

MID-WINTER MEETING OF EDITORS AT SALISBURY.

Fairly Well Attended—Royal Reception.

The North Carolina Press Association met in Salisbury Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Mr. Stahl Linn delivered the address of welcome. Mr. Linn's address received high praise from every side.

He declared that since the days when Elizabeth Maxwell Steele gave up her gold and silver to succor General Greene in his contest with Cornwallis near Salisbury, that no body of men had visited the city with a greater influence and that none have been more welcome than were the editors.

President James H. Caine, editor of the "Evil's Citizen," presided and expressed his pleasure of the editors in their visit to Salisbury.

Charges were preferred against Editor Phillips, of the Greensboro News, for alleged defamation of Salisbury's roof-garden on the skyscraper. It was charged that he had made some remarks reflecting on this popular resort, and after a hearing, Mr. Phillips was exonerated and presented with a huge brown pie, for which he has a notable fondness.

Mr. Phillips responded saying he will appeal to the next annual meeting at Asheville where it is said there is a roof-garden on the sixth story of a nine-story building. Interesting and entertaining address.

Col. A. H. Boyden made a most on the Newspaper Boys, giving some happy reminiscences of boyhood days and experiences of the civil war. The new publicity law was discussed, the editor of this newspaper took the position that a newspaper was a public institution and the public has a right to know whose money and whose influence is behind what is said in a newspaper, and that a State law of this kind should be adopted containing the provisions of the Federal statute if the Federal statute should be objected to on the grounds of interference with States' rights.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Serious Charge Against the Attorney-General—Other News of Importance.

By Clyde H. Taenner, Special Washington Cor. of The Courier.

Washington, Dec. — U. S. Attorney-General Wickersham has refused to allow warrants to be served on John D. Archbold and other officials of the Standard Oil Company in the case in which the Magnolia Oil Company of Texas was indicted by a Federal grand jury in Texas for criminal violation of the Sherman law.

Once again, Mr. Wickersham is using the machinery of the great office of the Department of Justice to protect instead of prosecute the millionaire heads of illegal trusts. A hundred instances could be cited where Wickersham has, by means of especially prepared opinions, orders and rules, given comfort to the great industrial trusts, private monopolies and special privileges. It was Wickersham the attorney-general, who stopped important suits against the beef trust immediately upon taking office. It was Wickersham, the attorney-general, who rendered an opinion upholding Laugher and viciously attacking L. R. Glavis, who said it was legal for sugar trust interests to acquire by the exploitation process 55,000 acres of rich sugar lands in the Philippines when the organic law of the islands expressly declares that no corporation shall be allowed to acquire more than 3,500 acres. It was Wickersham, the attorney-general, who sanctioned the Taft administration railroad reorganization bill, later exposed and altered, containing a joker legalizing the Southern Pacific-Union Pacific merger, recently held unlawful by the Supreme Court. It was Wickersham, the attorney-general, whose suit against the steel trust is one in equity instead of a criminal prosecution.

At the time of the appointment of Wickersham, it was said his selection by Mr. Taft was in recognition of the desires of the great industrial trusts of the country, who had contributed large sums to Mr. Taft's campaign fund, and who as a return favor desired that a "safe" man be placed in charge of the government prosecuting machinery.

Before his appointment as Attorney-General, Mr. Wickersham was a trust lawyer. For years and years he had been receiving big fees from corporations for interpreting the law, not from the viewpoint of the welfare of the people, but from the viewpoint of the welfare of the trusts. Mr. Wickersham was a member of the law firm of Strong & Cadwalader. Congressman Henry T. Rainey described this firm on the floor of the House of Representatives as follows:

"The firm of Strong & Cadwalader is one of these important New York City legal firms to which great corporations apply for aid when they propose to violate the laws of the land or when they have violated the laws of the land."

The firm of Strong & Cadwalader, at the time of Mr. Wickersham's appointment as attorney-general, represented among other great corporations, the sugar trust, and one of the last things Mr. Wickersham did as a member of the firm of Strong & Cadwalader, was to draw down his portion of a sugar trust fee of some \$125,000. And one of the first things Mr. Wickersham did as attorney-general was to write on June 27, 1909, to John S. Wise, U. S. District Attorney for the Southern district of New York, a letter revealing his strong interest in three sugar trust officials then in danger of the penitentiary. This remarkable letter, the authenticity of which has never been denied by the attorney-general, reads in part as follows:

I am thinking of you today because it is Christmas and I wish you happiness. And tomorrow because it will be the day after Christmas, I shall still wish you happiness; and so on clear through the year. I may not be able to tell you about it every day, but that makes no difference; the thought and wish will be here just the same. Whenever joy or success comes to you it will make me glad.

Parcels Post Rates

The following is the postage rates for parcels post going into effect January 1, 1913:

Table with columns for Weight, Local Rate, Zone Rate (100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1,000, 1,500, 2,000 miles) and Parcel Post Rate.

Mrs. Abraham Hill Accidentally Shot and Dies from Wound.

On last Saturday morning the 14-year-old son of Mr. Virgil Cogins went to the home of Mr. Abram Hill, a neighbor, for some butter. He carried a gun with him and was in the yard waiting for Mrs. Hill to get the butter. As she was passing around getting it ready for him he set the gun down and in some way it hit a log which was lying near. This caused the gun to go off and the load entered the back of Mrs. Hill's neck and caused her death on Sunday morning. The boy had killed his first rabbit that morning and had never carried a gun until a few days before the accident which causes regret throughout Randolph county. Mrs. Hill had no children but leaves a husband who has the sympathy of many friends. Mr. Hill lives in the southwest section of the county near New Hope Academy.

Mr. B. A. Surratt Accidentally Shot While Hunting.

Saturday Mr. B. A. Surratt with Mr. William Loftin and others were out hunting. They found some squirrels in a tree and shot at them. As they started to leave the tree Mr. Loftin put his gun on his shoulder and hit the hammer which caused the gun to fire, the ball going into Mr. Surratt's leg. It has caused a painful accident and it is feared that Mr. Surratt's leg will have to be amputated at the knee joint. Mr. Surratt well along in years, having perhaps reached his 75th year. He is a prominent citizen in Concord township.

A year's subscription to the Courier will make a nice Xmas present.

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY.

Marriage of Two of Asheboro's Most Prominent Young Women.

On last Saturday at 3 p. m. the members of the Ramblers' Club, assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moring on invitation to a Book Club meeting. The program consisted of life, character, favorite poems and selections of Dickens. Various members of the Club took part, after which the guests were invited to the dining room which was beautifully decorated in the Christmas colors. In the center of the table was what looked to be "yo old-time family pie. The only thing different was that from underneath the pie over, ends of red ribbon fell. Miss Annie Moring announced that bird pie was to be the first course and each guest was expected to help herself. At this the ladies pulled the ribbons which brought out birds cut of cardboard. On the inside was the following:

Blair-Noble, Jan. 14th. Moring-Porter. Madam Rumor had been arousing the curious concerning the former but even the closest friends of the latter were surprised. According to her wishes in keeping her wedding announcement a secret until it was publicly announced, she has succeeded. These announcements have aroused much interest in Asheboro in that the two young women are among the most popular who have ever lived here. They are very close friends and their marriages on the same date was a "happen so." In these marriages the residents of Asheboro realize that truly her "Tom is some one else's girl." The Courier joins with a host of friends in extending congratulations to the prospective grooms and best wishes to the brides-to-be.

THE ASHEBORO COURIER INAUGURATION DEPARTMENT ASHEBORO, N. C.

December 17, 1912.

Dear friend: The Courier wants to take a car load of boys and girls, teachers, farmers and others to the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson.

You will reach Washington before night and be there on inauguration day and remain for a day or two if you desire.

OFFER NO. 1—TO GET THIS FREE TICKET

To get free ticket to Washington and see the sights of the Capital of the nation and the historic battlefields and fine scenery on the way, you have only to collect \$36 on subscription. This means new subscriptions, but it may be for one year or more, each one dollar counting a new subscription.

We will not accept on this offer any renewal or transfer any subscriber at present to any other name. These must be bona fide new subscribers.

OFFER NO. 2—Besides this offer we give a free trip for \$48 sent us on old subscriptions. So all you have to do is to collect \$36 on new business, or \$48 on old business, or if you want to get some new and some old we will credit you pro rata according to the amount collected on old or new business.

By a little work this will be easy, and if you will do it during the holidays when people are not so busy you can have more time to see them, you will find it will be easier than if you wait. A year's subscription to The Courier is an ideal Christmas present. Try your personal friends to help you get this trip, then see others.

You are helping others with a good paper while they are making it easy for you to go to the inauguration.

Do not delay this matter but take it up before others. See your friends. This is a free trip offer and not a contest in which anybody can lose. It is open to all. Write us today and tell us you want to go with us and other friends.

The third offer will be given out as soon as we can get it arranged. It will include free tickets and all expenses, but you can begin work on the foregoing and what you collect may be used on the third proposition if you desire to change from the one given herein.

Yours truly THE COURIER, Inauguration Department.

tariff trusts, and it is hoped President Wilson will be able to find a man for attorney-general who will be so constructed temperamentally as to feel that millionaire sugar trust barons who rob the government and violate the law ought to be sent to the penitentiary just like a poor man is sent to the penitentiary when he violates the law.

Frank Page, who has been superintendent of the Aberdeen & Asheboro division of the Raleigh, Charlotte & Southern Railway since the A. & A. was purchased by the Norfolk-Southern system, has resigned effective January 1. The auditing department of this division has been moved from Troy to the Norfolk-Southern headquarters at Norfolk.

The Baraca and Philaetha classes of Mt. Lebanon Sunday school at Randleman will give a play, "Christmas at Cross-Roads" at the graded school auditorium Saturday night, Dec. 21, at 8 o'clock for the benefit of the Baraca and Philaetha classes. Admission 15 cents for adults, 10 cents for children, 25 cents for reserved seats.

Regulations Covering Parcels Post System Are Made Public.

Regulations to cover workings of the new parcels post system, which is to go into operation January 1, next, were made public by Postmaster-General Hitchcock last Thursday. The new system will be effective throughout the entire postal service at the same time and will affect every postoffice, city, rural and railway mail transportation route in the country. Every precaution will be taken by the postoffice to have the mails moved with the usual despatch and all postmasters, superintendents and inspectors have been directed to thoroughly familiarize themselves and their subordinates with every phase of the new system.

The regulations provide that parcels of merchandise, including farm and factory products but not books and printed matter of almost every description up to 11 pounds in weight and measuring as much as six feet in length and girth combined, except those calculated to do injury to the mails in transit, may be mailed at any postoffice for delivery to any address in the country. Delivery will be made to the homes of people living on rural and star routes as well as those living in cities and towns where there is delivery by carrier. Where there is at present no delivery by carrier the parcels will go to the postoffice as in the case with ordinary mail.

The postage rate of the zone—that is, within distances not exceeding 50 miles, will be five cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound. Rates increase for each successive one of the eight zones into which the country is divided. The maximum rate being 12 cents a pound, which will carry a parcel across the continent, or even to Alaska and the Philippines.

For a fee of 10 cents a parcel may be insured and if the parcel is lost in the mails an indemnity to the amount of its value not to exceed \$50 will be paid to the sender.

The law provides for the use of distinctive postage stamps and there is now being distributed to postmasters for use in the parcel post system a set of stamps of 12 denominations. Parcel post maps with accompanying guides, are to be sold to the country's cotton crop this year through the chief clerk of the post-office department.

Whitelaw Reid Dead.

Whitelaw Reid, the American Ambassador to Great Britain since 1905, died in London shortly after noon Sunday from pulmonary oedema. Mr. Reid had been in feeble health for some time but it was not until Thursday preceding his death that his condition became serious.

President Taft and King George paid unusual tributes to the late ambassador.

It is thought that either former Vice-President Charles W. Fairbanks or John Hayes Hammond will be appointed to succeed Mr. Reid.