

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Forecast for North Carolina: Rain Sunday and probably Monday, warmer Sunday, fresh east shifting winds.

ESTABLISHED 1868.

"DEDICATED TO THE UP-BUILDING OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA"

ASHEVILLE, N. C., SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 31, 1922.

PRICE 7c—ON TRAINS 10c

Grove Planning New Development Calling For \$300,000 Outlay

MILE OF PAVING GOING ON NORTH OF GROVE PARK

RAPID GROWTH OF FISH INDUSTRY BEING PROMOTED

Kimberly Avenue Scene of Large Improvement in Three Mile Loop.

Shipman Reports Total Valuation of Year's Output \$2,034,430.42.

WIRES WILL BE PUT UNDERGROUND

STATE HAS ONE OF LARGEST SOUNDS

Canterbury Road, Just Opened to Be Scene of 12 New Residences.

Great Success of Present Fishing Laws Pointed to by Official.

Extension of Kimberly Avenue, making a loop of at least three miles, intersecting with the road to the top of Sunset Mountain, and probably Monday, warmer Sunday, fresh east shifting winds.

RALEIGH, Dec. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—In the ocean bordering Counties of North Carolina, which hold the world record for one of the largest coastal bodies of clear water in the world, and Panlico, with its low, desolate surrounding sand hills, the fishing industry is being rapidly developed.

Kimberly Avenue is now being paved and improved from the intersection of Evelyn Place for a distance of about one mile north and approximately \$75,000 is being expended on this link, with future extensions to be made as the demand for property increases.

The Commissioner's review, which was completed tonight, asserts this industry now ranks as one of the most important in the State, and in the coastal region is of great value than any other branch of trade.

The avenue, when extended, will run north, almost to the Meacham property, circle east, passing over Pleasant Mountain and join the road to Sunset Mountain a short distance up the mountain.

The fisheries, therefore, possess a great economic potentiality to the state and a proper knowledge of the extent, condition, and needs of the industry becomes of considerable importance to the citizens of the commonwealth.

From Evelyn Place for a distance of at least one mile, a long the property of the Asheville Electric Club, the property is being developed only on one side of the avenue, and this site commands an ideal view of the Country Club.

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With the opening of Canterbury Road, adjoining Grove Park, and Albermarle Park, another residential street is added to the city, with a total of 12 handsome residences to be erected, two to be started at an early date.

These erecting homes in the northern section of the city are making plans for permanent residences, confident that the future residential development of Asheville will be in this direction.

Edwin Place has also shown signs of activity during the year, and the attractive home of Dr. Rice is one of the many erected during this beautiful thoroughfare during the past year.

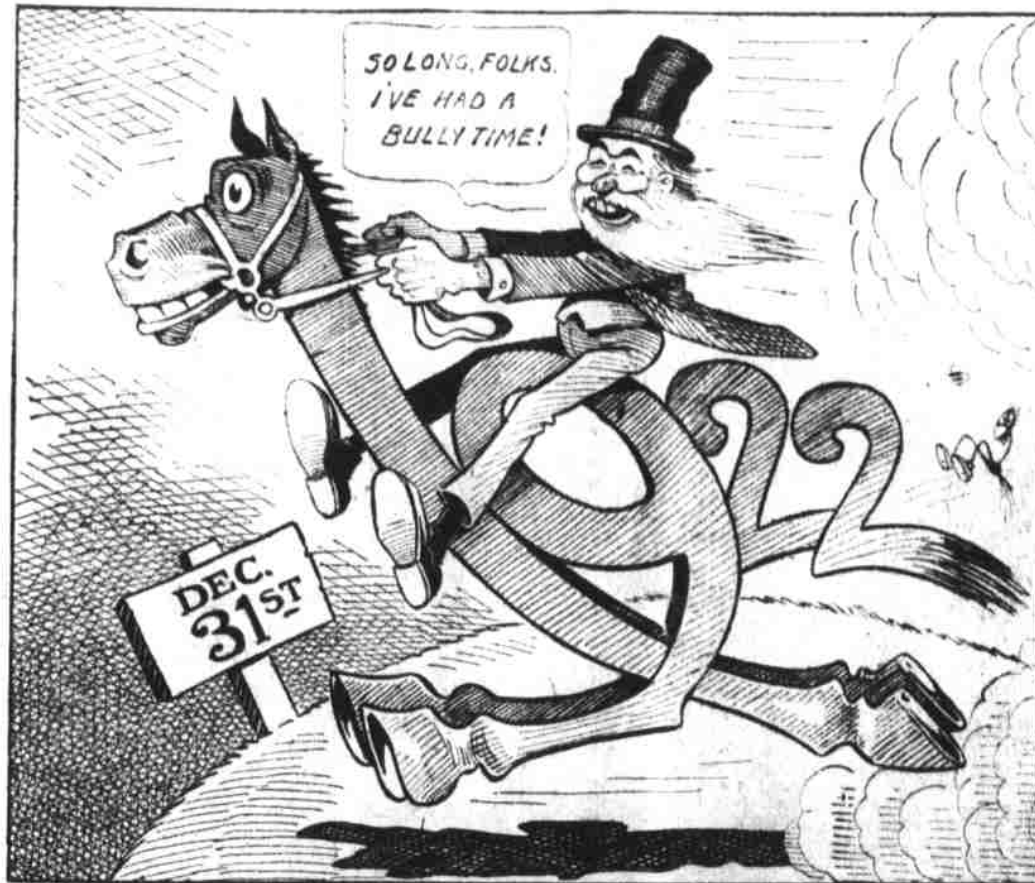
It will be several days yet before the estimate is completed, and at that time the Council will decide as to what course will be pursued to finance the project.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 30.—All prohibition enforcement officers in Eastern North Carolina have been transferred to the Western District. It was learned tonight, C. L. Cotton, chief of the Wilmington office, left tonight for Hendersonville, where he will have headquarters. A total of 20 officers are affected.

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THE JUMPING-OFF PLACE

BY BILLY BORNE



British To Offer Whole New Settlement Scheme

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LONDON, Dec. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Since the adjournment of the Allied premiers' meeting here on December 11 in order to avoid an open break between Great Britain and France on the subject of reparations, there has been a flood of rumors and reports concerning the solution of the deadlock that Prime Minister Bonar Law was likely to propose when the Allied representatives resumed their discussion in Paris.

Included today, however, was an authoritative statement forthcoming from official circles. This was to the effect that the British premier would go to Paris next Monday armed with a new plan for a final and complete settlement of the whole question of Germany's war obligations.

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Saluda Looking Forward to Big Improvements

Preparing to Spend \$90,000 for Added Water Supply and Paved Streets. Mayor Roberts Announces Committees Will Act at an Early Date.

A State-wide City Planning bill to be placed before the General Assembly will be drawn at a meeting of the legislative and executive committees of the North Carolina Municipal Association and others interested which will be held within the next 10 days.

Mr. Bailey stated that if a bond election is not held, the town of Saluda will in all probability appeal to the State Legislature for permission to issue the bonds covering the needed amount. Mr. Bailey retires as Mayor next June, and he is anxious to have these improvements commenced before his departure.

CHARGE CROWELL WITH CONSPIRACY TO DEFAUD U. S.

Former Assistant Secretary and Six Other Former Officials Indicted. FIRST RESULT OF WAR FRAUD PROBE Alleged to Unlawfully Delay Administration of Laws and Regulations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Benedict Crowell, former Assistant Secretary of War and six other wartime members of the War Department, were charged today in an indictment returned by a special Federal grand jury here, with conspiracy to defraud the government and unlawfully delaying and defeating the administration of law.

Seven defendants were said by the jury to have participated unlawfully in the award of contracts for the government during the war, and after the armistice, involving expenditures totalling hundreds of millions of dollars, and in which some of their number had pecuniary interest.

Those named as conspirators with Mr. Crowell were: William A. Starrett, of New York, engineer and architect, said to have been a member of the firms of Starrett and Van Vleck and the Starrett Construction Company, Inc., and later associated with the George A. Fuller Company, general contractors. He was chairman of the War Department's Construction Committee.

Morton C. Tuttle, of Boston, said to be general manager of the Aberthaw Construction Company, and formerly a member of the Emergency Construction Committee. Clamons W. Lundoff, of Cleveland, Ohio, said to be vice-president of the general manager of the Crowell-Lundoff-Little Company, and general manager of the Cleveland Construction Company.

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Each of the seven defendants, the indictment asserted, "conceived the fraudulent scheme and plan of getting control, for their own gain, of the Government's money."

WILMINGTON BANK CLOSES AT 10 PER CENT

Commercial National Bank Officials Refused Chance to Re-open.

WILMINGTON, Dec. 30.—Thomas E. Cooper, president of the Commercial National Bank, which was closed by W. H. Folger, Federal bank examiner, on instructions from the comptroller of the currency this morning, tonight declared that all depositors would be paid 10 per cent.

The public had as much notice of the closing as the officers and directors," Mr. Cooper said. Mr. Folger would make no statement whatever regarding closing the bank.

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BOOSTING TOUR TO FLORIDA IS BEING PLANNED

Effort to Get Tourists to Return This Way Part of New Year Program.

Believing that if the thousands of motor tourists now wintering in Florida only knew what the Land of the Sun has to offer, a large percentage of them would return north via the beautiful scenic highway of the Western North Carolina mountains, the Asheville Chamber of Commerce is making plans to send down into the land of oranges, sunshine and flowers a motor party from the Mountain Metropolis.

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EXTRADITION IN THE GRAY CASE IS DISALLOWED

First Time on Record Governor Has Declined to Grant Extradition.

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, Dec. 30.—Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for three weeks have been investigating the conduct of Blingham School at Mebane.

While finding that the young man had been perhaps too elaborately in his description of "a splendid football team, large park grounds, hundreds of students uniformed and 25 instructors," the Governor said he did not believe he was playing the part of the chief in his solicitation of prominent Mumfordsville fathers to send their sons to Mebane.

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