

State News.

Maj. Larry R. Bass, one of the eldest merchants of Goldsboro, died suddenly of heart failure a few days ago. He was sixty-six years old.

The champion corn grower in North Carolina this year is Charles Parker, sixteen years old, of Hertford County, who gathered 233 1-2 bushels from an acre.

Mr. Arthur Owens, of near Shelby, was accidentally shot and killed by a revolver in the hands of Fox Williamson, the ten-year-old son of Mr. Charlie Williamson, of the same vicinity.

Mitchell Wilson, a young white man of Glade Creek township, Alleghany county, was shot and killed by John Moxley, of the same vicinity, a few days ago. Moxley was drunk and claims the shooting was accidental.

The dormitory at Mount Amonea, School, Concord, was destroyed by fire Nov. 30, entailing a loss of from five to ten thousand dollars, partially covered by insurance. The fire started from an explosion of a lamp in a student's room.

Mr. Henry Hodges, son of Dr. J. M. Hodges, of LaGrange, was knocked senseless Tuesday evening by an unknown negro whom he found prowling around in Dr. Hodges' lot. The negro escapes, as no witnesses were present.

Mr. S. C. Sullivan, a young man, formerly of Greensboro, engineer of the Atlantic Coast Line's power plant at Rocky Mount, was electrocuted in the shops at that place last Friday. Thirty-three hundred volts passed through his body.

Lyle Ellis, the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. J. A. Ellis, of Grover, was accidentally shot while out rabbit hunting a few days ago, by the dogs jumping on the gun and causing it to discharge, the shot taking effect in the boy's left breast.

Rev. F. H. Jones, a well known Baptist minister, died at his home in Reidsville, Friday, December 1, at the age of 75 years. During his ministerial career he baptized four thousand persons, and among them ten men who became preachers.

Douglas Roberts, the seven-year-old son of Manager W. J. Roberts, of R. G. Dun & Co.'s office, Winston-Salem, was accidentally shot in the forehead a few days ago by Linden Miller, another boy of the same age. The boys were playing with a rifle.

A freight wreck at Haw River trestle caused the delay of traffic a number of hours, November 30. Fireman Joe Hawkins (colored) was fatally injured, while Engineer Avery, of Greensboro, was seriously injured. The cause of the wreck is not known.

C. M. Crompton, the young man of Ossipee Cotton Mills, Alamance county, who was shot near Greensboro by Abe Conklin about five weeks ago, died November 29, at St. Leo's Hospital. Conklin is in jail and will have to answer to the charge of murder.

The large Morgan warehouse at Burlington, with prizes of British American and Continental Tobacco Companies, was burned on Monday morning, entailing a loss of twenty thousand dollars. The fire was caused by an oil-stove being turned over.

Capt. Isaac Emerson, a former Tar Heel, and now a Baltimore multi-millionaire, was attacked a few days ago by an employe at his Southern home near Georgetown, S. C., and would have been shot but for Mrs. Emerson, who threw herself between the two.

Thursday afternoon while two little children of Mr. Charlie Kirk, of near Wadesboro, were playing around CAUCASIAN—16 a lot of cotton in the yard, one of them set fire to the cotton, damaging seven bales or more before the fire could be extinguished by the neighbors.

Marvin Williams, colored, was shot dead in Winston, Friday night, and Virgil Boyles, a young white man, is charged with the shooting. Boyles was in the employ of the Winston-Salem Light and Fuel Company, and it was said he caught the negro stealing coal and fired on him as he ran.

The office of the Fayetteville Ice & Manufacturing Company was completely wrecked Saturday morning and also the windows of near-by buildings blown from the walls, when twenty pounds of dynamite exploded during preparations for blasting operations by H. W. Abernathy, of Charlotte. No one was hurt.

Mr. Will Winstead, a well connected young farmer, of near Roxboro, was found in an unconscious condition about a mile from his home Tuesday evening, being shot and otherwise badly beaten and bruised. When last seen he was in company with Tom Watson and Um-

stead Solomon, two characters of the same neighborhood. They are both in jail.

Tobacco Storing in 1777.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham is preparing a paper on North Carolina's old statute that provided storage warehouses for leaf tobacco back in the early days of the State; in fact, from 1777 to a much later period. Indeed, the statute remained a law until it was dropped out of the Revised in 1906, although it passed into disuse a long time before the Civil War. All tobacco was exported and the mercy of the local buyers at the ports of New Bern, Wilmington, Tarboro, and Fayetteville at intervals when there were no ships in port to buy the tobacco. The county clerks appointed the custodians of the warehouses and certificates of deposit of tobacco could be given as security for notes or other evidences of debt and were, in fact, to a large extent, negotiable.—Southern Tobacco Journal.

DR. McCULLERS LOSES CASE.

Judge Peebles' Ruling Will Put All the County Boards of Health Out of Commission—Dr. McCullers Will Appeal His Case to the Supreme Court.

Judge Robert B. Peebles has decided that the election of Dr. J. J. L. McCullers, superintendent Wake County Board of Health invalid for the reason the county board of health, in his opinion is not a legal body, as its members hold other offices. It will be remembered that the county commissioners have refused to recognize Dr. McCullers as the legal county physician and have kept him without pie for several months. And now unless Dr. McCullers gets relief from the Supreme Court he must not only go without pie, but to add "insult to injury," he must also foot the cost of the proceedings in court.

Decision of Judge Peebles.

The opinion of Judge Peebles follows:

"North Carolina, Wake County—In the Superior Court: J. J. L. McCullers, plaintiff, vs. The Board of County Commissioners and others, defendants.

"This cause came on to be heard by me in chambers at Raleigh, Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, 1911. After hearing complaint, answer, affidavits and argument of counsel on both sides, by consent of both sides, I took the papers with me in order to give the matter further consideration. Having given the matter further consideration, I render the following judgment:

"1. I find and hold that the pleadings raise no issue of act requiring the intervention of a jury, and I therefore overrule the defendant's motion for a trial by jury. To this ruling defendants except.

"2. I find that the facts contained in sections one and eight of complaint, both included, are true.

"3. It appearing from the complaint that the county board of health was organized as is required by section 3, chapter 62 of the public laws of 1911, and elected Dr. J. J. L. McCullers county superintendent of health, that the contingency upon which W. S. Rankin as secretary of the State Board of Health, was authorized to act, never happened, and the appointment of plaintiff by said Rankin was void. I also find and hold that the said Rankin did not fix the fees as is directed in section 9 of said chapter 62.

"4. Article XIV, section 7, of the State constitution forbids the holding of two offices by one man at the same time. If the act had provided that D. T. Johnson, James I. Johnson and Z. V. Judd should constitute the board of health for Wake county their acceptance of said office would have rendered vacant the office of chairman of the board of county commissioners, office of mayor of Raleigh, and offices of superintendent of public schools for Wake county. The General Assembly seems to have linked the offices of superintendent of the board of health for Wake county with the other three offices, and made them inseparable, and for that reason I think and hold that section 9 of public laws of 1911, chapter 62, is unconstitutional and void.

"5. I find that the facts stated in section 11 of the answer to be true. I hold that Dr. R. S. Stevens is not a usurper, but is in the office of superintendent of health for Wake county under color of title, and is a de facto officer and cannot be ousted without a day in court, and hence I hold that mandamus is not the proper remedy. And I therefore dismiss these proceedings at the costs of the plaintiff to be taxed by the clerk. "This December 1, 1911."

The Charlotte Chronicle carried an article Friday from the New York World stating that the cost of living is becoming higher all over the world. Why not cuss the Republicans for it?—Lincoln Times.

In the past five years there have been 58 indictments for murder in Robeson County, according to Judge Frank Carter. At Blawett Falls there have been five murders in less than six months—and we have both prohibition and Democratic "good" government.—Union Republican.

General News.

Tod Schriver, a well-known American aviator, was killed December 2nd, at Ponce, P. R., in an exhibition flight, falling from a height of 200 feet.

avored, he urges a minimum toll rate, not to exceed 50 or 75 cents a net ton for foreign trade, and free passage for all American ships engaged in coastwise trade.

John Barrett, director-general of the Pan-American Union, is urging that Congress make the Panama canal free to all commerce of all nations, and in case such a plan is not

In the automobile races in Savannah last week, L. Bruce Brown, a young American millionaire, won the prize, his average speed being 74.45 miles an hour. He used an Italian car.

An interurban electric car in Birmingham, Ala., was blown up December 1 by dynamite placed by angered employes. The motorman and conductor were both seriously injured.

Four persons were killed and a score or more injured December 1st in a wreck near Paducah, Ky., on the Illinois Central Road. A spreading rail is said to be the cause of the wreck.

The second South Atlantic Corn Show will be held in Columbia, S. C., December 11th to 15th, when approximately \$10,000 in prizes and a handsome number of trophy cups will be given for the best corn shows by the farmers.

The United States Steel Corporation has decided to join with Attorney-General Wickersham in a desire to know if it is violating the Sherman anti-trust law and to that end will aid in expediting the Government's dissolution suit against it.

"Che" Gomez, whose rebellion at Juchitan resulted in a clash between President Madero and the Governor of Oaxaca, was taken from jail where he had been placed by Governor Juarez, and with eight followers was riddled with bullets by an enraged mob.

The Osceola grand jury completed investigations December 1st in the case against Bro. Egbert Gillette, who is charged with the murder of Sadie Marchant by "assisting her out of life" by administering chloroform at her own request, and have failed to find an indictment of Egbert.

Miss Edith Hoffman, a young lady of Chicago, was shot and killed by robbers December 2nd, who attempted to hold up the young lady and her escort. The young man showed resistance when the robbers opened fire, instantly killing Miss Hoffman. They then escaped in their automobile.

Money amounting to \$2,565, savings of a man named Simpson, of Aiken, Minn., was destroyed by rats, and Simpson has appealed to President Taft for the redemption of the pulverized fragments of same by the Federal Treasury. The money was hidden between the ceiling in his home and no one had access to it except the rats.

FAILED TO MEET CLARK.

Speaker of the House Had Been in the City Some Time Before His Presence Was Known.

Hon. Champ Clark, Speaker of the Lower House of Congress, delivered an address before the Teachers' Assembly in Raleigh last Thursday night, and quite a large audience was in the Auditorium to hear him and Professor Coon's annual address. It seems that Mr. Clark had first planned to arrive in Raleigh late Thursday afternoon, but says that later he wrote Governor Kitchin and Mr. Connor, Secretary of the Historical Society, that he would arrive on the morning train. When the Speaker arrived Thursday morning no one was at the station to meet him and he had been in the city for some time before his presence was known. The Governor and Secretary Connor said they failed to receive the Speaker's letters. He was a guest of the Governor the balance of his stay in Raleigh.

Rockefeller Resigns as President and Director of the Standard Oil John D. Rockefeller has resigned as president and director of the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey. John D. Archbold was elected president in Rockefeller's place.

The majority of the officers and directors associated with Rockefeller in the control of the Standard Oil Company also resigned. These included William Rockefeller, C. M. Pratt, William G. Rockefeller, H. C. Folger, Jr., H. M. Flagler, L. J. Drake, and E. T. Bedford.

The Northern States, from Maryland to Massachusetts, revised the Democratic party downward to a nicety, and they had first chance at the job.—Albemarle Chronicle.

OPPOSE TAFT PLEDGES.

Southern Republicans Want Delegates Uninstructed—Roosevelt Men Active—Movement, However, It is Declared, is Not Aimed at Bringing About the Nomination of Former President—Followers of the Colonel May Compromise on Justice C. E. Hughes.

The New York Herald, in its issue of December 5th, says: Political fences, which are alleged to have been carefully constructed in the States south of Mason and Dixon's line by Frank H. Hitchcock, the Postmaster General, with the idea of making the renomination of President Taft an assured fact, may be rudely upset at the eleventh hour. Leading Republicans of the South are planning a movement, it became known today, to elect delegates from the Southern States unpledged to any candidate.

William J. Oliver, of Knoxville, Tenn., who came near receiving the contract for the construction of the Panama Canal; Harry Stillwell Edwards, author and politician, of Macon, Ga., who seconded the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt in the national convention in 1904, and Richmond Pearson, of Asheville, N. C., formerly American Minister to Persia, are said to be taking an active part in the movement to obtain uninstructed delegations from the Southern States.

Close Friends of Roosevelt.

Mr. Oliver and Mr. Edwards are close personal friends of Mr. Roosevelt, although it is declared that their activity is not with the view of bringing about the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt. It is asserted that the opposition to Mr. Taft by Republican politicians in the South is because of many appointments he has given to Southern Democrats.

"Southern Republicans voted for him in the convention three years ago," said a prominent North Carolina Republican at the Waldorf-Astoria today, "simply because he was the candidate of President Roosevelt."

"North Carolina elected three Republican representatives in Congress, and came near going for Mr. Taft and Mr. Sherman. President Taft had been in office little more than a year when he appointed Henry G. Conner, a Democrat, United States Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Outside of the office holders there is not a Republican in North Carolina who favors the renomination of Mr. Taft."

May Compromise on Hughes.

Those best informed declare that, while Mr. Roosevelt will not support the administration workers in their efforts to bring about the renomination of President Taft, he is not very enthusiastic over the plan to nominate Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin.

Justice Charles E. Hughes, of the Supreme Court of the United States, is alleged to be the choice of the friends of Mr. Roosevelt, and there is said to exist a strong belief that Justice Hughes will be named as a compromise candidate.

At the Waldorf-Astoria recently, W. J. Oliver, of Knoxville, said to a reporter for the Herald that he would be willing to contribute \$15,000 to a fund to carry on a campaign in the South for delegations favorable to the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt. It is believed that Mr. Roosevelt has knowledge of the movement in the South to send delegates to the Republican national convention unpledged to any candidate.

Progress in the Hookworm Campaign Accelerated.

Dr. John A. Ferrell, who has charge of the campaign for the eradication of the hookworm disease in North Carolina in speaking of his work says:

"Reports from the physician of the State and from the physicians conducting the State and county free dispensaries for hookworm disease, show that since the work began 21 months ago upwards of forty-five thousand people have been treated. Nearly half of this number has been treated in the free dispensaries of thirteen counties since July 1st. In the State there are 1,800 physicians, and 1,500 of them are active practitioners, 1,200 of them have sent in written accounts of their experiences with the disease, and 800 of them, representing all sections of the State, have been actively engaged in treating the disease. Twenty-five counties have already made provision for the dispensaries, besides those appropriating for the dispensaries the first Monday in December.

"Thirty-six thousand people have been microscopically examined for hookworm disease. A large number of those treated had such heavy infection that the microscopic examination was not necessary. There is found now little difficulty in securing co-operation on the part of the people and county commissioners, where good results of the work can be seen or heard of."

Estimated Cost of Running the Government Next Year.

It is announced from Washington that the estimated cost of running the Government during the fiscal year is \$743,834,563, a saving of \$21,283,921 over the appropriations for 1911 and 1912. This aggregation does not include \$260,938,463, estimated as the cost of operating the Post-office Department, which is expected to be self-sustaining.

The Last Legislature Handed a "Lemon" to the Public School.

Some time ago we published the tax rate for this year and for the year 1910 and showed that the rate has been raised. We also said something about how the free schools are being mistreated in the expenditure of the State tax. We hesitated to say more for the reason that we knew every little school officer and politician would say we were only playing politics. But within the last few weeks the Catawba County News, the Biblical Recorder, the Monroe Journal, Charity and Children, and several other Democratic papers have taken up the matter in the interest of the children of the State and are showing how the last Legislature handed a "lemon" to the common schools.

The time is coming when our people are going to understand that our free schools have been used as a football by the State politicians to ride into office on for ten years, while the schools themselves have suffered immeasurably. Taxes have almost tripled, but the money has not gone to our boys and girls. Before another twelve months this matter will be set before our people in a way that they will be undeceived.

Work of the Healers in Catawba County.

Two reputable farmers relate three instances of the work of the so-called "healers" in this county during the past few months. They stated that one woman, who was in a delicate condition, was convalescing from typhoid fever, when the "healers" gathered and after going through their ceremonies, told her to arise and walk, that she was healed. She declared herself unable to do so, but was persuaded to get up, and she walked across the room, but on starting back to the bed fell in a faint with the result that would naturally follow in such a case. She ultimately recovered, however, under care of the physicians. Another woman suffering with typhoid, was persuaded to go to a meeting of the "healers," where she was "healed" and in the excitement declared herself healed. The next day she had a relapse and died of hemorrhage. The third instance was where a dead woman was to be raised from the dead "on the third day," and preparations for the event were made, but the "healer" received an urgent message from a sick relative and had to forego the resurrection exercises. These facts are vouched for by the men who told them.

Hard on the Family.

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PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS.

NORTH CAROLINA—Wake County. In the Superior Court—Before Millard Mial, Clerk.

J. S. Halley, Administrator of Samuel Chavis, vs. John W. Chavis and others.

To John W. Chavis:

This publication is to notify you that the above-named plaintiff has brought special proceeding in Wake Superior Court before Millard Mial, Clerk, against you as one of the heirs-at-law of Samuel Chavis, for the sale of the following lot of land, lying and being in House's Creek Township, and more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Adjoining the lands of Thomas Warren and the heirs of Thomas Cooke and commencing at a forked old-field pine between Turkey Creek and Sycamore Creek, and running south forty (40) poles just crossing Turkey Creek to the line of Cook, thence east thirty-six and one-half (36 1-2) poles to a pine, the line of T. P. Warren; thence north thirty-three (33) poles to a stake; thence west forty-one and one-half (41 1-2) poles to the beginning; being the land purchased by Samuel Chavis of Weston R. Rogers and Carolina Rogers, his wife, on March 13, 1872, and registered in book thirty-three (33) at page 651 and 652, in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for Wake County, and containing twelve (12) acres and a fraction. Said sale is to be made for the purpose of making assets to pay the debts of the said Samuel Chavis.

That the summons issued to Wake County for the above-named defendant—John W. Chavis—has been returned by the Sheriff of Wake County with this endorsement thereon: "After exercising due diligence the defendant—John W. Chavis—is not to be found in Wake County."

The plaintiff has good reason to believe and does believe that the said John W. Chavis is now and has been for some time a resident of the city of Richmond, Virginia.

You are, John W. Chavis, therefore, notified to appear before the Clerk of Wake Superior Court on the 11th day of December, 1911, and answer, demur or plead to the petition which is now on file in the office of said Clerk, otherwise the plaintiff will apply to the court for an order directing the sale of the land herein described, and the appointment of a commissioner to make the sale and execute a deed to the purchaser.

MILLARD MIAL, Clerk Wake Superior Court. Nov. 4th, 1911. J. C. L. HARRIS, Attorney.

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