

BRIEFS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Senator Simmons last week refused the charge that he had declared for Clark.

General Fred C. Ainsworth has voluntarily gone on the retired list after having been fired by Taft.

Two bank messengers of New York City were robbed last week, the thieves getting off with \$25,000.

The department store of Rosenbacher and Brother of Winston-Salem was burned last week, a loss of about \$80,000.

T. R. is said to have informed six of his most staunch supporters know last week that he would accept the nomination for a third term.

Rowan and Davie counties are to be connected by a free steel bridge at South river. Engineers are busy on plans for the construction of it.

Yuan Shi Kai—we give you this but do not pronounce it—has been elected president of the new Chinese republic.

Miss Selma Whitaker and little sisters of Salisbury are visiting their brother Mr. L. L. Whitaker on Sunset Ave.

The Eureka Drug Company, a colored firm of Concord, caught a \$350 fine last week at the hands of the Concord recorder.

Editor Clarence Poe of the Progressive Farmer and Miss Alice Aycock daughter of Ex-Governor Aycock, are to be married on May 29.

James Gilbert, an ex-fendist of Breathitt county, Ky., while dying from wounds received in a barroom fight last week, confessed that he was the slayer of Governor Goebel.

It is thought probable in Greensboro that the commissioners will refuse to renew licenses for the city drug stores to sell liquor on prescriptions, the prescriptions having been carried to excess.

The business career of the late R. C. Charles, who died in High Point last week, began in High Point 27 years ago. His loss is felt keenly by those who have known him for any portion of that time.

A rooster got loose from a crate on a Connecticut train last week, lit on the signal cord and signed the engineer down. It is not stated as to what was done for the rooster.

Governor Kitchin, hoping to get a full confession from John Ross, has granted the murderer of the Dixons a respite until April 12. Ross was to have been hanged last Friday.

The proof, which was supposed to have been gathered against the Charlotte clubs and drug stores for the retailing of the instigator of the wounds without cause, seems to have vanished in the shape of the person who did the actual buying, and they will not be prosecuted by the secretary of the State Anti-Saloon League.

Congressman Gudgeon last week introduced into congress bills for fish hatchery in Swain county and for the securing of a summer term of the circuit court of appeals at Asheville. Senator Overman introduced a bill asking that head talk on foreigners be increased to ten dollars and the profit to be applied to the aid of farm life schools.

Mrs. O. R. Harris of Hannersville Davidson County died of pneumonia Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Harris had been to Kansas for the past year but returned to their old home recently. It is thought the change of climate and cold contracted on way home resulted in pneumonia. Mr. Mont Harris who was with them in Kansas has pneumonia.

Much stir has been created by a published letter from the Colombian ambassador to the state department, in which he said that it would be inopportune for Secretary Knox on his South American trip to visit Colombia. It develops, however, that the state department affects to be unconcerned about the matter, the ambassador says that no insult was intended and so the matter is supposed to be adjusted to the extent that no bad results are expected.

MATTERS OF MUCH INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC

The Tariff Intelligently Discussed Presidential Candidates—Other Topics.

Mr. Patrick Dooganahield, Asheboro, N. C.

My Dear Patrick: You are not sincere. You well know that I had sworn off talking politics, and you have gone and stirred me up again. And now I just can't get it off my mind.

Of course we all recognize the truth of what you say as to every man's duty, for every good citizen cannot afford to scotch politics, and every man ought to vote for the best interests of his county, state, and nation. This thing of voting for a party, without ever stopping to study the party's record is all bosh, foolish act, nonsensical.

But let me say something else right here, to keep from being misunderstood. I do not mean to say that there should be no political parties, for they are just as certain to exist as long as we have a Republican form of government as the Republican party is to stand for its fundamental principals, niggers and trusts. Now, don't think I misapprehend the word, for I meant it just as I wrote it, "principals" for the party has no "principles."

Suppose, Pat, you had the command of all the people for about years, and you line them all up in one party. You wouldn't know what to do with them, and if you kept them in one party long, there would be no end to the corruption of the government. One party watches another. At the end of the two years, your authority at an end, the people would be split up into at least two parties at once. And then there is no reason why we should be arguing against the immutable laws of nature. It is perfectly natural for the people to divide into two great parties. There is no such thing as a third party. It is just an attempt at one. Have you ever noticed that a third party never grows to a national force? It might have a just cause for existence, but it cannot possibly overcome the natural tendencies toward dividing the people into two great parties.

But I do not mean to say that the Republican party is a necessity. A strong opposition party ought to exist, but it ought to have more honesty and more loyalty to the great mass of voters who put it into a position of power and authority than the Republican party. The great mass of men in this country are still easily deceived, and the Republican politicians have taken advantage of their misfortune.

Take for instance, a sick man. He is all run down from over exertion, and is so weak he can go further. The quack doctor goes to see him, gives him a strong stimulant, and in a few hours he thinks he is well again. But he will pay for his mistake and folly later on, if he takes that quack's advice. But let the same man in the same condition send for a reputable physician. This one makes a correct diagnosis of the disease, and sets to work by same methods for the patient's sound recovery. He gives him medicines that will restore him to normal health, and keep him in that state. But it takes a little time. Those who are ignorant of the work of the two men will stand up for the quack; those who know what they are doing will take the physician.

Now, the Republican party six teen years ago went to the masses of people in this country, before democracy had been tried fairly, and said: "We can tell you what's the matter with things. You need a tariff, for it protects the working-man. There were more than six million voters who didn't believe the story, and they said so at the polls. But a majority listened to the quack, and the protective tariff was applied as the remedy.

Let those who listened to the quack statesman, as he came blustering over the country, stop, and count the cost. The tariff was applied to stimulate business. Prices of all protected articles quickly jumped up, and they have remained there. The farmer who had a dozen sheep got a small increase on his wool, and paid 100 per cent increase on his woolen suit of clothes. He got no increase whatever on his corn and wheat. The South is a great cotton growing country. The lowest price ever gotten for cotton has

been under Republican administration. Meat is out of sight, but the man who raises cattle and hogs has not shared the increase. More than that, the meat trust has sold meat across the ocean cheaper than at the very doors of the men who raise it. They are a set of rascals, too, robbers of the meanest type, and we have more respect for a safe-blower than a man who will do what the meat trust leaders have done. They have made it impossible for millions of hard-working men to have the meat they really needed. Yes, and they have taken food out of the very mouths of innocent women and children. We never expect to vote for any man, Democrat or Republican, who in the slightest sense advocates and votes to place a protective tariff on anything, for it is robbery of the meanest kind imaginable.

Before 1907 had passed away, we began to see the effects of continuous over-stimulation of business in this country through the tariff. We had the panic, and Roosevelt winked at the Steel Trust's absorption of the only really strong competitor it had to get the money powers to try to help him stop the panic, and prevent such a stigma on his administration going down in history. Could they stop the panic? Certainly they could, for they made it and they put brakes on it before they set it going. When Roosevelt came to the terms they proposed they had nothing to do except turn on the brakes.

We say it with all the confidence of our heart, that this country is now in the grip of the money powers, and there are only a few men who are really being profited by these conditions. And we further say that protection has brought about conditions that nothing in the world short of a political revolution can ever change.

Our belief as to what is best for the national Democratic party has narrowed itself down to the nomination of one of two men, so far as the presidential question is concerned. It must be Woodrow Wilson or Champ Clark. Let any man who has kept up with the drift of political sentiment and events give a reason for doing otherwise. We are anxious to know if we are mistaken. We believe Woodrow Wilson will be nominated, and we believe he will be free from entangling alliances with the great trusts of the country. But he will probably not be nominated on the first ballot, as he ought, on account of the old thread-bare requirement in the Democratic convention that makes the winner get two-thirds majority. This requirement ought to be removed by the next convention, because it doesn't seem at all Democratic. We have always considered the majority as being Democratic.

Very truly yours,
Mike Dooganahield.

A Good Citizen Gone

The people of Asheboro were surprised, not to say shocked, on the afternoon of the 14th inst to receive a phone message from Alamance stating that Zimri Lewallen was dead.

Mr. Lewallen has been a citizen of Randolph county all his life until about one month ago he moved to Alamance county with his son where they had bought the Banks Holt farm and home place. He had lived in Asheboro the last few years.

His death was sudden. He had gone with others, hurriedly of course, to a small tenant house that had caught on fire, carrying a bucket of water. On arriving he saw the fire was too far advanced to be checked. He set the bucket of water down and was in the act of removing out of reach of the fire some of the property that had been thrown out of the burning house, when he fell unconscious and perhaps never breathed again though a physician was summoned and vigorous effort made to revive him.

Mr. Lewallen was seventy-one years and a few days of age at his death. He served faithfully as a Confederate soldier through nearly all of the Civil war and attended regularly the annual reunion of the Randolph Camp of Confederate Veterans. In 1866 he was married to Miss Sarah J. Gray, daughter of the late Grier Gray, who survives. There were born to them four sons, Eugene E., Will G., Robert O., and Joel T., and six daughters, three of whom are still living, Mrs. C. W. Brown of Elon College, Mrs. H. S.

GOOD VENTILATION.

An Inexpensive Means of Warding Off Disease.

Not one house in a hundred is properly heated and ventilated. This is one reason for our having twice or three times the amount of colds, headaches, pneumonia and catarrhal troubles and general inefficiency that we should have in the winter. We are so closely housed at this season of the year that in badly heated and ventilated rooms, churches, schoolhouses and public halls it is extremely easy to contract contagious diseases and even consumption itself.

But you say, What is proper heating and ventilating? Proper heating and ventilating is supplying from 1,500 to 3,000 cubic feet of fresh air at a temperature of 70 degrees to each person every hour. In addition to this, the air should contain considerable moisture. Air that is so dry that it will shrink and draw furniture apart and kill flowers and plants in a room is at least unfit for human use.

In the average house using a fireplace or stove for heating it is difficult to properly heat or ventilate the house in cold weather, but even then much can be done to improve conditions.

In the first place, get the thermometer habit. Keep an easily read thermometer in the living room and the work room. Hang it in a place where it can be readily seen and a place having the average room temperature. Next, keep this thermometer standing at as nearly 70 degrees as possible.

In ventilating don't be afraid of fresh air. Warm it up if possible, but have it in the room at all times regardless of its incoming temperature. Fireplaces are now so constructed that fresh air is admitted from below the floor and passes up behind and at the sides of the grate, when it is heated and then allowed to enter the room above the fireplace. Or this heated air may also be allowed to enter an adjoining room or into one or more rooms above. If stoves are used, by all means have them surrounded, at least part way, with some kind of janned or galvanized iron shield; this shield should extend to the floor. Fresh air should be admitted through an opening in the floor beneath the stove, so that it may become heated by passing up between the stove and the shield.

While these are probably the best means of warming the air that comes into a room, a small amount of fresh air may be admitted by raising the lower sash of the window about two inches and placing a strip in the opening below the sash. This will permit a small quantity of air to enter near the middle of the window between the two sashes and will give it an upward motion as it enters the room, thus preventing "cold drafts." Better ventilation may be secured by raising the lower sash several inches and placing a shield opposite this opening to deflect the incoming current of air.

Another excellent practical means of ventilating is by thoroughly "airing" the living rooms not less than three or four times a day. This is done by simply opening the windows and doors for a minute or two and allowing fresh air to flood the room. The feeling of exhilaration following these "airings" is well worth the trouble. Try it once. Fresh air is cheap and no trust controls it. Let us have our share on it.

E. Spencer Back in the Ring.

Folks who have thought that E. Spencer Blackburn would leave the ring of politics because he had been forced to take the count in North Carolina were mistaken, but will doubtless be interested to learn that it is rumored in Washington that E. Spencer intends to return to the halls of Congress by way of the first Tennessee district.

B. Thompson, of Alamance county, and Miss Lizzie Lewallen.

He was a substantial man, a good citizen, a successful farmer, and business man. He became a Christian early in his teens and joined the church at Union where his mem ber ship remained until his death. The funeral was conducted by Rev. C. E. Whitaker, and T. M. Johnson, the interment being in the Asheboro cemetery.

Briefs

An ordinance passed by the Aldermen of Concord last week dismisses hog pens from the city limits.

The supreme court of the United States has decided that there can be no collection of an insurance policy by the estate of a person executed by the government.

Only congress and not the supreme court may interfere in legislation regarding the referendum and recall, this the court itself has decided.

The amount paid in to the U. S. treasury by North Carolina was \$7,000,000. Of this amount only \$254,100.58 of this was federal revenue.

The furniture manufacturers' association of North Carolina and Virginia, failing to secure redress of discriminations from in freight rates, have, according to The High Point Enterprise, condemned the interstate corporation commission and appealed to a higher court.

A goodly amount of talk concerning discrimination in freight rates against the North Carolina towns is current at present. The Lynchburg trade paper in a recent issue gave figures showing this discrimination. Asheville and Durham are putting up a stiff fight against it.

Mrs. D. W. Millikan Dead.

Mrs. Annie L. Millikan, wife of Mr. D. W. Millikan, died at her home at Spero in Randolph county, yesterday forenoon after an illness of one year or more, aged 67 years. The deceased had been troubled with heart disease and her death was not unexpected.

She leaves a husband and several children. Messrs J. M. and J. W. Cross, of this county, and W. F. Cross, of Indiana, are her brothers. She has two sisters, Mrs. Jane Fields, and Mrs. Adeline York, living on Sandy Creek.

Died.

Mr. William Asbill died at his home near Ereat on Wednesday of last week aged 76 years. Interment took place at Mt. Olivet on Friday. Deceased was a Confederate soldier, a man of sterling worth, prominent in church and other good works. He is survived by three sons and a widow.

Marriage at Trinity.

Mr. A. G. Hayworth and Miss Myrtle Cecil were united in bonds of matrimony in the presence of quite a number of persons and under the wedding march on the 18th day of February. The bride and groom are residents of High Point. W. N. Elder, Esq., officiated.

Brown had just received a telegram saying: "Your mother-in-law is dead. Shall we bury or cremate her?" "Take no chance," was the reply; "do both."—February Lippincott's.

Rip Van Winkle Tomorrow Night.

Rip Van Winkle will be the last number of the lyceum course appearing at the school-house Auditorium tomorrow night. The company presenting this distinctively American production have received favorable comment from the leading papers of the towns in which they have appeared, so it is expected that the last number of the course will be the strongest and best attended. The expense of this production makes it necessary to raise the price of general admission to 35c. Reserved seats will be 50 cts.

The lyceum course is not a money-making scheme, but an effort on the part of some of the young men of city to give the people of Asheboro and themselves a few good clean shows at the smallest possible cost to everybody. This last number is a good one, worth the price and will doubtless receive due patronage. School children will be charged 10 cents.

Flint Hill News

Devie Kanoy and William Spencer, of High Point, visited home folks Friday and Saturday. Joseph Spencer's little daughter fell and broke her arm, but is improving. Mrs. Catherine Ward is very feeble. John Adams and Miss Dora Fawcett were married February 20, 1912. Mrs. Rufus Bellows is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Fawcett.

Local and Personal.

Mr. Max Wager, of Handlemas, was in the city Tuesday.

Miss Hattie Cox and Mr. James Luther were married last Sunday.

Mr. Gus Hayworth, of Greensboro was down between trains on Tuesday.

Mr. Louis Arner, returned Tuesday from a trip to Baltimore after spring stock.

Misses Fannie Burkhead and Lillian Bush spent the day in High Point Tuesday.

Mr. J. Reese Blair, of Troy, was in the city Tuesday on business.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Kivett on Tuesday morning a fine son.

Miss Lizzie Bunch, who has been in the Hygiene hospital at Richmond, has gone to Durham to visit relatives. She is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Cox, of Ulah, have returned from Greensboro, where they went to consult Dr. J. W. Long concerning Mrs. Cox's health.

Mr. Clyde M. Reitzel, principal of the Kildce public school, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Stephen Moffitt near Kemp's Mills. Miss Olivia Moffitt, who is teaching Marley's public school came home with her uncle to spend Sunday with her parents.

Safecrackers who evidently knew little of their business attempted to crack the safe in the store of W. G. Brown at Handlemas one night last week. The combination was knocked off and the safe put out of commission for a week, but no entrance was made. Mr. Brown had to send for an expert to blow open the safe, which is now as good as ever.

Farmer Notes

Mrs. Honor Garner, the oldest person in this section, died on last Friday and was buried at Oak Grove on Saturday. She was 93 years old on Christmas day. She was the widow of the late Frederick Garner and was a remarkably intelligent woman. Since the death of their parents, her six grand-sons, Julian, Worth, Clegg, Adrian, Jesse and Phillip Garner, have lived with her.

Three new telephone lines are being built from Farmer Central. One runs to M. F. Skeen's, Rescoe Parker's and Hal Lacky's. Another running to Sol gives connection to J. T. Ingram, Felix Hughes, Will Cashatt, Bob Johnson, Ivey Birkhead, Madison Hammond, W. B. Lassiter, Webb Bingham Houston Elliott, Warren Rush, and Mrs. B. W. Steed. Another line will be built running to the Lassiter Mill community and serving the following: E. H. Wooley, Griffin Lassiter, Elsie Luther, Walt Lassiter, L. Miller, J. B. Carter.

A new daughter arrived at Ecos Spencer's last Thursday, and one at Will Cashatt's Saturday.

Ross Parrish out his foot pretty badly one day last week. A meeting to discuss the Railroad question was held at the Academy last Saturday night, but on account of the rain the crowd was not large. A majority of the influential citizens of the neighborhood are strongly in favor of a bond issue, and the prospect at present is encouraging.

Franklinville Notes

Herbert Edwards, who has been in the Randolph Manufacturing Company's store for the past two years, has resigned to become traveling salesman for Arbuckle Brothers Coffee Company. Mr. Edwards is a young man of rare ability and character and we predict for him a bright future.

Miss Nina Parks, of Park's X Roads, is spending some time here with the family of Hugh Parks, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jordan, of Greensboro, spent Saturday night and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Jordan, a short distance north of the city.

John McKinnon made a business trip to Greensboro last Tuesday returning by way of Asheboro, and from there he took the conveyance provided by nature.

T. L. Arnsby, of near Summerfield, visited the family of Prof. Weatherly last week.

C. W. Grimes, who has been engaged for some time on his perpetual motion invention, hopes to have it on exhibition in the near future.

John Jones, of Greensboro, spent Friday night in the city with his father, Leason Jones.

J. L. Phillips, J. H. Fentress, C. L. Allred and Hugh Baie are among our poultrymen who have just received a lot of thoroughbred birds. Everett Welch spent part of last week at White Oak with his uncle, C. L. Welch. Mrs. J. F. Brewer attended the funeral of her stepfather, Stokes Hopkins, near Farmer, last Wednesday. W. C. Hammond, of Asheboro, was in town Friday.

High Point Route 3 News

George Gould and sons came in Sunday from New York to spend several days at their hunting lodge in New Market township. Marvin Kearse is now marketing from a new stock of thermoses. Amos Gray is able to be out again after being sick for some time with grippe.