

**State News.**

Claude Vandergrift, a young man connected with the Sampson Lumber Company, was caught in the mill a few days ago and fatally injured.

Dr. D. F. Holcomb, one of the best known physicians of Surry County, died last Friday, at Rockford, aged seventy-five.

At a colored festival in Spencer, a few nights ago, a negro woman, Lucy Hobson, was killed by Jim Bernhardt. Bernhardt was placed in jail.

Chas. F. Dowdy, of Wilmington, who was arrested on suspicion of murdering his father on Sunday night of the 9th, proved an alibi in Recorder's Court and was released.

A still of 150 gallon capacity was located and destroyed near Wentworth, Rockingham County, last week by Officers Starbuck and Kirkpatrick. No one was found at the still.

The dead body of an infant, apparently two days old was found in a field near Salisbury a few days ago. The discovery was made by a colored boy and the body was taken in charge of by officers.

The North Carolina Architectural Association is in session in Winston-Salem this week. Architects of South Carolina and Virginia were invited to attend this meeting and some of them are in attendance.

Two young children of a colored couple living near Wilson were burned to death a few days ago. The parents were away from the house, the mother having been away for a few moments only.

Benny Hudson, a young white man in Salisbury, was caught in the act of robbing a safe a few nights ago and has been lodged in jail. The safe was in the store belonging to George H. Shaver.

Deputy Sheriff Benton, of Cumberland County, was found dead upon the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad track at Wade, a station eight miles North of Fayetteville, Sunday. Examination showed that he had been murdered and placed upon the track.

At Raynham, Robeson County, one night last week, a store was burglarized and set on fire, the store and two other buildings being destroyed. Bloodhounds trailed to the door of a Croatan Indian and he was arrested and put in jail.

The skeleton of a negro, thought to be that of John Allen, was found in the Price-Higgins Mountain between Dysartville and Greenwood one day last week. It was evident that he had been murdered. No clue has yet been obtained.

Jesse Alford, a fifteen-year-old white boy of near Greenville, was found lying in a decomposed condition near a hog-pen near the farmhouse of his father a few days ago. A rifle was found near by. The boy had been missing for several weeks.

A young man named Peterson, of Wilmington, was found guilty in the Recorder's Court for selling cocaine some days ago and sentenced to six months on the road. He took an appeal, but was unable to give the bond of \$500, so was committed to jail.

Ed Hodgin, who was arrested some time ago on the charge of killing John Lovett, in the vicinity of High Point, and was discharged because the evidence was deemed insufficient, was re-arrested last week, the Guilford County grand jury having returned a true bill against him.

Dan Meisenheimer, a well-known young white man of the town of Newton, assaulted Ivey Stine, a night operator at the Southern station, stabbing him several times. Meisenheimer was drunk and causing a disturbance at the station and Stine attempted to get him out.

The entire plant of the Grace Furniture Factory, located just south of Salisbury, was destroyed by fire a few nights ago. It is estimated that the loss will reach \$30,000, with only partial insurance. This is the second time this plant has been destroyed within the past five years.

Ten models have been submitted in competition for the monument to be erected on the battlefield of Guilford Court House, to commemorate the great victory won by the American troops commanded by General Nathaniel Green at that place March 15, 1781. Congress has appropriated \$30,000 for this monument.

About twelve miles from Morganton, one day last week, after Revenue Officers Kanipe, McCoy and Roland, and Sheriff Berry, of Burke County, had cut up the moonshiner plant, and were looking for the still which had been gotten out, they were fired upon by the incensed owners and manufacturers, but none of the officers were struck. They in turn fired upon the moonshiners, who made for "tall timbers" and escaped.

Roy Keever, the young son of Jesse Keever, who lives about two miles from Taylorsville, accidentally shot himself a few days ago and died as a result in a few minutes. He had laid down his gun on a log and in attempting to move it, it became entangled with a knot on the log. Discharged, the load taking effect on his side.

Ensign R. S. Young, son of Dr. R. S. Young, of Concord, who mysteriously disappeared from the Brooklyn navy yard some months ago, and later was found in a serious mental condition, has been exonerated by a naval board of inquiry and re-assigned to duty without loss of rank. After his condition was discovered the ensign was for a time under treatment in a private sanitarium at Morganton and later in the naval hospital at Washington.

**The "Worm Turns"**

Are we getting better or worse? The murder of Mr. J. W. Smith, in Union, and the attempted outrage at Goldsboro yesterday, not to speak of other crimes more remote, tempts one to doubt that the world is getting better.—Raleigh News and Observer.

When the Republicans were in power in this State in 1908, we were told by ex-Governor Aycock that the song of the mocking-bird had been hushed by the pop of the pistol and that owing to Republican rule that the State, was morally going to the devil. Owing to the prevalence and increase in crime Republicans now return the compliment and point with feeling akin to contempt at the Democratic good government we have had for some years so far as it goes to abate crime and lawlessness.—Union Republican.

**CEASAR CONE'S CHRISTMAS.**

A Splendid Example Which Others Should Follow.

[Charlotte Observer.]

Cesar Cone, of Greensboro, president of the Proximity and White Oak mills, has been a big factor in the development of the Gate City. None of his efforts has been more gratifying than what he has done toward the establishment of friendly relations between capital and labor. Mr. Cone has formed the custom of presenting his employees with annual festivities, pleasures both of a social and substantial nature being provided by him. He now announces that in spite of the depression in the cotton milling business, he will not abandon his custom of distributing Christmas turkeys among his employes. This means that more than 1,200 turkeys will be given to the farmers who work in the White Oak and Proximity mills and that about \$2,000 will be expended among those who raise turkeys in Guilford County; for Mr. Cone has expressed his desire to buy the turkeys at home instead of sending to some other market where he could with little trouble obtain a carload of the birds for the occasion.

It is such broad-minded, liberal, patriotic men as Mr. Cone that give North Carolina its strength. Mr. Cone represents a class of industrial patriots, who are bringing out the resources of the State while making those who work for them esteem labor a privilege. Mr. Cone is to be congratulated. He is doing a good work and whether he receive from the beneficiaries of his Christmas presents self-expressed thanks, he will, nevertheless, enjoy the conscious, feeling that he has done some good "unto the least of these."

**Professor Coon to the Bat.**

[Union Republican.]

Professor Coon, late President of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly should at least be given credit for his good intentions. He saw proper to criticise some of the methods now employed along educational lines in North Carolina and suggest new ideas and as President of the Assembly at the time, had a right and it was his duty to do so. Those who "howled" him down evinced little courtesy and no respect. Every man is accorded the privilege of a hearing in this State, and if you do not agree with a speaker, meet him on the rostrum like a man, or in the newspapers, and rationally discuss the difference and not hoot and hiss him like an imbecile. Elsewhere in this issue is printed a card from Professor Coon. We alluded to his Raleigh address last week and again in this issue for the reason that if there is room for criticism or improvement in our educational facilities, the first should be heard with due attention and the latter given prompt application.

**Professor Coon Was Right.**

[Western Carolina Enterprise.]

If President Coon, of the North Carolina Teachers' Association, had advanced his ideas on education in broken doses instead of a regular knock-out knock it would have been received more amicably. However, his criticism of our present system was just and to the point. It will bear good fruit. They did not like it, but it was "good medicine" and the fact that Professor Coon did not give it to them in sugar coated form is neither here nor there.

**General News.**

The local prison at Copper Hill, Tenn., was burned Thursday night last and two prisoners were burned to death. Origin of fire was not state.

Nathan Strauss, the wealthy pipe-maker, committed suicide Tuesday in his apartments in New York Tuesday by shooting himself through the mouth. Ill health is supposed to be the cause.

Ulrick Langford and Henry Driggers, two white men prominently connected, at Tampa, Fla., engaged in a duel some days ago which resulted fatally for both. They were drinking.

Charles W. Morse, the banker who was transferred a few weeks ago to the Federal Army Hospital, at Fort McPherson, is in a very critical condition, and his doctors report his ailment incurable.

Lee Dick, the proprietor of the Sun Yee Yon Company, and Chinese smuggler, was sentenced to three years in jail and a fine of \$2,000 by Judge Holland, in the United States District Court, a few days ago.

The Federal Government and State Mining Inspection Department are making critical examinations of the Cross Mountain coal mine with a view to framing a report as to what caused the disaster of December 9th.

A train on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road, running as "section 2" of the Columbia Flyer, was wrecked a few days ago, near Odessa, Minn., killing three outright and seriously injuring a score or more of people.

Heavy rains in the section of Augusta, Ga., last Friday and Saturday so increased the head water in Horse Creek valley that the big dam of the Carolina Light and Power Company was swept away. The loss is estimated at \$35,000.

A male suffragist in London, Eng., hurled a brass-bound box at David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, a few days ago, as he was on his way from a men's liberal meeting, and the chancellor came very nearly losing his eye besides sustaining other injuries.

After attending a "Holy Roller" meeting at Macon, Ga., a few nights ago, Mrs. Eliza Turner became so imbued with religious fervor that she concluded that she could walk on the water, and in attempting to do so, was drowned.

Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad, the girls who shot the millionaire hotel proprietor and sportsman, W. E. D. Stokes, in New York, some months ago, were set free by the jury some days ago. It took only 58 minutes to reach a verdict.

George H. and Henry Elchorn, white men, were arrested in Savannah a few days ago by postoffice inspectors in connection with the robbing of an Atlantic Coast Line passenger train of registered mail, valued at \$5,000, near Hardeeville, S. C.

John Norton Griffith, member of the English Parliament, predicts that Germany and Great Britain will be at war within six years. He says the whole German nation is seeking war with England at every turn.

A special from Jonesville, Lee County, Virginia, says that the grand jury impeaneed there two weeks ago by Circuit Judge A. W. Skeen to consider the alleged wholesale corruption of the electorate in that county, is understood to have brought up to date between 300 and 500 true bills and has not half finished its work.

Eighty-four bodies have been recovered from the Cross Mountain mine as a result of the explosion of a few days ago. Fifty-two women were made widows, 149 children left fatherless, and of the 84 men killed, only one carried life insurance. A fund for the relief of the widows and orphans now amounts to more than \$20,000.

Pending the settlement of the American Government's suit against the indicted meat packers, the British Government has decided to exclude these packers from tendering contracts for the supply of the meat to the British army and navy. This decision is due to the opposition of labor and radical members of Parliament to the American trusts. The contracts now given out by the war office which had hitherto been secured by American firms are now expected to go to Argentine meat-packers. These contracts amounted to \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 annually.

**Southern Railway Making Many Improvements Along Its Lines.**

Washington, Dec. 14.—President Finley, of the Southern Railway Company, announced to-day the inauguration of the company of several important improvements. Mr. Finley said:

"Work has already been commenced on the installation of an automatic electric block signal system

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on the lines from Monroe, Virginia, through Lynchburg, to Montview, a distance of twelve miles, and work on the installation of a similar automatic electric block signal system will be commenced at once on the line between Denim, N. C., the first station north of Greensboro, and Charlotte, N. C., a distance of approximately ninety-six miles. The system to be installed is of the type known as the "Three Position Signal."

"The increase in the volume of business handled at the shops and yard at Spencer, N. C., is such as to make necessary important improvements at that point, including the immediate construction of an oil house, wash and locker room, new cinder pits, a new cooling plant, and the construction of new and enlarged stock pens. In connection with these improvements, grading will be done for the erection of a new power-house and a twenty-seven-stall round-house.

"Growing out of the fact that the company's terminals at Columbia, S. C., have heretofore consisted mainly of the various yards of the company's lines at that point which were formerly separately operated railways, business must at present be handled in several operated railways, business must at present be handled in several disjointed yards. This condition is to be remedied by the construction of one general receiving, dispatching and classification yard on property owned by the Company at Royster, just outside of Columbia.

"To provide for renewals and also for new construction, arrangements are being made for the purchase of 27,100 tons of Southern Railway standard steel rail for the Southern Railway System."

**TWO REPUBLICAN SENATORS.**

Republicans Have Majority in New Mexico Legislature and Will Elect Two United States Senators.

A press dispatch from Santa Fe, New Mexico, says:

"Statehood as a Christmas present is the likelihood if present plans mature. The official canvassing board to-day completed the count of Santa Fe and Sierra Counties and hope to have its final report ready by next Wednesday, and in President Taft's

hands by December 24th, so that he can issue the Statehood proclamation for Christmas and enable Governor-elect McDonald and the fifteen other State officers to be inaugurated January 1st.

"The count has sufficiently progressed to make certain that the Democrats have elected five, the Progressive Republicans two and the Republicans nine of the State officers; that the Republicans have 46, the Progressive Republicans five and the Democrats twenty-two members of the Legislature on joint ballot."

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