

News Over the State

Brief News Items.

Chief Justice Walter Clark's residence in Raleigh was damaged to the extent of a thousand dollars by fire last Thursday morning.

The Commissioners of Rockingham county, have ordered a special school election to be held in Wentworth district, April 10th.

The Franklin Manufacturing and Development Company, of Bryson City, N.C., has been incorporated, and is understood to contemplate building a cotton mill.

There is only one prisoner in the Rockingham county jail, that being Luther H. Golley, white, sent up from the Recorders court of Reidsville for criminal assault upon a 10-year-old white girl.

The Rockingham county officers have been placed on a salary basis by an act of the legislature. The sheriff is to receive \$3,000 a year, the clerk of the court \$2,300 and the register of deeds \$2,000.

The recruiting officers of the United States Army at Raleigh, Wilson, Wilmington, and Durham, have been temporarily closed. About seven hundred men have enlisted at the stations during the past two years.

Announcement is made that the Erwin Cotton Mills Co. has definitely chosen Duke as the location for its \$1000,000 gray goods mill which is to have 50,000 spindles and 1,000 employes. Durham made a had fight for the factory.

The Seaboard Air Line passenger station at Youngsville, consisting of the telegraph office and two waiting rooms, was destroyed by fire early last Thursday morning. Two years ago the freight station of Youngsville was burned.

In order to meet the floating indebtedness and current expenses of the city, a bond issue of \$100,000 has just been sold by Charlotte to Weir, Roth and Company, of Cincinnati. The bonds brought a premium of four thousand five hundred and twenty-two dollars.

Mrs. Elizabeth Canady hanged herself at the State Hospital in Raleigh last Thursday morning by tearing to pieces a sheet, tying the end around her neck, throwing the loop over the door and jumping from the bed. This patient had been melancholy for some time.

Land slides, caused by the recent heavy rainfalls in Western North Carolina, have greatly delayed the traffic on the Knoxville division of the Southern Railway. Rock and dirt piled on the tracks at a point near Ivy Bridge, in Madison county, to a depth of ten feet in places.

Adolphus Thomas, a prominent farmer, of Forsyth county, attempted to commit suicide one night last week. He tied a rope around his neck and leaped from a window of his barn, the rope broke and he fell to the ground where he was found by his family in an unconscious condition. He will recover.

During a bad rain and windstorm in Greenville before day one morning last week a house occupied by colored people was blown off its foundations and let down to the ground. Though the building took a fall of two feet, neither the man nor his wife was awakened or knew anything of the storm until they got up after daylight.

After being chased by Lawrence Taylor with a big stick for a great distance at Newbern last week and growing tired of dodging and trying to avoid the wielder of the big stick, Ed Harris pulled his gun and shot his pursuer twice. The first bullet inflicted only a flesh wound and as Taylor continued to advance, Harris fired the second time with fatal results.

The Statesville Mascot tells a story about a dog owned by Mr. T. Young, of that place, which is hard to head. In brief the dog had stood pointing a covey of birds for two days and two nights and when found was so stiff that it could not walk. As the searching party approached the animal, a covey of birds flew up. A portion of the time it rained which doubtless accounts for the birds remaining quiet.

The two gentlemen nominated for the Wilmington mayoralty met in the street one day last week. "I shall certainly vote and do all I can for you," said Mr. O'Brien to Captain McRae. "And I shall vote and do all I can for you, and I hope to goodness you'll be elected," said Captain McRae to Mr. O'Brien.

Friends of former Senator Foraker are to start a movement for his return to the senate in place Senator Dick two years hence.

One of the night riders, named Hogg, under sentence of death at Union City, Tenn., escaped prison last week and has not been recaptured thus far.

A Pennsylvania switch engine struck a street car at Fort Wayne, Ind., last Thursday and not a passenger escaped injury. The street car was demolished.

Mrs. Ruth McPherson died last Thursday at Des Moines, Iowa, at the age of 103 years. She was the oldest person in Iowa and was born in Grayson county, Va., August 22, 1807.

One of the last official acts of Geo. Von L. Meyer, as Postmaster General, was the issuance of an order directing the franking or free postage to the widows of Presidents Harrison and Cleveland.

James H. Christianson, former state treasurer of Utah, is under arrest, a self-confessed embezzler of over \$70,000 from the state treasury. An attempt is being made to secure bondsmen for him.

It is announced from Washington that J. E. Wilson, the negro postmaster at Florence, S. C., will not be re-appointed by President Taft, but that the place will be given to H. M. Tassel, a white man.

President Taft was advised last Friday by cable of the death of chief justice of the supreme court of Porto Rico, Jose Cervero Quiñones, whose death took place at San Juan, Porto Rico, last Saturday.

In a street duel at Emporia, Va., one night last week, John T. Brantley, a police Sergeant, was shot and instantly killed and P. B. Sheffield, a cotton mill operative, was so badly wounded that he died later.

W. P. Etheridge, a Norfolk county, Va., groceryman, last week shot and killed Harvey Williams, a negro, who had burglarized his store on the Portsmouth side of the river. A coroner's jury exonerated Etheridge.

Benjamin Carpenter Miller, who in 1888 amazed the county by loading the huge Brighton Beach Hotel on flat cars and moving it back from the ocean a distance of nearly six hundred feet, died recently in Brooklyn.

The jury in the case of L. A. Lackey, of Bristol, Va., was tried last week for the third time on a sensational criminal charge preferred by a 15-year-old girl, returned a verdict of guilty, fixing punishment at four years in the penitentiary.

George A. Pugh, for many years ticket agent of the Southern Railway at Danville, Va., pleaded guilty in the corporation court last week of embezzlement of the funds of the Company. The jury gave him the lowest sentence; one year in the penitentiary.

The residence of Norman E. Mack, Chairman of the Democratic National Executive Committee, of Buffalo, N. Y., was destroyed by fire last Wednesday evening. The damage is estimated at \$50,000. Mr. Mack was in New York at the time and his family in Atlanta City.

During his term President Roosevelt appointed more Federal judges than any other President. Of the nine judges of the United States Supreme Court he has appointed three; of the 29 circuit judges he has appointed 13; of the 84 district judges, he has appointed 51.

Mrs. J. I. Parks, of Los Angeles, married at 13, has 17 children living, nine of whom are caring for themselves out in the world, and eight are now at home with her. She is now 48 and has been "investigated" by the Children's Humane Society for speaking crossly to her brood.

W. R. Irby, of New Orleans, was elected a director of the American Tobacco Company at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the company held in Jersey City last week. The election of Mr. Irby increased the membership of the board from 27 to 28, present directors being re-elected.

An investigation of the affairs of the Rev. Father Casper Elbert, who was removed last week from the postorate of St. Katherine's Catholic church, Baltimore, has revealed that he owes \$130,000 exclusive of

a church debt of about \$28,000. This money was spent, it is alleged, for life insurance premiums and speculation.

Allen Laird, a Washington and Lee student, was struck in the head with a rock by a negro one night last week while walking in the business section of Lynchburg, Va. Laird received a painful wound in the back of his head. The negro escaped. The cause of the assault cannot be learned.

Harrison McClelland, a young negro, of Danville, Va., who last December stabbed Dave Beard, also colored, to death with a pocket knife, was last week found guilty of murder in the second degree, and given eighteen years in prison. The tragedy was the result of a quarrel over 10 cents, the stakes involved in a card game.

John C. Lumsden, the young inventor of Raleigh, N. C., who killed Harry B. Snydam, a curb broker in New York, last December, and who was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree, was sentenced last Friday by Judge Malone, to not less than eighteen years or not more than nineteen years, six months, in Sing Sing prison. There will be no appeal.

A most distressing accident occurred near Wentworth at an early hour Tuesday morning of last week, when the building at the county home used for the insane department was destroyed by fire. Two inmates—Lige Garner and Geo. Thompson, both white—lost their lives in the flames. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have started from a heater located in the hall of the building.

It has been arranged with Theodore Roosevelt, private citizen, that one of the last things he will do on March 23, before sailing on the Hamburg line to kill lions and things will be to shake hands with about 100 representative men of Pittsburg, who will leave there on the evening of March 22, by special train, and meet the ex-president at the Hoboken docks.

How it Helps in the Navy.
Harpers Weekly.

There is a certain naval officer of the United States who is very much opposed to the use of profanity in the officers under his command. Indeed, he has been known severely to reprimand in private officers on his ship heard to address their men in profane terms.

The following story is told concerning admiral's command of a squadron engaged in target maneuvers in Magdalena Bay, Lower California. The commanding officer observed one day that the men of his ship, the flagship, seemed to lag behind the crews of the other vessels of the squadron, being the last to finish the execution of a command or to carry out a maneuver. He mentioned this fact to his captain. Just as the latter was about to reply there came floating over the water from the vessel standing by the flagship a volley of oaths, the result of which was that there was some pretty hustling on the part of the men addressed.

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Geese	40 to 60
Turkeys	10 to 12½
Country Hams	15 to 16
Sweet Potatoes	50 to 60
Irish Potatoes	75 to 1.00
Corn	75 to 90
Wheat	1.15 to 1.25
Oats	65
Cotton	7
Green Hides	7
Green Sheep Skins	20 to 30
Dry Hides, salt	18
Dry Hides, flint	10 to 12½
Beeswax	25
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Wool, washed	22 to 27
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