operation; the establishment and maintenance of a spirit of fraternity among its members by special intercourse and friendly exchange of information.

Several cities will compete for the next annual meeting.

Rate Conference April 18.

The next conference between the State Freight Rate Commission and representatives of the railroads will be held in Raleigh, April 18th, according to announcement made by E. J. Justice, chairman of the commission, "at which time the commission will have data in hand sufficient to indicate to the railroads just what it considers to be fair," said Mr. Justice.

He stated also that the commission believed that the data which experts have secured will be sufficient to support any requests for rate adjustments which the commission may ask. Mr. Justice is hopeful that the adjustment may be reached at the conference set for the 18th.

New Postmasters For North Carolina

Recommendations for postmasters went into Postmaster General Burleson in a shower. The following named were endorsed for North Carolina offices: By Representative Page—Robert B. Terry, at Hamlet; S. Vance Scott, Sanford; S. S. Lockhardt, Wadesboro; Richard A. Burton, Mt. Glead. By Representative Webb—J. H. Weddington, Charlotte. By Representative Doughton—Virgil D. Guier, Lenoir; J. D. Biven, Albemarle. By Representative Gudger—D. J. Kerr, Canton; W. C. Hall, Black Mountain; W. H. Stearnes, Tryon, and Plato Rollins, Rutherfordton.

State Chamber of Commerce.

At a well-attended meeting of the directors of the state chamber of commerce at Greensboro, Hubert Ramseur, president of the Fayetteville chamber, was elected as the state secretary. Mr. Ramseur will devote his energies toward the organization, the purpose of which is to get the business interests of the state behind important movements, such as affect immigration, freight rates and other matters which will contribute to the growth of business. He plans to visit all the larger cities of the state.

Macadam Road For Stanley.

Making preparations to build the first mile of macadam roads ever constructed in Stanley county, two members of the highway commission of Stanley journeyed to Charlotte by automobile from Albemarle to inspect Mecklenburg's roads and to secure advice as to the purchase of equipment. They were Messrs. W. H. L. Mann and A. F. Biles, and they were accompanied by Mr. N. C. Cranford, superintendent of the chain gang, and by Mr. Ed Miller who drove the party there in his car.

Governor Makes Appointments.

Governor Craig appointed as members of state board of accountancy, created by the last legislature, G. G. Scott of Charlotte and M. R. Lynch of High Point, for terms of three years, J. D. Hightower for two years and David Stener of Greensboro for one year. Their duties will be to examine applicants for license to become public accountants, and they will receive \$10 each day for services. Applicants will pay a license fee of \$25; revenue in excess of pay of the board going into the state treasury.

OFFICERS FIRST N. C BRIGADE

Announcement Made of Appointments
By Governor Craig—Brig. Gen.
Royster is Commander.

Raleigh.—Adjutant General Young has announced the long list of appointments on his military staff by Gov. Craig, a feature very gratifying to the guardsmen throughout the state, being that many of the officers identified with the service for a number of years past are retained. The appointments follow:

First Brigade—Brig. Gen. B. S. Royster, Buford.

Quartermaster Corps—Col. L. S. Bristol, Statesville; Majors J. S. Poydon, H. S. Leard, Raleigh; Baxter Durham, Raleigh; Captains, W. T. Whitten, Raleigh; Herman Stanley, Mount Airy; J. D. Ford, Statesville; Walter Craven, Huntersville; A. G. Myers, Gastonia; R. H. DeButts, Charlotte; James H. Wood, Asheville; Thomas Moore, Hillsboro; First Lieut. John Waddington, Wildwood.

Ordnance Department—Majors J. W. Bizzell, Goldsboro; J. B. Thomas, Lenoir; J. Leigh Skinner, Raleigh; Thomas Orell, Wilmington; R. G. Gladstone, Reidsville; D. P. Smith, Raleigh; Hugh A. Love, Waynesville.

Inspector General—Thomas Stringfield, Waynesville, with rank of colonel; Lieut. Cols. W. L. McGee, Franklinton; Henry D. Harper, Kinston; Maj. J. W. Dalton, Winston-Salem.

Paymaster General—George L. Peterson, Clinton; Majors Gaston Battle, Rocky Mount; E. A. Hawes, Jr., Atkinson; Capt. A. H. Robinson, Clinton.

Engineers—Lieut. Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt, Chapel Hill; Major Wentworth Pierce, Goldsboro; Capt. Perrin C. Cottrhan, Raleigh; First Lieut. Newell H. Morgan, Goldsboro.

Medical Department—Majors Eugene V. Glenn, Asheville; A. R. Winston, Franklinton; J. W. McGowan, Fayetteville; H. I. Clark, Scotland Neck; Francis J. Clemenger, Asheville; E. C. Boyette, Charlotte; Captains M. B. Abernathy, Reidsville; William C. Horton, Raleigh; H. A. Newell, Lenoir; Reuben A. Campbell, Statesville; First Lieut. Herbert J. Haywood, Raleigh; Ralph S. Stevens, Raleigh; Edwin F. Fenner, Henderson; John Tinsley, Greensboro; R. L. McGeehan, Raleigh; Henry Norris, Rutherfordton; M. Lynch, Asheville.

Dental Corps—Burrill H. Hall, Asheville; S. Robert Horton, Raleigh; Benjamin J. Durham, Asheville.

Genee Could Not Come, Bonci Did.

Genee, the great danseuse, who was to appear in Charlotte on the night of the 12th under the auspices of the Charlotte Musical Association, wired Mr. Ralph Van Landingham, business manager, that she was too unwell to fill her engagement. Mr. Van Landingham, for the musical association, wired insisting that she keep her contract. Telegrams went back and forth. Genee finally wired: "On account of health have cancelled all engagements East. Am returning to England." At first the association was in despair, as Genee was to be the third and last of the series of attractions for the season, but the suggestion came that an effort be made to have the season ticket which included Genee, include Bonci, the great singer who has a date at the Academy later in the month. Bonci's representative was wired and the arrangement made so the holders of season tickets heard Bonci instead of seeing Genee.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

The following charters were granted by J. Bryan Grimes, secretary of state: The Realty Exchange, Inc., of Winston-Salem, with capital stock of \$125,000 and \$10,000 subscribed for. The Wagoner Realty Company, of Concord, with \$50,000 capital stock, and \$5,000 subscribed by C. B. Wagoner, H. M. Propp and John Fox, all of Concord.

Iredell Bonds Were Sold.

The Iredell county commissioners sold the last \$125,000 of the Iredell road bonds to the Security Trust Co., of Spartanburg, S. C. There were a number of bidders for the bonds, but the bid of the Spartanburg concern which offered a premium of \$1,250, or one per cent of the bonds was considered best.

D. C. To Meet At Kinston.

April 26, when district meetings will be held in 16 cities of the state by the Daughters of the Confederacy, the A. M. Waddell Chapter at Kinston will entertain the representatives from Newbern, Washington and Morehead City. The district meetings were decided upon at the last state convention, in Salisbury, and the 26th of this month was designated in honor of Mrs. William Parsley, founder of the U. D. C. work in North Carolina. The meeting in Kinston will be confined to one day.

Receiver Has Been Appointed.

The corporation commission has procured the appointment of Charles Ross, receiver of the Bank of Angier, one of the three state's Trust Company banks the commission has closed for irregularities. Receivers for MacClesfield and Claremont banks will be procured at once. It develops that while the States Trust Company had only opened banks at the three places, they had an effort under way to open banks and sell State's Trust Company stock in at least 20 other small towns in the state.

TARIFF CHANGES TOLD IN DETAIL

New Democratic Measure Aimed
at Reducing Rates in Favor of
Consumers Introduced

PROVISIONS MADE FOR RECIPROCITY

Washington, April 8.—With the opening of the special session of Congress the Democrats introduced their long-heralded bill revising the tariff.

It is a measure designed to make good their promise to the country to reduce the cost of living by removing or sharply reducing the duties on the necessities of life and the products controlled by the trusts. Urged on by President Wilson, they have added to the free list many of the products that enter into the ordinary market basket and slashed the duties on articles that contribute to the warmth and comfort of the workingman and the average American.

The loss in revenue through the cuts on the necessities of life and other items, amounting in all to about \$120,000,000, is made up by the imposition of an income tax.

The following tables and schedules will illustrate the workings of the proposed measure:

TARIFF READJUSTMENTS.

The new rates would reduce the Government's customs revenue \$120,000,000 a year, a sum which it is proposed shall be made up through the new tax on incomes.

The avowed purpose of the measure is to put the burden of governmental expense upon the wealthy and by reducing the price of necessities lower the cost of living for the poor.

The metals schedule—Steel rails free. Steel and iron wire, now 35 per cent, to 20 per cent.; forgings, now 30 per cent, to 15 per cent.

Machinery to be generally reduced. Automobiles unchanged. Steam engines and machine tools reduced from 30 per cent to 15 per cent.

Sugar to be on the free list in 1915. An immediate reduction of 25 per cent. is proposed.

Woolen cloths, knit fabrics and manufactured goods to be reduced from 55 per cent. to 35 per cent.

Cotton cloth is reduced from 30 and 40 per cent. to 7 1/2 and 27 1/2 per cent.

Meats are to be on the free list. Rates on live stock to be reduced generally, cattle from 27 1/2 per cent. to 10 per cent.; sheep from \$1.50 each to 10 per cent.; poultry from 3 cents to 1 cent a pound; horses from 25 to 10 per cent.; swine from \$1.50 a head to be free.

Wood pulp will come in free. Print papers at 2 1/2 cents a pound or less are also on the free list.

Silk goods are reduced from 70 cents and \$4 a pound to 45 per cent.; ribbons from 50 to 40 per cent. and partially manufactured silk goods from 35 cents a pound to 15 per cent.

Linen fabrics are cut from 60 per cent. to 45 per cent. Handkerchiefs reduced from 50 per cent. to 35 per cent.

The Income Tax.

The income tax bill provides a graduated tax upon every resident of the United States whose income is over \$4,000 a year.

In all cases the first \$4,000 of income is exempted from taxation.

From \$4,000 to \$20,000 the rate is 1 per cent. Thus on an income of \$20,000 the tax would be \$160.

From \$20,000 \$50,000 a surtax of 1 per cent. is added, and from \$50,000 to \$100,000 a surtax of 2 per cent.

On incomes in excess of \$100,000 a surtax of 3 per cent. is added. Thus on an income of \$1,000,000 a year the tax would be \$38,200.

The bill would repeal the present corporation tax law imposing a 1 per cent. tax on the earnings of corporations and stock companies.

The salaries of the President of the United States, Federal Judges and all State officers and employes are exempted from the income tax.

Administration.

These are the principal changes proposed:—

Trade with the Philippine Islands is placed upon an absolute free basis.

Commercial relations with Cuba are not changed.

The President is urged to make reciprocity treaties. These must be ratified by a majority of both houses of Congress. The Senate thereby loses its exclusive power to ratify trade treaties.

The income tax is collectible at the source of income. Thus stock owners will receive dividends less the Government tax.

WHAT WEALTHY MEN MUST PAY

Based on 4 per cent. on incomes exceeding \$100,000, taxes of some of the wealthier men and estates in the country are estimated as follows:

| Taxpayer | Income | Tax |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------|
| J. D. Rockefeller | \$50,000,000 | \$1,998,260 |
| Wm. Rockefeller | 20,000,000 | 798,260 |
| Andrew Carnegie | 15,000,000 | 598,260 |
| Henry C. Frick | 5,000,000 | 198,260 |
| Henry Phipps | 5,000,000 | 198,260 |
| George F. Baker | 5,000,000 | 198,260 |
| Wm. A. Clark | 4,000,000 | 158,260 |
| W. K. Vanderbilt | 2,500,000 | 98,260 |
| Isaac Stephenson | 3,700,000 | 148,260 |
| J. J. Hill | 3,500,000 | 138,260 |
| W. W. Astor | 3,500,000 | 138,260 |
| Mrs. Hetty Green | 3,000,000 | 118,260 |
| W. H. Moore | 2,500,000 | 98,260 |
| Arthur C. James | 2,500,000 | 98,260 |
| Thomas F. Ryan | 2,500,000 | 98,260 |
| J. O. Armour | 2,250,000 | 88,260 |
| Edward Morris | 2,250,000 | 88,260 |
| Daniel G. Reid | 1,000,000 | 38,260 |
| Marshall Field est. | 6,000,000 | 238,260 |
| J. P. Morgan est. | 7,000,000 | 288,260 |
| E. Harriman est. | 3,400,000 | 134,260 |
| Russell Sage est. | 3,200,000 | 126,260 |
| John J. Astor est. | 3,500,000 | 138,260 |
| J. S. Kennedy est. | 3,250,000 | 128,260 |
| Jay Gould estate. | 3,500,000 | 138,260 |
| W. Weightman est. | 2,500,000 | 98,260 |
| C. Vanderbilt est. | 2,500,000 | 98,260 |
| Robt Goellet est. | 3,000,000 | 118,260 |
| Ogden Goellet est. | 3,000,000 | 118,260 |
| Guggenheim est. | 2,500,000 | 98,260 |

INCOME TAX TABLE.

| Income. | Tax. |
|-----------|--------|
| \$4,000 | \$1 |
| 5,000 | 10 |
| 6,000 | 20 |
| 7,000 | 30 |
| 8,000 | 40 |
| 9,000 | 50 |
| 10,000 | 60 |
| 11,000 | 70 |
| 12,000 | 80 |
| 13,000 | 90 |
| 14,000 | 100 |
| 15,000 | 110 |
| 16,000 | 120 |
| 17,000 | 130 |
| 18,000 | 140 |
| 19,000 | 150 |
| 20,000 | 160 |
| 30,000 | 360 |
| 50,000 | 760 |
| 100,000 | 2,260 |
| 1,000,000 | 38,260 |

CLOTHING RATES REDUCED IN BILL.

The following table shows the reduction in clothing:

| Present Rate | Proposed Rate |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Spool thread | 22.95 15 |
| Cotton cloth | 42.74 26.69 |
| Cotton clothing | 50 30 |
| Hosiery | 75.58 50 |
| Cotton gloves | 89.17 35 |
| Underwear | 60.27 25 |
| Collars and cuffs | 49.10 30 |
| Blankets | 72.69 25 |
| Flannel | 93.29 30 |
| Readymade clothing | 79.56 35 |
| Dress goods | 99.70 35 |
| Combed wool | 105 p.c. 15 p.c. |
| Knit fabrics | 97 p.c. 35 p.c. |
| Suspenders, ribbons | 83 p.c. 35 p.c. |
| Curtains and table covers | 50 p.c. 35 p.c. |

ARTICLES PUT ON FREE LIST IN NEW BILL.

The proposed tariff law would place the following articles on the free list:—

Raw wool.

Meat, flour and bread.

Boots, shoes, harness and leather.

Corn, cornmeal, salt and swine.

Potatoes, milk and cream.

Agricultural implements, typewriters, cash registers and linotype machines.

Bibles.

Sewing machines.

Various acids used in trades.

Nails and steel rails.

Lumber and lumber products.

Iron ore and coal.

Wood pulp and printing paper under 2 1/2 cents the pound.

Sugar (after 1916).

TO CUT COST OF LIVING.

| Old Rate. | New Rate. |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Eggs | 36.38 14.29 |
| Fresh Vegetables | 25.00 15.00 |
| Swine | 15.81 Free |
| Cattle | 27.07 10.00 |
| Bread and biscuit | Free |
| Not sweetened | 20.00 Free |
| Buckwheat flour | 25.00 Free |
| Wheat flour | 25.00 Free |
| Rye flour | 25.00 Free |
| Fish, all kinds | 24.51 Free |
| Meats, all kinds | 35.00 Free |
| Bran and wheat screenings | 20.00 Free |
| Butter, lb., in cents | .06 .03 |
| Beans, lb., in cents | .45 .25 |
| Apples, peaches, etc., per bushel | .25 .10 |

LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

Latest News of General Interest That
Has Been Collected From Many
Towns and Counties.

Durham.—The board of aldermen which is now in charge of the affairs of this city have about abandoned the project of erecting an abattoir for Durham, although this work has already been ordered by the board.

Raleigh.—Editor Archibald Johnson of Charity and Children is commissioned by Governor Craig as director of the state school for the blind at Raleigh. He succeeds Editor Boylin, deceased, of Wadesboro.

Statesville.—The Iredell-Alexander Medical Society met in Statesville recently. A goodly number of doctors from the two counties were in attendance, but nothing of general public interest was done.

Henderson.—An election was held on the bond issue of \$100,000 for permanent street building and improvement, resulting in an overwhelming majority for the bonds. Henderson Township voted a \$20,000 bond issue for enlarged graded school facilities, which also carried by a decisive majority.

Asheville.—From the remnant of the Asheville Methodist Episcopal church, North, which disintegrated twenty years ago, the First Methodist Episcopal church, of Asheville, is being organized. Rev. Charles B. Roach, of Minerva, O., is now in the city for the purpose of organizing the church of which he will be pastor.

Monroe.—The 15-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinson fell against a heater and her clothing caught fire. The child was so badly burned that she died from the injuries within a few hours. The mother was out in the yard at the time, returning to the house too late to save her child.

Washington.—Col. William H. Osborn of Greensboro, N. C., who is slated to become commissioner of internal revenue, recently conferred with Secretary McAdoo of the treasury department, over the duties of his prospective position. It is expected that he will be nominated to relieve Royal E. Cabell within a few days.

Charlotte.—Charlotte is to invite the Southern Educational Conference that meets this month in Richmond, Va., to assemble next year in the Queen City. More than 150 letters were sent out from the office of the Greater Charlotte Club to leading educators and prominent citizens generally throughout the state urging them to join hands with Charlotte in making the invitation a very pressing one.

Wilson.—Two business buildings on North Tarboro street were completely gutted by fire several days ago. The fire was discovered in the Hines barber shop and the furniture and fixtures are a total loss. The fire burned through into the Wilson Steam Cleaning and Dye Works and all of the machinery is ruined with a severe loss on fixtures.

Raleigh.—For the fourth time the case of B. F. Penny vs. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company from New Hanover county is remanded by the supreme court for a new trial, the case having been pending in the courts for 15 years. Mr. Penny, at the time a merchant of Wilmington, was seriously wounded as he was stepping from a Coast Line train near Wilmington by a stray bullet intended for another.

Greensboro.—The Guilford county commissioners responded to an appeal from the citizens in the north-western section of the county to build a macadam or sand-clay road from Summerfield to the Rockingham county line. By so doing it is believed the travel along the national highway will be diverted from Winston-Salem, since the new link will give a perfect and much shorter route from Stoneville, Va., via Summerfield, to Greensboro.

Whiteville.—Two whiskey stills were captured a few days ago at Kingsville, about four miles from Pileway, by Deputy Sheriffs Ring, Seals and Olin Combie. Eight gallons of beer was found, which was emptied on the ground. When Deputy Seals and his party had gone about two miles with the stills they were fired on by three young men, one of whom Mr. Jacobs was shot up pretty badly and captured. The others escaped.

Salisbury.—Salisbury is to have the Australian ballot system and it will be used for the first time in the municipal election May 6th. The act was passed at the last session of the legislature. A new registration is required in order to vote the first time under the new system.

Salisbury.—The executive committee of the North Carolina Press Association has been called to meet in Salisbury. The meeting was delayed on account of the death of R. M. Phillips, a member of the body. Other members of the executive committee are expected at the meeting.

Troy.—In the election held here recently a \$25,000 bond issue for schools carried by a good majority. The bonds are to be sold at once and a new building erected with the proceeds. It is hoped to have the new building ready for the fall opening of school.

Hickory.—The teachers of the city schools held an interesting meeting here in which some changes and suggestions were adopted. In the three primary grades of the city schools are enrolled 292 pupils; in the four grammar grades, 241; and in the four high school grades 130.