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### JURY RETURNS THEIR VERDICT

#### Wilmington Jury Returns a Verdict of Murder in the First Degree

### THE JURY OUT 16 HOURS

J. C. Holly Convicted in the First Degree for the Murder of Edmund Crowell—Judge Foshee Presiding—Verdict Received With Much Interest.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 2.—After deliberating 16 hours the jury in the case of J. C. Holly, white, murder trial, returned to the court this morning, Judge Foshee presiding, and returned a verdict of murder in the first degree.

The verdict was received with intense interest and seemed to meet with public approval. Holly was born at Hook Springs Hotel, here last year. It was charged that he poisoned with strychnine, Edward Crowell, white, sixteen years of age, Holly's ward. Holly had \$2,500 insurance on the boy's life, this developed the motive for murder and strychnine was found in the boy's stomach.

It was proved that Holly purchased strychnine several times before the boy's death.

There was a charge of arson against Holly as the hotel was set fire the night of the murder. It was charged that Holly set the hotel on fire to hide the murder of the boy whose death occurred several hours before the fire. The evidence of incendiarism proved Holly would have been tried on arson charge if verdict of first degree murder had not been returned. Case will go down as one of the most famous in state criminal annals.

Holly's attorneys will give notice of appeal to the supreme court for new trial tomorrow.

### FARMERS' MEETING

The Largest Attendance in the History of the Organization Here Today.

The Beaufort County Farmers' Union met at the courthouse this morning. Farmers from all sections of the county are in attendance and from reports is the largest and most enthusiastic yet held by this well-known organization.

A full report of the meeting will appear in tomorrow's paper. The Farmers' Union is doing a fine work in this section and this paper wishes it every success.

Is an Artist.

Mr. Frank Moss of the Moss Flaming Mill is quite an artist in the way of constructing unique novelties for the home. He was showing on yesterday a waste basket that would do credit to a master mechanic. It must be soon to be appreciated.

We find it hard to get rid of the penitent feeling produced by the name of the new senator from New Jersey.

**Cotton Market**  
Sea cotton, 5.40.  
Upland, 15.85.  
Cotton seed per ton, \$30.00.

### LOOK OUT FOR NO. 1

Never lose sight of the fact that you have your own way to make in the world and that no one feels disposed to help a man who does not help himself.

It is very pleasant to be a "good fellow" and spend money freely, but you will find many more people willing to accept your generosity than willing to help you when you need it. Don't forget your own interests. Own your home. I have four residences for sale at very reasonable prices, which will yield a good rate of interest on the investment, also rapidly enhance in value.

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## ALLOVER EMBROIDERIES

Neat Patterns in Swiss or Nainsook For Spring Dresses

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### BALTIMORE AFTER OUR TRADE

To Give North State Merchants Free Trip, Via Norfolk, in Spring

Baltimore, Feb. 1.—To convince merchants in North Carolina that Baltimore has the best market in the world, the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association has decided on a new line of policy. Every merchant in North Carolina will be invited to come here this spring at the expense of the association.

The first of these trips will be on February 27. The train will leave Baltimore in the morning and will gather the excursionists all along the line of the seaboard to Norfolk, where a boat to this city will be provided. The second party will come on March 7. This will be over the Atlantic Coast Line and will have its start from Wilmington. It also will run to Norfolk and will pick up passengers along the way. It will come on the bay on the Merchants' and Military Steamers.

The third excursion will be March 13, starting from Charlotte. It will come over the Southern Railway and will use the steamers of the Chesapeake Steamship Company from Norfolk.

**Club Practice.**  
There will be a meeting of the Episcopal church choir this evening at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

**Matinee Tomorrow.**  
Tomorrow the Gem will be open in the afternoon from 3 to 5. This gives the children another opportunity to see the pictures that can't get out in the evening.

Reading from their program they have a very interesting one and something that will please them.

### DIX IS DISTURBED

#### Both Factions To Force Him to Take Sides

#### IN NEW YORK SENATORIAL FIGHT

There is Still No Evidence of a Break in the New York Situation, and Interest in the Contest Seems to be on the Wane—The Governor Much Wrought Up Over Opposition to His Pet Measures.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Governor Dix is much disturbed over the opposition to his pet measures which has suddenly developed in the ranks of the insurgents. One one hand Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany leader, had threatened to hold up the governor's legislative program and block the much-talked-of business administration of Governor Dix unless the executive takes a hand and forces the election of William F. Sheehan to the United States senate. On the other hand the insurgents have already demonstrated their ability to deal adversely with the administration measures and have intimated that there will be a general hold-up coming if the governor does not stand by the insurgents.

As evidence of good faith on the part of the regulars the bill recommended by Governor Dix abolishing the State Highway Commission and the Canal Advisory Board have already been introduced. These have received the support of Tammany, possibly because they will throw into the hands of contractors friendly to Tammany interests contracts worth nearly \$150,000,000.

Immediately following the introduction of the two bills Assemblyman John K. Evans, commonly known as the "master mind" of insurgency, who is chairman of the committee on internal affairs, set February 28 as the date for the hearing upon those measures.

Under Governor Dix's plan, canal and highway contracts will be let in the future by State Engineer Bessel, a Tammany man.

Interest in the senatorial deadlock has begun to wane. Before the legislature convened today it was expected that there would be no break in the deadlock.

### PETITIONS AGAIN FLOOD SENATE

#### A Bill By Spainhour to Provide Primary Elections in the State

### TO PROHIBIT CARTOONS

Bill Presented to Make Efficient the Prohibition Law of the State—Injustice Done to the Pauper Counties—To Create the County of Brunswick—Many Other Matters Considered.

**The House.**  
Petrol: From railroad employees asking the Railroad Relief Association to be prohibited.

**Battle:** From factory employees regarding hours of labor.

To amend the fertilizer law of 1907.

**Judiciary No. 1.**  
To allow cities and towns to amend and frame their own charters. (500 copies ordered printed.)

To amend the anti-trust law of 1907.

To provide for docketing of cruelty charges for partition proceedings.

To amend the law relating to trespass.

To amend the 1909 law regarding the Wilmington recorder's court.

**Public Buildings.**  
To erect a woman's building at Soldiers' Home. Referred to committee on appropriations.

**Bills Introduced.**  
Connor: To prevent frauds on merchants.

Gay: To amend the divorce law of the revival.

Swartz: To make effective the prohibition laws of this state.

Taylor of Brunswick: To amend the revival so as to give towns and cities power to operate and maintain waterworks and other public facilities.

As to Pauper Counties.  
Mr. Taylor of Brunswick, arising to a question of personal privilege, called attention to the list of alleged pauper counties filed by the state treasurer. He said the list included many counties that would not be there if the figures were to show the amount of corporation tax paid direct by the county into the state treasury. Brunswick would not be excluded by this rule but a great many counties would. But Brunswick was paying its proportionate part of taxes, compared with other counties. It had no large industrial city, but has a large county, with small population, having a great deal of waste and marsh land. It was near the scene of the hostilities during the war, and had many old soldiers or their widows on the pension list. The climate was conducive to longevity and these widows and veterans lived to a ripe old age, as did other Brunswick people.

It was largely due to the fact that Brunswick received more money from the state treasury in pensions alone, than it paid into the state treasury; that it was classed as a pauper county. Property was assessed at as fair a value as property in other counties of the state and it paid taxes in proportion to other counties. There was no response to Mr. Taylor.

**The Senate.**  
Graham of Orange: From a citizen of Orange county to prevent frequent change of location and prohibit cartoons in newspapers.

Slakes of Wake: From citizens of White Oak township Guilford, asking for appropriation for hog cholera serum.

Starbuck of Forsyth: Joint resolution inviting non-residents from the northwest to visit North Carolina during October of each year.

**Bills Ratified.**  
Amend chapter 499, public laws of 1909.

Prevent fraudulent additions to deeds and other instruments.

Equalize assessments against property owners in paying.

### CENSUS DEVICES DEALT'S CLEER

Woman Operating a Tabulating Machine Badly Hurt

Washington, Feb. 2.—The power-driven tabulating machinery of the census bureau was credited with its first accident yesterday when Miss Alice V. Houghton a clerk was scalped by the instrument at which she was employed. Her hair became entangled in the rollers and her scalp in cluding her eyebrows was stripped off. The doctors took one hundred stitches. They believe the girl will recover and probably save her hair.

An investigation looking to the installation of safety devices will be made.

### TO RESUME SUNDAY

Y. M. C. I. MEETINGS

There was a meeting of the executive committee of the Young Men's Christian League at their rooms in the Houghton building yesterday. After a full discussion it was decided to begin the regular Sunday afternoon services the second Sunday in this month.

The city is to be divided into several districts and a canvass made looking towards securing a good attendance at each service.

**of Ransom out of Wake, Johnson, Franklin and Wilson counties.**

**Thorne of Nash:** Extends privilege of exchanging free transportation upon railroads in this state to other common carriers, amending section 1109 of Revised of 1905.

**Two Bills Reported Unfavorably.**  
The bills to validate the probates and registration of deeds and other instruments and to empower the commissioners of Camden and Currituck counties to establish boundary lines were reported unfavorably.

### THIRTY ARE DEAD

#### Three Hundred Are Hurt by Dynamite Explosion

#### AND \$750,000 DAMAGE DONE

New York City Rocked by Force of Jersey City Catastrophe and Hundreds of Buildings Were Damaged. Terrible Havoc Wrought by Shock. People Flee to the Streets in Panic.

New York, Feb. 2.—A cargo of dynamite in transit from a freight car to the hold of a lighter moored at pier No. 7, Communipaw, N. J., let go at just one minute past noon today. 50 yards south of the Jersey City terminal of the Central railroad of New Jersey and in the widespread ruin that followed seven men are known to have been killed, seven more are missing hundreds were wounded and varying reports leave from fifteen to twenty more unaccounted for.

Thirty seems to be a conservative estimate of the dead, and property damage will hardly fall below \$750,000.

The cause of the explosion is variously attributed to the dropping of a case of dynamite and to a boiler explosion on a boat. Just what was the direct cause probably never will be known.

The Jersey Central Terminal was wrecked; three ferries on the slips were torn and splintered; lower Manhattan, across the river was shaken from the street level to the top of the Singer tower; severe damage was done in Brooklyn and Staten Island, and in the immigrant detention station on Ellis Island; the shock was felt at Amityville, Long Island 35 miles distant, and in New Jersey at Long Branch, 45 miles away. The damage is so widely scattered that it is impossible to more than roughly estimate it, but in Manhattan alone it is placed at \$100,000, on Ellis Island at from \$10,000 to \$25,000, and in all three quarters of a million appears to be a fair estimate.

In New York the terror was intensified by uncertainty. For half an hour nobody knew what had happened or where it had happened.

Literally acres of glass were broken. Eighteen windows were smashed in the Standard Oil Company build-

### TO PRESERVE THE FORESTS

#### The North Carolina Forestry Convention Has Been Organized

### D. H. HILL PRESIDENT

Session of Forestry Convention in Raleigh Results in the Organization of the North Carolina Association. The Meeting Was Largely Attended.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 2.—At the close of the forestry convention tonight, the North Carolina Forestry association was organized with the election of Dr. D. H. Hill, president of the A. & M. College, as president and State Forester J. S. Holmes as secretary-treasurer. The president was authorized to appoint an executive committee of seven including himself and the secretary-treasurer, and a vice president to be appointed from each of the thirty-eight senatorial districts.

Fire wardens are to be appointed in every township or county requesting it, their compensation by counties to be for actual services only. The executive committee is to appoint a sub-committee to draft a constitution and report at the next meeting subject to the call of the president.

The object of the association is to protect and preserve forests of North Carolina and the General Assembly will be asked to enact legislation that will have this effect. The association adopted resolutions urging the passage of a general state stock law and recommending that forestry be taught in the A. & M. College and in the principles in the public schools.

In Trinity church a valuable stained glass window was strewn in the aisles.

Strange to say, office buildings on the water front streets in New York were no more jarred than those on the further side of Broadway, in Wall street, Nassau street, on the curb market row, or the Stock Exchange itself.

A plate glass window in the rear of the Stock Exchange was smashed, and in the aquarium at the southernmost part of the island 12 windows and 25 skylights were broken.

Nearly every structure from Fulton street south suffered in some manner.

### BENEFIT TONIGHT

For the Benefit of the Volunteer Hose Company.

Tonight at the Gem Theatre there will be a benefit given for the Volunteer Hose Company No. 1 of this city. In addition to the attractive pictures a fine musical program will be rendered by local talent. The Forbes Orchestra will render the instrumental music.

Among the features will be a concert solo "Calvary" by Mr. Shelby Jones.

Vocal duet by Miss Ada Rhodes and Mr. William Harding, "Every Little Movement."

"The Dollar Princess" by the orchestra.

Other interesting features will be introduced.

The entire program will doubtless prove interesting and entertaining to all who attend.

The benefit is for a worthy cause and should be generously patronized. The admission will be the same as heretofore.

### PRIDE AND WHISKEY

Caused Man at New Orleans to Take Own Life.

New Orleans, Feb. 2.—E. L. Cain, 35 years old, of MeComb City, Miss. committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid in a boarding house here this afternoon. Cain left a note in which he said "pride and whiskey were the cause."

It is ungrateful in Champ Clark to repudiate the mules.

### SHIPS COLLIDE AT MOBILE

Two Steamers Were Severely Damaged.

Mobile, Feb. 2.—A Norwegian steamer, the *Uplands*, bound from Progreso to Mobile and the Swedish steamer *Uplands*, Capt. Pearson, outward bound with a cargo of lumber for Beaufort Ayres, collided in the Mobile ship channel yesterday morning. Both vessels were severely damaged.

The *Uplands* after being turned in the lower bay, returned to port. The iron stem of the *Nor* was smashed in the water line nearly to the deck and a big hole was jammed in the port side of the *Uplands* near the bow, some plates being cracked to the water's edge.

The damage will amount to several thousand dollars.

The accident is said to have been due to a sudden sheer which the *Nor* took to port as the vessels approached one another.

### OPERATED ON

Son of Mr. J. W. Ferrell Successfully Operated on by Dr. H. W. Carter

J. W. Ferrell, Jr., of this city was operated on at the Fowie Memorial Hospital yesterday by Dr. H. W. Carter, assisted by Dr. John C. Rodman of this city and Dr. Charles O. Laughinghouse of Greenville. The operation was for mastoiditis.

The Daily News is glad to know that the operation was successful and the patient is getting on nicely.

### Schooner Gold Mine

The schooner Gold Mine of Hyde county, Capt. Leroy Pedrick in command, was here on yesterday loaded with corn. She left this morning loaded with merchandise consigned to merchants in that county.

### MR. CLARK'S CALL

#### Wants Democratic Caucus on Reciprocity

#### HIS INDIFFERENCE VERY COSTLY

Many of the Southern Democrats Will Ignore His Call and Disregard Him as Minority Leader—Are Angry Because Clark Endorsed the Taft Tariff Board Bill.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Champ Clark has sent out hurry calls to the democratic representatives requesting them to hold state caucuses on the subject of Canadian reciprocity.

Many of the Southern democrats, however, intend to ignore his call, and disregard him as minority leader. The reason they assign is the fact that Clark saw fit to endorse the Taft tariff board bill, without consulting them about it. They are angry with the Missouriian because of this.

There is another reason for the disaffection of the southerners, particularly the Louisiana delegation. They claim Clark did not "turn a finger" in favor of New Orleans for the 1915 Panama exposition.

While the administration was actively lining up San Francisco, Clark refused to use his influence with the democrats in favor of the Crescent City.

They declare his indifference will cost him the support of many southern states for the presidential nomination in 1912.

### Grafting is Charged

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 2.—In making a fight for the repeal of the 1909 law allowing sheriffs \$30 each for blockade stills broken up, as it applies to Cherokee county, Representative Dillard charged in the house yesterday that Deputy sheriffs in his county have "grafted" his county out of \$1,800 for fees of this kind when in reality there had not been more than two distilleries in whole county within two years. No action was taken on the bill.

### ADVERTISE IN THE NEWS

### THE GEM THEATRE

To begin the New Year with, we have some superbly excellent pictures that will delight the most blasé of theatregoers—they are the following:

THE FAUNSHOP (Dramatic.)  
TERRORS OF THE PLAINS (Dramatic.)  
WHEN THE WORLD SLEEPS (Comedy.)  
Once you visit the "GEM" you'll make it a practice to do there every time you return to the city.

### THE COMMITTEE MAKES A REPORT

#### Favorable to the Annex For the Old Soldiers' Home at Raleigh

### DAUGHTERS ASK PASSAGE

The Committee From Daughters of the Confederacy Appeared, Asking for Passage of McMill Bill—Annex to Home for Wives and Widows of Confederate Veterans.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 2.—The bill of Representative A. D. McGill of Cumberland, to provide for the opening of the Soldiers' Home to the wives and widows who were married to Confederate soldiers between 1861 and 1868, the sum of \$5,000 for erection of a dormitory and \$5,000 annually for the maintenance of the same was given a hearing yesterday afternoon in the auditor's office before the joint committee on Soldiers' Home and Pensions for Confederate soldiers.

After considerable discussion on bill, the committee decided to report it favorably, the committee voting for the bill unanimously. Speeches were made by Col. Ashley Horne, General Julian S. Carr, Dr. E. W. Sikes and other members. Before the committee appeared Mrs. Hunter G. Smith of Fayetteville and a committee from the North Carolina Division of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

A Rare Treat Awaited All Who Hoped to Attend the Lecture.

Dr. J. N. McCormick is to lecture in this city on Saturday evening in the courthouse. His subject will be "Things About Doctors that Doctors and other people ought to know."

The address will be delivered under the auspices of the Beaufort County Medical Association. Not only is every male citizen of Washington urged to be present but every lady and especially those of the Women's Betterment Association. Dr. McCormick comes to Washington bearing with him the highest endorsement not only as a physician of note but as a platform speaker. This distinguished speaker deserves a large audience and the Daily News hopes that every one interested in this great theme will avail themselves of this rare opportunity.

### LEGAL PRIMARY

A Draft of a Bill to be Drawn and Published in the Newspapers

At a meeting of the bar of this county held on yesterday to fix the calendar for the February term of Beaufort county superior court a committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Harry McMullan, J. D. Grimes and E. A. Daniels to draft a bill to be introduced in the present General Assembly for a legal primary for Beaufort county. As soon as this bill is drawn and published it will be published in the newspapers of the county so as to enlighten the citizens as to its purport.

Smith of New Jersey is a man of experience in politics and all he learned in his last fight was a Va experience.

### Tobacco Farm Help WANTED

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