

NORTH STATE MATTERS

Newsy Items Gleaned From Murphy to Planteo.

The Haywood Trial.

Raleigh, Special.—The trial of Ernest Haywood for the killing of Ludlow Skinner was begun on Thursday of last week. The jury was selected without much difficulty. Twenty-five witnesses were examined Friday. With the exception of two witnesses none testified to having seen anything of the killing until they were attracted by the sound of a pistol shot and saw Haywood standing on the sidewalk near the south end of the postoffice, with his smoking pistol leveled at Skinner, who was moving rapidly across the street. As he came near to the center of it the second shot came as Skinner slightly turned, and then he circled till he fell to the ground on his face, dying almost at once. The evidence for the State was not concluded Friday.

Fire at High Point.

High Point, Special.—The machinery room of the High Point Mangle and Table Company's plant was destroyed by fire Thursday night about 12:30 o'clock. The fire started in the drying houses close to the machinery building, which were also destroyed. Prompt work on the part of the local firemen saved further destruction. The loss outside insurance is estimated at about \$10,000. Enough factory property in close proximity was saved by the firemen, which otherwise would have burned, to pay for the water works several times over. The burned district will be rebuilt at once.

North State News.

Internal revenue agents Wednesday at Milton, Caswell county, made the largest seizure of liquor known in the history of the bureau in North Carolina. Six thousand gallons, valued at \$9,000, were seized by Deputy Collector Starbuck, just as the barrels were being loaded on the train for shipment to the chief, allowing two persons to stay in the store. About 10 o'clock the watchman entered and went to the money drawer, where he was standing when the lights were turned on. Knowles then acknowledged to the theft.

At a meeting Wednesday afternoon of natives of North Carolina who are residents of Richmond, Va., steps were taken toward the formation of what is to be known as the North Carolina Society of Richmond, and a committee was appointed to represent the society at the gathering of the North Carolina "dispersed abroad," to be held at Greensboro; October 12. Rev. Dr. W. W. Moore, of the Union Theological Seminary, was chosen to be the spokesman of this delegation.

Appointments to University scholarships at Columbia were received Tuesday. They are for postgraduate study and are valued at \$150 each. They are awarded for excellence in study and general merit. Among the recipients is Leonidas Wakefield Crawford, Jr., of Greensboro, course in English literature. He is an A. M. of Trinity College, of Durham, and A. M. of Columbia University, 1903.

The grand jury at the Charlotte court house Tuesday afternoon found a true bill against John Kirk, colored, for the murder of Will Smith, also colored, near Ebenezer, in Saxon, about two weeks ago. The defendant has not yet been apprehended.

Woman Defaulter.

New York, Special.—Marie Layton Johnson, aged 29 years, the wife of Albert M. Johnson, a dentist of Larchmont, N. Y., with an office in this city, was arrested Friday night on a warrant specifically charging her with the grand larceny of \$2,000. The total amount of her defalcations, however, may, it is said, amount to \$50,000.

A Loss By Fire.

Messrs. S. S. Phipps and John M. Andrews, of Greensboro, lost their tobacco barns by fire Tuesday night. Mr. Phipps finished curing his tobacco and the fires were drawn, taking the precaution of putting water on the embers, but on Sunday afternoon in some way the barn caught fire, destroying all of the tobacco and several vehicles which were under the shed of the barn. Mr. Andrews was killed on his barn of tobacco when it caught fire and was destroyed.

An education is not a short cut to a soft snap.

S. & W. to Be Extended.

Johnson City, Tenn., Special.—Georg L. Carter, president of the road announces that the South & Western Railroad, formerly the Ohio River & Charleston, is to be at once extended from Johnson City to the West Virginia coal fields and from its North Carolina terminus to the Atlantic coast. The extensions will aggregate several hundred miles. The road was originally projected from Charleston to Chicago via Cincinnati.

NORTH STATE CROP BULLETIN

Conditions for Past Week as Reported By the Department.

The past week was very favorable for all kinds of work. Practically no precipitation occurred anywhere during the week, except on the immediate coast, and the complete absence of moisture was somewhat detrimental to late crops, especially turnips, crimson clover and grass recently seeded. The temperature was nearly normal, but the nights were generally cool, especially on the 22d, 25th and 28th; moderate temperatures during the day made conditions very pleasant for outdoor work, which progressed rapidly. The soil is apparently in good condition, and fall plowing for wheat and oats is well underway. The amount of sunshine was above normal for the week.

Cutting old corn was continued during the week; some late corn has also been cut and shocked, though much of it is still too green in several western counties; the bulk of the corn crop has matured sufficiently to be safe from frost, and will give a large yield. Fodder pulling is nearly over. Late cotton has been somewhat injured by cool nights, and generally the dry, cool weather has tended to hasten the maturity of the crop; it is opening rapidly everywhere, and picking is general; some correspondents report that half the crop has been gathered; indications are still for a short crop. In some sections in the northern portion of the State late tobacco is reported as the best crop for some years, probably on account of the excellence of late cures; the work of housing tobacco is nearly complete, though there is some in the fields which might be damaged by an early frost. Making hay, picking peas, digging peanuts and sweet potatoes and harvesting rice progressed favorably during the week. Turning and fall Irish potatoes need rain; many turnip seeds have failed to sprout. Some farmers are sowing crimson clover, grass seeds and some advance is reported in the seeding of winter wheat. Early sown rye is being injured a little by insects.

The next Weekly Crop Bulletin will be the last issue for the present season. Government Crop Report. Washington, Special.—The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions says: "The principal corn States have experienced weather conditions exceptionally favorable for maturing late corn, and while frosts have been quite general in the central and eastern portions of the corn belt, no material damage is indicated. "With generally seasonable temperatures and practically no rain over the entire cotton belt, cotton has opened rapidly and picking has been actively carried on, a large part of the crop having been gathered. Cool nights and the general prevalence of drought in the central and western districts have been detrimental, and rust and shedding continue to be extensively reported, although rust is somewhat less prevalent in Georgia. On the whole the crop has suffered deterioration, especially in the central and western portions of the belt. Little or no top crop is promised. In Texas the plant has almost entirely ceased fruiting and in some central counties is dying. In North Carolina the conditions have favored the maturity of late cotton. In South Carolina premature opening has been checked.

News of the Day.

Robert P. Skinner, the American Consul-General at Marseilles, will penetrate the wilds of Abyssinia, guarded by a detachment of American marines from the European Squadron, to negotiate a commercial treaty with the King of Abyssinia.

The Rappahannock Fair began at Fredericksburg.

Lilburn Bales, aged 14 years, is said to have fired 38 shots into the body of John Taylor, of Russell county, Virginia. The orders for a restriction of the anthracite coal output has affected nearly all the collieries in the Wilkes-Barre region. H. H. Rand, formerly confidential clerk to the Postmaster-General, and lately assistant superintendent of the Salary and Allowance Division, has been dropped from the rolls after indefinite leave without pay. In an address to the grand jury Chief Justice Lore, of Delaware, took occasion to severely denounce lynching.

Leader Murphy, of Tammany Hall, proposes to endorse Edward M. Grant and Charles V. Fornes, nominees on the fusion ticket. James W. Erwin, one of the indicted clerks to the Postmaster-General, and his testimony before the United States Commissioner in San Francisco. Armed detectives were on guard at W. G. Rockefeller's Adirondack cottage and around his estate. Fourteen culprits were severely whipped in the Newcastle County (Del.) Jail yard and a large crowd, including women, witnessed the bloody work. Gov. A. B. Cummings, of Iowa, opened his campaign for re-election at Des Moines. The Sheffield Scientific School will make test on 20 members of the army hospital corps with a view to fixing the minimum amount of profit necessary to maintain normal life. Snow has fallen on the Balkan mountains, greatly increasing the hardships of the Macedonian refugees.

Gen. Ian Hamilton arrived on the Lucania from England and will visit Southern battlefields.

THE TILLMAN TRIAL.

End of First Week in a Famous Case.

STATE RESTED ON SATURDAY.

Much Testimony Given By State Witnesses—The Defense's First Witness.

Fourth Day.

The fourth day of the trial of James H. Tillman, charged with the murder of Editor Gonzales, which was closed with the adjournment of court was taken up almost wholly with the reading of editorials from The State which were printed during the week. It was not anticipated when the reading was begun that one-half the time would be consumed that was taken, and even then there are about two columns yet to be read. It is estimated that some 30 columns were read during the day. The papers from which the editorials were read ran from the first of April to the end of February, 1902. Twice during the day Judge Gary suspended court momentarily because of the strain on the jurors, who listened intently throughout.

C. J. Terrell, the editor of a newspaper at Johnston, S. C., was among the first witnesses called. "Mr. Terrell, I wish you would state to the jury whether you ever heard James H. Tillman make any threat against Gonzales," said Solicitor Thurmond.

After stating that he had, and in answer to a question saying that he saw Tillman at Edgefield, just before the beginning of the campaign of last summer, witness was asked to state what he said, when he made the first statement.

"We were walking along, and I spoke to him about his testimony and his improvement from his trip, and as we neared the office door and we had been discussing some printing he wanted done, he made the remark that he was going to run for Governor and was going to be elected, and if that was the case, he would refer to me as 'Mr. Tillman,' with several pretty severe oaths, attacked him like he had been doing that he was going down and kill him like a dog. I remonstrated with him about that. I told him I thought it would be wrong in principle and every way, and the best thing for him to do was to give him any insult or cause for anything like that, was to go down there and tackle him man and man and give him what he thought was needed. He said no, that he was going down there and give him no more show than he would a man of his color."

"Did you at any other time hear him make a threat?" the solicitor asked. "Yes, sir," witness replied. He then, in answer to questions, that it was on a train going to Columbia, and that O. D. Black was present. In answer to an inquiry from the solicitor, the witness said: "Black and I were talking, and Colonel Tillman came up, and I introduced them. I said, 'Colonel this is Mr. Black, do you know?' He said, 'Oh, yes, I know Black,' and slapped him on the shoulder or leg, slapped him the way you do a dog, and from that the conversation went on on general topics until presently he referred to what he called the 'Gonzales matter.' I want it distinctly understood, I am not trying to quote verbatim what was said, but I am just giving an idea of my recollection of the words that were used. He said, 'Black, old boy, I am going to do what I said about that old fellow. I am going to put an end to his way of abusing me, slandering me, etc., like that. I am going to put a stop to it, something like that; I don't remember the exact words.'"

Asked as to any other statements the witness said, "On the day they were canvassing the returns in Columbia, I went to Columbia to make a trial for advertising. I was standing in front of the Attorney General's office, talking at the time to Attorney General Gantt, and Secretary of State Gantt and Watson—I think his initials are F. J. Mr. Watson, of the State—E. J. I think are his initials. All four of us were talking, and just as Tillman came up Gantt and Gunter walked off and Colonel Tillman, addressing Watson, said some statements which I thought were somewhat serious. He said, 'I am going to put an end to his way of abusing me, slandering me, etc., like that. I am going to put a stop to it, something like that; I don't remember the exact words.'"

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to come to him in the hotel lobby and offer him a cigar, which was declined. "Was it one or more occasions that you heard him speak of Mr. Tillman in this derogatory manner?" "It was several occasions, the few days he was in the hospital," replied the witness.

She said she had known Lieut. Gov. Tillman's family all her life and that the families are connected by marriage. Miss Roper said she had never heard Lieut. Gov. Tillman make any threats towards Mr. Gonzales.

After this the trial was adjourned on Tuesday, Monday being assigned to the consideration of other business.

NEWSY CLEANINGS.

A poor potato crop is reported from Minnesota.

The Bee-Wheel Trust was organized recently with \$3,000,000 capital.

Railway earnings are a million dollars a week greater this year than last.

Surgeon-General Rixey has decided to urge on Congress the enlargement of the General Naval Hospital at Portsmouth, Va.

German coal is gaining a hold in the French markets, and the French State railways have ordered 8000 tons at \$1.50 a ton.

The Corset Manufacturers' Association at Berlin has agreed to raise prices five per cent, because of the increased cost of cotton.

Land estimated to contain upward of 250,000,000 feet of standing timber on Coquille River, Oregon, was sold recently for \$250,000.

A plague of fleas has infested Chicago and the physicians and health department are unable to cope effectively with the insects.

Over 10,000,000 pieces of mail were received in the year ending June 30 by the Dead Letter Office, \$18,634 in money being found in them.

Frederick Marriott, who sued Truxton Beale and T. H. Williams for \$100,000 damages for shooting him, was awarded \$16,789 against Williams.

Detroit, Mich., is turning out from sixty-five to seventy-five complete automobiles daily, with a likelihood of producing 100 or more each day next season.

James Keffer, murderer of William Warren, was hanged in the jail yard at Lander, Wyo., after a last night spent in singing, dancing and telling stories to the death watch.

A receiver was appointed in the United States District Court in Connecticut for the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, and an injunction was issued restraining a forced sale of the property.

SPORTING BRIEVITIES.

Kent cricketers defeated the Philadelphia team by seven wickets.

Golf has reached a fixed and definite place among our national sports.

Quarterback kicking is to be a feature of this season's football games.

Buffalo is a bit sore because Jersey City won the Eastern League pennant.

Pitcher Charley Chech, of the St. Paul Club, won twenty-two out of twenty-five games pitched.

Harvard's football team will have a heavy rush line. Her centre trio this fall will average more than 200 pounds.

Lajoie claims that the Clevelanders would have won the American League (batting) and an injunction was issued restraining a forced sale of the property.

According to reports of sportsmen the hunting season will be a failure in Pennsylvania if rabbits are taken into consideration.

Hugh Duffy, once the captain of the Boston National League Club, has been engaged to manage the Philadelphia National League nine for 1904.

Captain Hunt, of Cornell, although he has played guard heretofore, has developed into a great drop kicker, and recently has been playing full back.

Major Taylor, the colored bicycle rider, has returned to Worcester, after a campaign of ten months in Australia, India and France. He said it was his last trip.

The Chicago Baseball Club is pretty well satisfied with the distinction of being the only one that has defeated the champion Pittsburghs in the season's series.

Jimmy Michael will return to America this fall and take up cycling racing. The midget will remain for next season, riding probably under the management of James C. Kennedy.

The \$5000 stake for three-year-old trotters was the feature of the opening of the grand circuit, trots at Cincinnati, and was won in three straight heats by Ethel's Pride, best time 2:15.

THE WAY TO THEIR HEARTS.

Boisterous Lads Proved Themselves Not Wholly Bad.

There was nothing lacking in the way of rowdiness on the homeward-bound car from Bath Beach. All the "boys" were on it, and made it perfectly apparent to other passengers that the conductor had nothing to do but collect fares, and that the motorman, big as he was, had little concern in what was going on behind him.

In the next to the front seat sat a little, bent old woman, her white hair plastered smooth beneath one of those curious little black silk bonnets that are never seen in the shops, but which old women seem to know where to buy. She wrapped her shawl closer around her frail figure as the rowdies became noisier and reared at the conductor when he made a feeble effort to stop them. Finally they started to sing a shameless song. A man who was riding home with his wife and two children stood up in the car and managed to secure a moment's attention.

"Oh, come, lads," he pleaded; "not before mother!"

The shot struck home. There was order on that car until the little old woman got off near the Brooklyn entrance to the bridge.—New York Times.

German women use the word "club" to designate a school organization, but do not apply it to associations of unions of working women. They pronounce it "kloob."

GONZALES' DYING STATEMENT.

State Gains a Point By Admission of Dead Man's Account of Tragedy.

Lexington, S. C., Special.—The third day of the famous Tillman trial resulted in the introduction of the dying statement of the deceased. The point was hotly contested. Mr. Jas. A. Hoyt, Jr., testified on this point, and was closely cross-examined by the defence.

Dr. C. W. Barron, of Columbia, was at the hospital when Mr. Gonzales was brought there from the State office. He said he asked Mr. Gonzales within ten or fifteen minutes after he had been carried into the hospital:

"N. G., do you understand your condition?"

"I do," the doctor said Gonzales replied, when witness said he asked him the further question:

"Do you understand, N. G., that you will probably die?" The reply being, witness testified, "I do."

The doctor said Mr. Gonzales had no hope of recovery. He considered Gonzales in extremis. Witness said Gonzales made a statement at the hospital which the witness said Gonzales said was a death statement.

Dr. J. W. Babcock, superintendent of the State Insane Hospital, saw Gonzales as he lay on the floor in the State office. He described the location of the bullet wounds, and gave the opinion that it was indicated that the body of a man receiving such wounds was on the point of turning. Dr. Babcock also saw Gonzales at the hospital just after he was received there. Gonzales, he said, made a statement to him which he said he took down in long hand notes. Reading from his notes he said the following were the words of Gonzales, as near as he could take it down:

"He had one man with him who was a particular friend of him, Tal Bird; another man whose face I did not observe. I started for the State House as usual. As I got to the corner of Gervais street I recognized Tillman. I knew if I kept on I would collide with him as they were three abreast, both on the outside. I cut diagonally across to the left, intending to turn the corner into Gervais street, which I could have done without touching the inside man. As I got on the turn, two or three feet from the exact corner, Tillman pulled a pistol from his pocket and fired three shots at me in his passion. The shock threw me around against the pillar on Main street. I faced him. He pointed the pistol; I called him coward. He said: 'I took your advice,' or something to that effect; he put his pistol in his pocket and entered into the street. I never sent him a message. He said, 'I have taken you at your word.' I suppose he referred to something I said in an editorial in the campaign. He said this after he fired. I had no idea of what he had said. He said he had two days before in the lobby of the House. The thing was finished as far as I was concerned."

August Kohn, a well known newspaper man, testified that Gonzales said he had sent no message to Tillman.

Killed By Cave-In.

Columbus, Ga.—While making measurements in a deep trench in a public street here Wednesday afternoon, Superintendent of Public Works Robert L. Johnson and a negro workman, Brad Smith, were killed by a mass of dirt caving in on them.

The alarm was given immediately and a force of workmen was sent to rescue the men. While this force was at work, a second cave-in followed, burying seven or eight men. Mayor Chapman ordered the hook and ladder truck of the fire department to help in the work. Quick work saved the lives of five workmen, who were dug out of the trench, but two of them are fatally hurt. The bodies of Johnson and the negro Smith, were recovered. The injured men were sent to their homes and physicians are giving them medical attention. Superintendent Johnson was one of the best known civil engineers in the South. He was formerly engaged in government work. He leaves a wife and four children.

Not Coming South.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Special.—In response to an invitation to visit the Branch Normal College, colored, here in the event of a Southern tour by him, former President Grover Cleveland has written as follows to Prof. Isaac Fisher, principal of the college. "The reports in the press, indicating that I intend soon to pay a visit to the South are entirely without foundation. I have had no such intention, though I know that I would enjoy such a trip. If it were true that I were to make such a tour and come to the State of Arkansas, I do not know of anything that I would like better than to pay a visit to your school."

A Match Rec.

Memphis, Special.—Secretary Murry Howe, of the Memphis Driving Park Association, announced that arrangements have been concluded whereby Prince Albert, 1:57, and Dan Patch, 1:59, will meet in a match race on the opening day of the grand circuit meeting, which begins October 20. On the second day Lou Dillon, the trotting queen, and Major Delmar, recently purchased by E. E. Smathers, will trot a specially arranged race.

Ervan to Speak.

Columbus, O., Special.—It is announced that Hon. Wm. J. Bryan will be in Ohio on October 5 to lend assistance to the Democratic cause. He will speak at Napoleon and Oak Harbor during the day, and in Sandusky at night. He had promised to give three days to the Ohio committee, but preparations for his European trip reduced this number to one.

FAVORS AN EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

The Committee of Organized Labor Waits on the President.

Washington, Special.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor has issued an address to organized labor, which advocates the eight-hour day, opposes abuse by the courts of the writ of injunction and strongly asserts the principle of the union shop. The address describes the recent conference with President Roosevelt, quoting the President as favoring the eight-hour bill. In the conference, says the address, the "open shop" idea was carefully considered. The address continues:

"Replying to statements on the subject, President Roosevelt set forth that in his decision he had nothing in mind but a strict compliance with Federal, including civil service law, and that he recognized a difference between employment by the government circumscribed by those laws and any other form of employment, and that his decision in the Miller case should not be understood to have any other effect or influence than affecting direct employment by the government in accordance therewith. He furthermore made plain that in any form of employment excepting that so circumscribed, he believed the full employment of union men was preferable either to non-union or 'open shop.'"

"In view of the publicity given this subject, the executive council of the American Federation of Labor takes this opportunity to say that the trade union movement stands for strictly union shop, experience having proved that where the 'open shop' system has been tried, reduction in wages and profits have ensued, with general disaster to the industry practicing that system, and therefore declares that the best interests of the labor movement calls for the employment of union workers and discourages in every way, shape and form the deteriorating effects which follow recognition of the 'open shop.'"

The address argues that the success of agreements with employers depends on the complete organization of labor, for only an organized body can carry into execution such an agreement.

Condition of the Treasury.

Washington, Special.—Mr. Roberts, Treasurer of the United States, has submitted to Secretary Shaw his report on the condition of the Treasury. June 30, and its operations during the past fiscal year. The total net revenues for the year were \$569,396,674, an increase of \$28,988,429 over the year preceding, and the total expenditures \$506,999,097, an increase of \$35,782,634. The surplus was \$45,297,667, as compared with \$91,287,375 in 1902. In the receipts there was an increase of upwards of \$30,000,000 from customs, and a falling off of over \$41,000,000 from internal revenue, the latter being the result of legislation enacted with this object. On the side of expenditures there was an increase in every important account, except pensions and interest, in which there were slight savings. The expenditures for the two military departments, which together amounted to \$191,237,554, forming by far the most successful, fully carried out corner in cotton in the history of this market a corner which has made for W. P. Brown, of New Orleans, the leader, at the least calculation between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000 in September option alone. Tuesday in one hour cotton rose more than \$5 a bale, because the men who had a theory that the corner would not hold and sold by the thousands of bales were not able to find it to buy to make the deliveries they had contracted to make tomorrow, and had to buy it of the men who had previously sold it. In order to prevent the market from falling to absolutely ruinous figures many of these have made settlements within the last two days with figures a cent a pound above the market rate.

Big Rise in Cotton.

A New York special to the Charlotte, N. C., Observer of Wednesday says: With September cotton at an advance of 145 points for the day and more than 200 in two days and likely to go higher, and with news of quick settlements 100 points higher, the New York cotton exchange Tuesday saw the culmination of the most successfully carried out corner in cotton in the history of this market a corner which has made for W. P. Brown, of New Orleans, the leader, at the least calculation between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000 in September option alone. Tuesday in one hour cotton rose more than \$5 a bale, because the men who had a theory that the corner would not hold and sold by the thousands of bales were not able to find it to buy to make the deliveries they had contracted to make tomorrow, and had to buy it of the men who had previously sold it. In order to prevent the market from falling to absolutely ruinous figures many of these have made settlements within the last two days with figures a cent a pound above the market rate.

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