

State News.

Smallpox has broken out in two Southbound Railroad camps, near Lexington, N. C.

The North Carolina Teachers' Assembly are holding their Annual Convention in Asheville this week.

The Democrats of the Third Congressional District will hold their convention in Goldsboro July 5th.

Sheriff Lanier, of Harnett County, captured a large illicit distillery in Little River Township Monday night.

Mr. J. S. Basnight has received his commission for postmaster at New Bern and will enter upon his duties this morning.

Governor Kitchin has ordered a special term of court for Hyde County, to begin July 26th and continue two weeks.

Ben Dorsett, a colored farmer, of Hickory Mount Township, Chatham County, was killed a few days ago, by a stroke of lightning.

Mr. R. J. W. Redfearn, of Wadesboro, died Friday from an attack of pellagra. This is the first fatal case reported in Anson County.

Mr. Warren Vines Hall has purchased the "Southern Republican," a paper formerly edited by Mr. J. A. Smith at Charlotte. Mr. Smith will continue to publish the Bessemer City Messenger.

The store of Boyles Brothers, of Winston-Salem was burglarized a few nights ago. The thieves scattered \$700 worth of merchandise over the floor and left a note saying that they had "just left."

The Democratic Congressional Convention of the Second District will be held at Rocky Mount on July 6th, and the Democrats of the Sixth District will hold their nominating convention at Wrightsville Beach on July 21st.

The Democratic Judicial Convention of the Sixth District is to be held at Smithfield on the 7th of July. F. C. Daniels, of Goldsboro, and J. C. Clifford, of Harnett, are the candidates for judge, and Mr. H. E. Norris of Raleigh, is the only candidate for Solicitor.

Mr. Loftin Hardy, of Woodington Township, Lenoir County, was stabbed three times Tuesday by Mr. Wiley Rouse, both aged men. The trouble was one of long standing, having originated in a dispute over farm boundary lines many years ago. Mr. Hardy's condition is critical.

In the case of Susan M. Gregg, administratrix of E. M. Gregg vs City of Wilmington, the jury returned a verdict for \$7,000 in favor of the plaintiff. Suit had been instituted for \$25,000 damages for the death of E. M. Gregg, caused by a pile of brick while he was passing on the sidewalk.

Electrical Storm Does Damage at Rocky Mount.

Rocky Mount, N. C., June 11.—An electrical and rain storm broke over this city last night, and for a possible half hour the rain fell as hard as ever before this year, while the surface drains in all parts of the city were taxed to carry off the water that fell and many of the streets appeared as ponds for several minutes.

The home of Mr. Barron Forrest, which is located on Pine Street near Villa Place, was struck shortly before 8 o'clock when the electrical storm was in its greatest fury. It is little short of marvelous that all of the five persons in the house at the time were not killed outright, while it is a fact that only one of them was stunned by the bolt. The five-room, one-story residence is wrecked the plastering and ceiling in every room in the house is knocked down, the weatherboarding is ripped off the sides in some places, while two of the brick pillars were crushed. The round porch posts at the front of the house were split as though it was done by a woodman.

Blockaders at Work. Greensboro Record.]

The "State of Wilkes" is again attracting the attention of the government. As has been stated in this paper, things have "broke loose" again and they are said to be making liquor up that way to beat the band. A large force of revenue men and other officers left Greensboro for that section yesterday. The blockaders have already arrived at that stage when they are ready to shoot. It is hinted that the appointment of a new collector is taken to mean that they will not be molested. This is a poor stick to lean on. Judge Boyd is still alive and doing business, while District Attorney Holton is yet in harness.

Mr. J. A. Smith's Contest. The contest of Mr. J. A. Smith, of Bessemer City, for the seat in Congress now held by Mr. E. Y. Webb, was argued Tuesday before the Election Committee of the House. No decision has yet been announced by the committee.

Greensboro Woman Arrested for Shoplifting.

Greensboro, N. C., June 10.—Mabel Hackney, a white woman, about 22 years of age, and prominent in church circles, was arrested by Policemen Causey and Pearce late yesterday afternoon, the charge against her being "shoplifting." The woman was carried to police headquarters, but was later released upon a bond of \$200, this being given by her father.

Son of Man Who Killed Officer Dunn Charged as Blind Tiger.

Scotland Neck, N. C., June 13.—Some days ago Mayor A. C. Livermon issued a warrant to Chief of Police G. H. Johnson against E. E. Powell, Jr., for selling liquor. At the trial there were ten separate charges for which Powell waived examination, and he was put under a bond of \$300 in each case.

Death of Mr. W. W. Clark of New Bern.

Asheville, N. C., June 8.—W. W. Clark, of New Bern, one of the best known lawyers of eastern North Carolina, died here at 2.30 o'clock this morning at St. Joseph's Hospital. His body, accompanied by his brother, Edward Clark, and sister, Miss Mattie Clark, was taken to New Bern this afternoon.

Greensboro Woman Commits Suicide.

Greensboro, N. C., June 14.—Mrs. Lillian Powell, a young married woman, died at 8 o'clock this morning as a result of wounds inflicted with a razor in her own hands. Despondency over continued ill health and a threatening siege of typhoid fever is attributed as the cause of her rash act.

SECRETARY NAGEL AT TRINITY.

Mr. B. N. Duke Gives Another \$100,000 to Trinity College.

Durham, N. C., June 8.—From a sick bed today, Benjamin N. Duke sent the trustees of Trinity College \$100,000 for Trinity, making within a year more than a quarter million that the philanthropist has given.

At the last commencement the benefactor gave \$50,000 for a building, just the starter to a group and a plant to cost \$250,000. The last offering was a great surprise. It marks the Duke philanthropies up high, something like \$1,250,000.

Great applause attended the announcement. Mr. Duke has been fighting typhoid fever three weeks, and though doing handsomely, was less well today than he has been. He has ever remembered the institution on commencement periods.

The address of Secretary Nagel, of President Taft's cabinet was the feature of today's exercises. A markedly handsome person is the gentleman who came on aspecial and good naturedly chose to defend President Taft rather than deliver tedious homilies to his class of men and women.

A FIGHT WITH MOONSHINERS.

Blockaders Very Active in Wilkes and Adjoining Counties. Union Republican.]

Illicit distilling is breaking out again. Revenue officers report to headquarters at Asheville, N. C., that fully 50 plants have been seized and destroyed in the mountain section of this State and in the border counties of Virginia during the past few months. A dispatch from North Wilkesboro, N. C., under date of June 4th, says that a desperate encounter between government officials and mountain distillers was fought late Friday afternoon at the lower end of Todd Darnell's place, known as the hotbed of Wilkes County distillers. The officers were finishing a raid of two days when they approached the supposed location of a distillery on Darnell's place, and just as they emerged from a deep ravine they were fired upon from ambush. More than 100 shots were exchanged, and it is known that some of the moonshiners received injuries, though whether or not they were fatal was not learned.

Other distilleries were located in deep ravines of the Blue Ridge mountains, all having the appearance of much operation and enjoying a big trade. The officers state that the larger part of the output of this contraband fluid is sold in Ashe County at \$2 per gallon.

NEW SHOPS AT SPENCER.

Southern Railway to Expend \$200,000 in Boiler Shops—Other Improvements to Be Made.

Spencer, N. C., June 13.—The biggest piece of news that has developed in Spencer for five years is the announcement today that Messrs. John P. Pettyjohn & Co., of Lynchburg, have been awarded a contract for the erection of a new brick and steel boiler shop in Spencer for the Southern Railway Company. The building will be modern and equipped with the best machinery known to modern railroad shops. The cost of the building has not been given out, but it is estimated at about \$200,000 including equipment.

This will be one of four huge buildings to be erected in Spencer by the Southern Railway Company this year, the others to be a store and office building, a blacksmith shop and an oil house. It is expected that construction will begin at once.

General News.

Dr. W. D. Crum (colored), of Charleston, S. C., has been appointed American Minister to Liberia.

Three Canadian Pacific trainmen were drowned in Lake Superior Friday morning when a freight train plunged into the lake at Port Caldwell, Ont.

A lone highwayman held up a train near El Paso, Texas, Thursday night and robbed every passenger in one of the Pullman cars. The bandit then made his escape into the mountains.

Ahamed Samin, editor of an independent paper in Constantinople, was assassinated Friday, his murderer escaping. The editor was considered one of the ablest writers in Turkey.

Sidney Hursey, a young lawyer, was shot and mortally wounded by Richard S. Davis, in the court-room at Dillon, S. C., Tuesday afternoon. Davis, who is proprietor of a hotel, charged that Hursey had ruined his home.

NIGHT RIDERS ON TRIAL.

Soldiers Guard Court House, and Every Man Searched for Weapons—One Witness Shot Down.

Hopkinville, Ky., June 10.—Guarded by soldiers, who searched for weapons every person entering the court house, six prominent members of the farmers' tobacco organization in western Kentucky were placed on trial here today.

They are charged with being night riders and it is alleged that they participated in a raid on this town on December 6, 1907, when the torch was applied by the marauders, \$500,000 damage being done. Several men were shot.

Princeton, Ky., June 10.—Judge Robinson, a farm hand on the farm of George Goodman, and one of the most important witnesses in the night rider trials at Hopkinville, was shot down and slain from ambush yesterday in the vicinity of Otter Pond, in this county.

Western Union Indicted for Violating Bucketshop Law.

Washington, D. C., June 10.—Indictments charging the Western Union Telegraph Company with 42 violations of the bucketshop law of March 1, 129, were returned by the Federal grand jury here today.

An additional indictment was also returned against the Price & Co forces, charging them with the operation of a bucketshop in the District of Columbia.

Although the Betsy Ross incident has come down to us as authentic history, there are those who are skeptical as to the part her flag has for so long played as the first national standard to be made in this country, and they bring forward an old ensign to assist their evidence. This is the "Starry Banner" so fondly mentioned by John Paul Jones, and it is now on exhibition at the National Museum in Washington. It occupies the center of a case in one of the halls of the splendid new building and is ever an object of attraction to sightseers. The old banner is so frail that it is almost like gossamer and will hardly hold intact, although loving hands have faithfully and carefully patched and darned it.—Dressmaking at Home for July.

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