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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

WASHINGTON NEWS HAPPENINGS

In more than 50 decisions the supreme court of the United States Monday passed on the administration of justice as it had appeared in the lower federal courts and State tribunals in more than half the States in the Union. Many State laws were declared unconstitutional, more upheld, and the laws of the United States given a final interpretation.

The State of South Carolina likewise won a victory over the railroads in that State when the court adopted the view of the supreme court of South Carolina that the law requiring railroads to pay a penalty of \$50 for failure to adjust within 90 days claims for losses applied only to intrastate traffic.

The State of Alabama had its statute levying a franchise tax on foreign corporations declared unconstitutional. Railroads brought the case to the supreme court. The State of Georgia lost in most of its contentions in the attempt to levy on the Georgia Railroad and Banking company property for franchise taxes, despite charter exemptions.

"Cotton Leak Scandal."

Indicted in connection with the "cotton leak scandal" of the department of agriculture which occurred in 1905, Moses Haas, Theodore H. Price and Frederick A. Peekham, who have been fighting against their extradition from New York, must come to Washington for trial, according to a decision rendered Monday by the Supreme Court of the United States. When indictments were made to two jurisdictions, as in this case the court held that the government may elect where the accused shall be tried. The appeal to the Supreme Court was from the refusal of the circuit court of the United States for the southern jurisdiction of New York to release the men from the custody of the United States marshal.

Tar Heels Fighting Hard.

The controversy over oleomargarine is spreading in North Carolina. Many letters, some for and some against, the 10-cent tax arrive here daily. Senator Simmons and Representative Kitchin are very pronounced in their views on the subject. Both oppose the tax and would discontinue it. Representative Small has declared himself in opposition to the law. All think that the label should carry the name of the product but believe that the tax is discriminatory and should be removed.

In Memory of Francis Willard.

Exercises in celebration of the fifth anniversary of the unveiling of the statue of Francis E. Willard in the national hall of fame were held at the Capitol Tuesday under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The speakers included Miss Bell Kerney, of Mississippi, national lecturer.

Coffey to Lecture at University.
Dr. Venable, president of the North Carolina State university, through Senator Overman, has secured the services of George M. Coffey of the United States soil survey for a series of lectures at the university the last week of April. Mr. Coffey, who is very capable, is a North Carolinian and a graduate of the university.

Would Give Passes.

Representative Taylor, of Ohio, put in a bill that will be good reading to the families of a lot of railroad men throughout the country. It is for the amendment of the Hepburn law to permit railroad companies to give interstate passes to the widows and children of railroad employes.

Lights Along the Coast.

Senator Overman of North Carolina got the board to approve his and Representative Godwin's bill providing \$21,000 for better lights along the coast.

Toxaway Hotel Co. Wins.

The Toxaway Hotel Company of North Carolina is a corporation merely for conducting hotels, and so not subject to the national bankruptcy acts, held the Supreme Court of the United States Monday in deciding a case from the United States circuit court of appeals for the fourth circuit.

Money For Immigration Commission.

The action of the house Monday assured an appropriation of \$125,000 for completing the work of the immigration commission, this being the full amount desired by the commission for that purpose.

The soil and climate of Arizona are adaptable to the successful growing of Egyptian cotton, according to the announcement of the bureau of Indian affairs on the accomplishments of its experimental station at Sacaton, near Phoenix, Arizona.

While the boys in the East are leaving the farms and seeking employment elsewhere there is room for optimism as to farm life in some parts of the country, said Secretary of Agriculture Wilson Tuesday in discussing the protection of National Grange of West Virginia against the figures in his annual report relative to the value of the wealth of American farms.

The Secretary said the figures, \$8,760,000,000, mentioned in his report as the value of farm products last year, merely represented the visible wealth of the farms of the country, including stock, cattle, grain, etc., and had nothing to do with the cost of making the crops. He added that the department had not reached the point where it was able to give the net profits of the American farms.

"I know," he said, "that some farmers claim that the corn and grain should not be counted in, along with the stock, as the grain is fed to the stock. But doesn't that make the stock more valuable?"

The grange complained that the figures were misleading and represented the farmer rolling in wealth, giving no data as to the comparatively small profit he made after the hardest sort of work.

Last year, he stated, 12,500 boys on Southern farms raised an acre of corn each, and some of them did splendid work. This year the department is giving instruction to the young men in hog raising. "We are trying to reach the old people through the young ones," he said.

Labeling of Whiskey.

President Taft's decision in the liquor controversy that "whiskey is whiskey" whether it be blended or straight, has been formulated in a set of regulations prepared by the board of food and drug inspection of the Department of Agriculture. The regulations were completed last week and approved, as required by the pure food law, by Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture, Secretary MacVeagh of the Treasury and Secretary Nagel of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

In brief, the regulations declare that all unblended spirits distilled from grain, prepared in the customary ways, are entitled to the name "whiskey" without qualification. Blended whiskeys must be labeled as such.

The term "whiskey," however, is restricted to distillates from grain, and under the regulations, distillates from old substances, if labeled "whiskey" are misbranded and the person guilty of misbranding may be prosecuted.

May Have to Buy Mail Boxes.

Persons who live in cities and have no mail boxes in front of their residences are liable not to receive any mail at home after June 30, 1911. Certainly they will not if a provision of the Postoffice Appropriation bill becomes a law. The provision prohibits any letter carrier from delivering any mail at any house unless there is a suitable mail box on the outside to receive it. It means that Uncle Sam is tired of having his unformed carriers wait for people to take their time in answering their door bells.

To Abolish Pension Agencies.

The abolishment of seventeen out of eighteen pension agencies in the country is recommended to the house by the appropriations committee in the report on the pension bill. The only agency will be located at Washington. The seventeen agencies thus cut off are located in Augusta, Me.; Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Columbus, O.; Concord, N. H.; Des Moines, Ia.; Detroit, Indianapolis, Knoxville, Louisville, Milwaukee, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Topeka, Kan.

Japan Raising Peanuts.

Japan is becoming a competitor of the Southern States in the raising and delivery of peanuts to America. The exportation of Japanese peanuts to this country during 1908 aggregated 4,929,141 pounds, out of 6,218,771 sent to all parts of the world. On the island of Formosa more than 50,000 acres of peanuts are under cultivation.

Overman Secures Picture.

Senator Overman of North Carolina saw the chief of the lighthouse board last week and got him to donate a framed picture of "The Knuckles" at Fryling Pan Shoals to the city of Wilmington. The picture was one of the most interesting on exhibit at the Seattle exposition.

Foolish to Vote.

Saturday before an audience of young women at the George Washington Memorial meeting, President Taft told them it was foolish for women to want to vote in the District of Columbia.

NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of State Interest Gathered and Told in Brief.

Wilmington Has Bad Fire.

A disastrous fire Sunday totally destroyed two warehouses at the freight terminals of the Seaboard Air Line Railway in Wilmington.

The conflagration was one of the most disastrous in recent years and will seriously impede business until the buildings are replaced.

An estimate of the damage places it in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

The fire started in the end of the Monoth building completed only a month ago. In this was stored chemicals, fertilizers, nitrates, etc., owned by Armour and Company and other firms. This building was soon a mass of flames. The blaze next spread to warehouse C, leased from the Seaboard by Armour and Company and this was totally destroyed. The German steamship Jarlsburg was moored at the docks. River steamers and the revenue cutter Seminoles pulled the steamer in mid-stream after small boats and the bride had been burned. Loud explosions of chemicals caused much excitement throughout the city. The fire occurred during a driving rain and wind storm; the rain had no effect upon the flames fed by the chemicals. Water pressure was poor owing to installation of a new water works system.

Work of building the warehouses will probably start immediately. The destroyed buildings formed a part of a chain of immense warehouses erected here by the Seaboard for storage purposes.

Slayer of Rose to Die.

Many acquaintances throughout the State of Mr. Benjamin Rose, formerly of Winston-Salem, and who was murdered in his room in New York where he had been living for the last few years, will be interested to know that Edward F. McGrath, a former pugilist, has been convicted of the crime and will pay the penalty of electrocution.

The jury at the first trial found for murder in the second degree, which carries a minimum sentence of twenty years imprisonment, but the defendant's lawyer, upon moving formally for a new trial on the ground that the verdict was against the weight of evidence, was surprised to have the judge grant a new trial, immediately. The accused man's second trial has resulted in the imposition of the death penalty.

Machinists Want Increase.

A committee representing the various unions organized throughout the South, left Spencer Sunday night for Birmingham, Ala., for a conference with representatives from all points on the Southern Railway system relative to an increase of wages, which is asked for by all machinists in the Southern service. The conference, which convened in Birmingham will, it is said, arrange a schedule of wages which will be submitted to the officials of the Southern Railway Company.

Exemption of Hospital Bonds Sustained.

Judge Oliver H. Allen rules in the test case of Parker vs. Raleigh Savings bank that the issue of \$500,000 state bonds for enlarging the state hospitals are not liable to taxation when held by banks as investments for bank surplus, the ruling of the North Carolina corporation commission to the contrary notwithstanding. The ruling merely sustains the legislative exemption stamped on the bonds, but which the ruling of the commission threatened to upset.

Solomon Shepherd Captured.

Solomon Shepherd, the convicted murderer of Engineer Holt and who a few weeks ago was sentenced to serve a 30-year term in the penitentiary and who escaped from a railway construction camp near Laurinburg, gave the people of Alamance a lively chase Monday and was finally captured and returned to the penitentiary by Officer G. L. Patillo and Deputy Sheriff C. D. Story of Burlington.

Negroes Start Hosiery Mill.

The Durham Textile Mills company (incorporated) is the name of a new corporation operating a hosiery mill in Hayti, the colored settlement of the city.

To Purchase Dredging Machine.

Arrangements are being made by the Rowan County Board of Commissioners to purchase a dredging machine, which it is proposed to use in dredging the creeks and rivers of the county.

NEWS BREVITIES

Condensed from Wide Fields, Domestic and Foreign.

AS THEY ARE HAPPENING DAILY

Suited to the Wants of Busy Readers Seeking a Knowledge of What is Going on.

Announcement of a national "Tuberculosis Sunday" to be held April 24, in 215,000 churches of the United States, has been made by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Alleging that garbage dumped by the railroad near his home caused his family to be stricken with typhoid fever, James H. Overby, of Atlanta, Ga., last Wednesday filed suit against the Central of Georgia Railroad for damages aggregating \$62,500.

The Supreme Court of Ohio last Wednesday held that all saloonists selling near-beer in "dry" counties must pay the Aiken liquor tax of \$1,000 a year. About \$1,000,000 is involved throughout the State and the decision is admitted to be a blow at the liquor interests.

Citizens of Granville county, North Carolina, have organized a Fair Association.

A warrant has been issued charging Dr. James R. Hull, of Monroe City, Mo., with murdering Professor J. T. Vaughn by strychnine poisoning.

A serious wreck occurred Thursday near Medulla in the Winston & Bone Valley railroad, in Florida, five miles south of Lakeland, as the result of a head-on collision between a passenger train bound to Fort Meade and an extra work train. Several were badly injured, but all passengers escaped.

The sand dunes in New Zealand, as stated in an official report by Dr. Cockayne, cover 24,000 acres in the South Island, and 200,000 acres in the North Island, the dunes of western Wellington stretching 170 miles along the sea with an area of more than 90,000 acres.

The replies of the Southern railroads to the wage demands of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors were opened at Cleveland, O., last Thursday. The refusal of the roads to meet the men's terms were unanimous.

At Charleston, S. C., Friday the South Carolina Cotton Seed Association voted to continue the organization five years and four more months at least.

That what is known as the "blacklisting" statute of Texas is not contrary to the Federal constitution, is the opinion of the court of civil appeals for the Fifth district of Texas in a case wherein a brakeman was given a verdict of \$2,500 against the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Co. The case will probably be appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

At Fayetteville, N. C., the family of S. M. Beasley, roadmaster of the Atlantic Coast Line, had a narrow escape from being burned alive in their home, which was set on fire by an incendiary, evidently with the purpose of robbery.

Personal friends of Charles W. Morse, the convicted banker, are preparing to spend more than \$1,000,000 in working for his release from the Federal prison in Atlanta, Ga.

Officers were elected by the National Association of Cement users in convention at Chicago, Ill., Thursday. Richard L. Humphrey, of Philadelphia, was re-elected president for the sixth time.

From the records in the geological department of Hampton College, at Utica, N. Y., it is computed that the fall of snow there this winter thus far has been 93 inches. This is a record for central New York.

William Seyler was charged with the responsibility for the death of Jane Adams, at Atlantic City, N. J., by the coroner's jury last Thursday, after a hearing that lasted 35 minutes.

The agricultural appropriation bill was reported to the Senate Thursday. It carries \$13,512,635, an increase of only \$182,359 over the amount voted by the House. Of this amount \$40,000 is an additional amount to be used in stamping the boll weevil out, making \$225,000 in all for this purpose.

Edwin L. Quarles, secretary of the Petersburg (Va.) Chamber of Commerce, has resigned his position, in order to give his entire time to the field work of the Southern Commercial Congress among educational institutions and commercial organizations.

More than a thousand hens from the United States and Europe will meet in an egg-laying contest at Mexico, Mo., next fall if the plans of T. E. Quisenberry, secretary of the Missouri State Poultry board, are successfully carried out.

Woman's Day was celebrated by the Socialist party throughout the United States Monday and meetings to boom the suffrage movement were held in many cities.

Thad A. Davenport, of Rocky Mount, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The liabilities are about \$6,700, and the assets, \$6,400.

S. Cooper, also of Rocky Mount, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The liabilities are about \$21,000, and the assets about \$10,500.

Expect Good Fishing.

The fishermen of Eastern North Carolina are looking forward to a prosperous fishing season and are making preparations accordingly.

Mrs. Gibson Arrested.

Mrs. Sallie Gibson has, or has not, funds or property sufficient to satisfy a judgment of \$100 and costs rendered against her by Magistrate Fowles in 1907 at the suit of Mr. R. L. Shuler of New Brooklyn. She has been arrested in order that she may be examined under oath as to her financial status. This is the Mrs. Gibson who about a year ago was beaten and robbed of over \$60,000 by a Columbia horse trader with whom she had gone to Texas. The money was recovered and he was tried for his life, but was acquitted.

Charged With Murder of Husband.

Kirkville, Mo., Special.—Prosecuting Attorney Reiger announced Saturday night that a warrant charging Mrs. Alma Vaughn with murdering her husband, Prof. J. T. Vaughn, would be served Sunday by Sheriff Williams.

Prof. Vaughn died last October from strychnine poisoning. The warrant for the arrest was issued late today, following the dismissal of the special grand jury that has been investigating Vaughn's death.

\$1,600,000 to Be Distributed.

Lexington, Ky., Special.—It is expected that \$1,600,000 will be distributed at once to claimants against the Southern Mutual Investment Company as a result of the confirmation of the report of Receiver J. C. Rogers by the circuit court here Monday. The investment company failed several years ago with nearly 3,000 claimants residing in every state of the Union.

Fruit Trees Budding.

Statesboro, Ga., Special.—Despite the most severe winter known in Statesboro in many years, and up to a few days ago, freezing weather having been experienced, fruit trees, especially peaches, are said to be budding. Monday was the first spring-like day Statesboro has had.

Saw Out the Workman Dead.

Durham, N. C., Special.—At C. G. Hare's wood yard in Hayti, suburban colored section, late Saturday evening, Haywood Cozart and Alexander Lyon, both colored, were instantly killed while operating the saw.

A piece of it struck Lyon across the head, killing him instantly. The broken saw flew to pieces and one of the teeth struck Cozart, going through his head, though he lived a few minutes.

Turning to the Right.

Here is a good explanation of the reason for Americans turning to the right and of the English turning to the left when passing. In the good old Colony times when we all lived under the King the principal draught animal in this country was the ox; now in driving a yoke of oxen the driver necessarily walks on the left side of his cattle in order to hold his goad in his right hand. In passing another farmer on the road similarly equipped if he passed to the right he could thus see and avoid collision.

Per contra our English cousins, who used horses instead of oxen in the good old times, found, as we do, that sitting on the right side of the wagon seat was the best and most comfortable way to drive, and that turning to the left enabled them to see and avoid collisions while passing.—Thomas H. Morrison, in the New York Times.

Mercury's Freezing Point.

Mercury freezes at minus 40 degrees centigrade.

SLIDE KILLS MANY.

Whole Families are Buried Beneath the Snow.

IN TWO IDAHO MINING TOWNS.

Snow is Thirty Feet Deep in Places—Disaster Similar to That of Burke in 1890.

Spokane, Wash., Special.—In Northern Idaho, in the rich Couer D'Alene district, at least sixty lives were snuffed out Monday.

Twenty-five houses in the little town of Mace, in which the occupants were sleeping, were swept down the mountain side in a mass of snow and ice to the bottom of a canyon.

In Burke a little town of 900 inhabitants another slide occurred, crushing a score or more houses under tons of earth and snow.

It is feared that the death list may total far above the present, estimate. However fifty or sixty dead is believed to be about correct.

Because of the record depth of the snow some uneasiness has been felt in both these places, although for sixteen winters these towns have escaped devastating slides and so strong had the confidence of mine residents that their homes and families were safe that no precautions had been taken.

Thirty-five Italians sleeping in an outfit car on the Northern Pacific who were swept to the bottom of the canon, used the tools in their car to dig themselves out.

The noise of the slide was heard five miles distant. It buried 25 families or about 100 persons. How many of these are dead will not be known until some time later and perhaps for many days, for reports tell of snow filling the canyon to a depth of 50 to 75 feet.

Twelve dead bodies are reported to have been recovered and 25 people have been taken out alive. Superintendent Pascoe, of the Standard mine, is said to be missing but a child of his was found alive.

Never since Burke, another little canyon mining camp was almost wiped out by a landslide on February 1, 1890, has a Couer D'Alene town been so sorely stricken. On that occasion the canyon filled 1,000 feet across by a grinding mass of trees, stumps, earth and boulders, 50 to 75 feet deep, packed almost as solid as ice. Its track down the mountain side was swept as clean as a floor. During the winter of 1888 the snow piled high in the canyons and never since has such a heavy fall been recorded as this year. Chinook winds accompanied by rains have prevailed since Thursday with the snow from 2 to 10 feet deep.

Military in Control.

Eldorado, Ark., Special.—Following the wounding of three white men, the formation of a mob and an attack on the negro section of the city, Eldorado Saturday night was under control of the military and what threatened to develop into a serious racial clash has been suppressed for the time being, at least.

This disorder began in the early afternoon, when a white man was crowded from the sidewalk by a negro.

A mob quickly formed and had begun the destruction of negro cabins and property when Governor Donaghy was appealed to and the local militia company was ordered out.

Rich Youths Write Love Letters.

Pittsburg, Special.—Twenty of Pittsburg's richest "gilded youths" are shaking in their shoes because of the finding of startling love letters in suit cases belonging to Lillian Smith, seventeen-year-old "Girl of Mystery."

The police are certain that they have unearthed evidence tending to show the existence of a gigantic blackmailing plot, which older heads than the girl's were concerned.

Cook's "Proof" in Museum.

Copenhagen, Special.—Visitors to Copenhagen may now see the transcript of Dr. Cook's North Pole diaries and proofs, which the university handed over to the chief of police in its museum. The chief has filed alleged proofs of the North Pole discovery with papers and documents relating to grand forgeries, thefts, etc.

Wouldn't Pray, Divorce Granted.

Tonoka, Kan., Special.—Because his wife would not pray, A. F. Barker, 73 years old, was granted a divorce Monday. Mrs. Barker is 63 years old.