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## NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

### Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

#### Judge Ward Threatened.

Asheville, Special.—Judge Ward arrested something of a stir in Superior Court shortly before adjournment when he announced from the bench that he had received through the mails a threatening anonymous communication and directing that the chief of police of the city be notified to appear in court with his police officers for such instructions as the court shall give. Judge Ward declared that the threatening communication would not deter him from his purpose to put a stop to lawlessness in Asheville and break up "blind tigers"—in fact, the court declared that it made him all the more determined and intimated that those appearing before him charged with the illicit selling of whiskey and racketeering would fare badly. The threatening letter was received by Judge Ward after a two days' trial of three men, Black, Doan and Watson, charged with maintaining a nuisance in the conduct of a soft drink establishment, ending with the conviction of the trio and the sentencing of each to two years on the county roads; but it is not believed the letter has any connection with the case. Just what the court will have to say to the city police force is not made known. It is intimated, however, that he intends giving them instructions to make a concerted and systematic raid on places where it has been rumored liquor is sold.

#### Sensation in Fayetteville.

Fayetteville, Special.—Jacob Hart, the white man drugged and robbed D. W. Parker, an upholsterer of this city Monday and afterward escaped was brought here and turned over to the police by Chief of Police Thomas of Aberdeen, having been captured there. Somewhat of a sensation was produced at the hearing of the alleged "blind tigers" arrested Sunday, that when Robert Clark, a Sunday, that man, swore on the witness stand, that he had purchased whiskey from Detective Morris, one of the three detectives who was employed by the Anti-Saloon League to ferret out the "tigers" and who is a star witness for the prosecution in trying the cases. It has been rumored that a warrant has been issued against one of the detectives but this rumor cannot be confirmed. Several other warrants have been served on alleged "blind tigers" and the offenders brought to bar.

#### Youth's Heart Cut Out.

Dallas, Special.—Cris Griggs, 17 years old, was killed here by Arthur Jarrett, twenty, of the same age, on Sunday. The killing occurred in front of Green Brown's store and the weapon used by Jarrett was a pocket knife, Griggs being cut thro' the heart and death being almost instantaneous. As soon as he had stabbed Griggs Jarrett ran to his father's home a short distance away, but with the aid of a number of deputies Sheriff Shuford soon had the house surrounded and Jarrett in custody. Sheriff Shuford got up from his bed, having been sick for some time, and by quick work had the boy's slayer in jail in a short time. Jarrett is the son of a merchant here, while Griggs' people are mill operatives here. It is alleged that Jarrett had made some slurring remarks about Griggs, which the latter resented when they met on the street. A quarrel followed, with the result given. No weapon was found on the dead boy's person. The killing created much excitement, as Dallas is usually a quiet and orderly town.

#### Orphan Asylum Physician's Statement.

Oxford, Special.—Dr. T. L. Booth issued the following statement: Only one new case of scarlet fever has appeared in the Oxford Orphan Asylum since Tuesday, November 10. The type continues very mild indeed.

T. L. BOOTH, Physician Oxford Orphan Asylum.

#### \$100,000 For the G. F. C. Endowment.

Asheville, Special.—Thursday's session of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference was interesting and important, the feature of the session being the voting by the conference that it would, as individual members, sign notes by which the one hundred thousand dollar endowment fund for Greensboro Female College would be secured, making it the only woman's college in Southern Methodism owned by the church with \$100,000 endowment. Only one vote was cast against the proposition.

#### Lewis Fletcher Hanged.

Charlotte, Special.—Facing the announcement of his death with nerve undimmed and practically without a tremor or a flinch Lewis Fletcher paid the penalty Friday morning for the murder of George Boyer on Sunday morning in September. The drop was made at 11:01 o'clock and at 11:15 the attending physicians pronounced that he was dead.

#### Two Convicts Escaped.

Raleigh, Special.—The penitentiary authorities give notice that two negroes, Henry Howard and John Stone, escaped from the State farm on the evening of the 18th instant. Howard was sentenced to the penitentiary on February 18th, 1907, for a term of three years for larceny. Stone was sentenced from Guilford county August 22d, 1904, for a term of two years for larceny. For the escape of each of these men there will be paid a reward of \$55 and all necessary expenses.

#### Salisbury Conference.

Salisbury, Special.—The Northern Conference of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod convened in annual session at Bethel, Rowan county, with a representative number of ministers and laymen in attendance. There are a number of important speakers of the program which will close Saturday with a Sunday School Normal conducted by Mrs. T. E. Johnson and others from Salisbury.

## REPUBLICAN PARTY

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#### Ex-Judge Walter A. Montgomery

issued his first booklet, containing a list of the North Carolina farms for sale in the tidewater section, the law requiring such publication. The booklet is handsomely illustrated. Others will follow containing lists of lands for sale in the coastal plain, the middle section, the Piedmont section and the mountain region.

#### A Man Aged 105 Dies in Haywood County.

Asheville, Special.—News has been received here of the death of Upper Pigeon, Haywood county, Thursday, of "Uncle" Henry Grogan, who passed to rest at the ripe age of almost 105. Had he lived until last Thursday he would have celebrated the 105th anniversary of his birth. Surviving are several children and a number of grand children and great grand children. Mr. Grogan was the oldest citizen of Haywood county since the death in that county a year or more ago, of "Uncle Ed" Messer, who went to rest at the age of 114. Mr. Grogan was a native of South Carolina, removing to Haywood county during the war of the States. He was an honest and upright citizen and had many friends in the western section of the State.

#### Detectives Are Arrested.

Fayetteville, Special.—M. L. Stanton and M. J. Morris, two of the anti-saloon league detectives who furnished information on which the eighteen alleged blind tigers have just been indicted, were arrested by Constable Goddard, charged with carrying concealed weapons. A revolver was found in the possession of Stanton, but kept at Gastonia, which they were both bound over to court by Magistrate McRae under a \$200 bond, which was furnished by City Attorney J. Sprunt Newton.

#### Crop Estimated at 600,000.

Raleigh, Special.—Commissioner of Agriculture William A. Graham, at the request of the Association of Commissioners of the Southern States estimated from reports to him the North Carolina cotton crop, putting it at 600,000 bales, a decrease of 16 per cent from last year's crop. This year's acreage is larger than last year.

#### State News Items.

Work has been commenced on the new freight depot at Gastonia, which the Southern Railway is to build to replace the one burned some months ago. Mr. J. E. McAllister, of Gastonia, has the contract for it. It will be rebuilt on the old site.

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens' Bank of Elizabeth City, Judge George W. Ward was elected a director to succeed the late Benjamin F. White.

A charter is granted the Shaper and White Hardware Company, Elizabeth City, \$25,000 capital stock.

#### Governor of Florida Will Open Cotton Convention.

Charlotte, S. C., Special.—Jim Gilmore, a young negro about 20 years old, was taken from the guard house in Luray, a small town in Hampton county, this State, after midnight and lynched by a party of enraged citizens. Gilmore had attempted to criminally assault one of the daughters of his employer, Mr. A. C. Pitts, a highly respected farmer, while the young lady and her sister were asleep Saturday night.

#### Lynched For Assault.

Durham, N. C., Special.—A message that was brought from Burlington said that while putting in the forms for the city waterworks reservoir, George W. Denny, of Durham, a carpenter 45 years old, was caught in a landslide and instantly killed. The accident occurred at 11 o'clock when a big force of hands was bracing the timbers to hold the earth back. The cave-in occurred when there was no possible way to avoid it.

#### Dynamite Kills One.

Brownsville, Pa., Special.—One man was blown to pieces and five others probably fatally injured when a quantity of dynamite exploded in the shaft of the Simpson coal mine, four miles south of here. The dead man is Eugene Campbell, a laborer of Uniontown, Pa. That the five injured men were not instantly killed is considered remarkable as they were blown sixty feet up the mine shaft and then fell to the bottom. It is believed most of the injured will die.

#### New York Bonds.

New York, Special.—Comptroller Metz hopes to have something to be thankful for as a result of the sale of a new issue of \$12,500,000 in 4 per cent New York city bonds. Twelve millions will run for fifty years and the balance for ten years. It is believed that the sale will be successful and the money realized will go far towards relieving the present cramped condition of the city's finances.

#### Raised 121 Bushels of Corn to Acre.

Gaffney, S. C., Special.—The committee appointed by the Merchants and Planters' Bank to decide who is entitled to the \$50 prize offered for the largest yield of corn from one acre of land in Cherokee county, awarded the prize to O. P. Hill, who raised 121 bushels. The total number of bushels of corn raised by the seventeen men who competed for this prize is 1,384,130, being an average of more than 80 bushels an acre.

#### Democratic Contributors Number Over 71,000.

Albany, N. Y., Special.—Representing Chairman Norman E. Mack and Treasurer Herman Ridder, of the Democratic national committee, met at Bell Thomas, a New York lawyer, arrived in Albany with Ridder's report of the state of the campaign contributions which he filed at the office of the State. The complete list of contributors numbered over 71,000.

## OIL KING ON STAND

### Rockefeller Tries to Unload Responsibility for Big Trust

PUTS THE BLAME UP TO OTHERS

President of the Standard Oil Trust Continues to Unravel That Corporation's History—Credit For Its Existence Should Go to H. M. Flagler and S. C. T. Dodd—Says the Company Has Not Been a Trust Since 1892, When It Was Dissolved by Order of Court, Since Which Time the Subsidiary Companies Have Been Entirely Independent.

New York, Special.—Credit for the creation of the Standard Oil trust, which counsel for the Federal government claim still exists as the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, was given by John D. Rockefeller as a witness Tuesday under cross-examination in the Federal suit to dissolve the Standard, to two men—Henry M. Flagler and Samuel C. T. Dodd. To these two master architects of the oil combine, Mr. Rockefeller gave full credit, saying that he did not possess the ability for so progressive a move.

Mr. Rockefeller spent an arduous day on the stand under the incessant questioning of Frank B. Kellogg, the government counsel, and when adjournment was taken until Tuesday he gave every evidence of delight that the day was done. Counsel hope to conclude Mr. Rockefeller's cross-examination Tuesday, when it is expected to place John D. Archbold, vice president of the Standard on the stand.

Frank B. Kellogg, who with other government investigators, has been endeavoring for over a year to obtain the missing stock transfer books of the Standard Oil trust, sought through Mr. Rockefeller to find the missing trail to these books and Mr. Rockefeller pledged to do what he could to find them. Mr. Rockefeller's examination carried him through the period of the Standard Oil trust and the years of its subsequent liquidation, which lasted from 1892 to 1899. Mr. Rockefeller's memory at times was not clear on the details of this trust liquidation period and he told counsel that he could not recall many of the incidents and developments of that time. During the day Mr. Kellogg developed from Mr. Rockefeller that early in the industrial existence of the Standard the presidents of two railroad companies, together with several railroad directors, were stockholders in the oil combination.

After adjournment Mr. Rockefeller told an inquiring audience of reporters that there were better things in the world than making money, and since 1891 he had been gradually retiring from business. He added: "There is more important work than making money, and there is much for me to do. I belong to the Brotherhood of Man."

At the opening of the hearing Mr. Rockefeller said that he thought there was an increase in the stock of the Standard Oil Company of Ohio from \$2,500,000 to \$3,500,000 in 1875.

"How many railroad men did you take into the Standard after 1870?" asked Mr. Kellogg.

"I could not say," was Mr. Rockefeller's response.

"Was W. H. Vanderbilt a stockholder?"

"I can't say definitely. He might have been a stockholder for a trifling amount."

"Did you not sign a paper on March 10th, 1875, requesting an increase of capital stock as follows: 'W. H. Vanderbilt, by J. D. Rockefeller, his attorney?'"

"That may be; the paper would be the best evidence."

Mr. Kellogg brought out the fact that Amasa Stone, then president of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad; Stillman Witt, a director of the Lake Shore and Big Four roads, and J. P. Hendy, also a director of the Big Four, were taken into the Standard Oil Company in the early days.

"Who got up this Standard Oil trust?"

"I should say that H. M. Flagler and S. C. T. Dodd should have the credit. I am sure it was not I. I am not sure in legal matters as that. I do not claim any credit for Mr. Flagler and Mr. Dodd should have full credit."

Mr. Rockefeller said that the various companies in the Standard Oil trust agreement which was made in 1872 were managed as separate and independent corporations. Mr. Rockefeller said that the total value of the thirty-nine corporations included in the trust was approximately \$170,000,000, and that each of the stockholders received certificates for the amount of stock of subsidiary companies which he owned.

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