

State News.

Dr. Frederick Cook, North Pole discoverer, will lecture in Charlotte on the 11th.

Noah Hill, a white man, was killed near LaGrange on Christmas eve night by the train. He was supposed to have been on his way home from LaGrange.

Granite Falls, a village in Caldwell County, has a curfew law which prohibits children under the age of eighteen going abroad after 7 o'clock p. m.

Dr. P. R. Law, editor of the Presbyterian Standard, and one of the best known Presbyterian clergymen in the South, died at CColl, S. C., a few days ago. He was seventy-seven years old.

At Southern Pines Christmas day Francis Ruggles, a boy of seventeen, was shot and killed by Eustace Robinson, a negro. The negro is in jail, but there was some difficulty in avoiding a lynching.

R. N. Hackett, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons, of North Carolina, has designated Tuesday, January 9th, as the time for the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Home in Greensboro.

A colored man named Alex McPherson was found dead near the cotton shed at Dunn one night last week with his head crushed. It is supposed that he was killed by a passing train, as he was found near the track.

George Brendle and his son, Mann Brendle, of Swain County, were killed Christmas Day by Jesse Upton, a son-in-law of the older man. The killing is said to have grown out of a family feud which has existed for years.

Train No. 38, on the Southern Railway from Atlanta to New York, was wrecked near Kings Mountain on the 21st. The train was running forty-five miles an hour, and went into an embankment, but no one was hurt.

Four hundred pounds of dynamite were exploded at Elm City, the Atlantic Coast Line station, last Friday. The citizens were thrown into a panic. About two bales of cotton and all the freight was destroyed and articles were scattered hundreds of yards.

The body of little Bessie May Smith, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. Robert Smith, of Orange County, who had been lost for several days, was found in Collins creek, a mile and a half from her home Monday. It is supposed that she fell in the creek.

At Lucama, Wilson County, on December 23rd, Dr. W. M. Crocker, a prominent physician, was shot and seriously wounded by his brother-in-law, a man named Smith. The shooting was caused by domestic troubles between Crocker and his wife, Smith taking his sister's part.

Capt. R. L. Milner, of Spencer, conductor on a freight train on the main line of the Southern railway, was fired on from ambush early Saturday morning near Brown Summit, Guilford County. Seven cars on the train, which had been standing for some hours, had been broken into and a part of their contents stolen.

Mr. William Kendrick, a prominent citizen of Earl, near Shelby, was attacked by negroes when he went to his barn to feed his stock on the morning of December 26th, who pelted him with rocks and set fire to his barn. He managed to rescue the stock, then ran to his nearest neighbor's for assistance in capturing the negroes.

Under an act of Congress, the Circuit and District courts have been consolidated in to the District court, the former Circuit judges being allotted duties only on the bench of the Circuit Court of Appeals. James M. Milliken, of Greensboro, has been appointed clerk of the District court, and took the oath of office January 1st.

It is reported that a wolf was found and killed in Lincoln County one day last week by Mr. J. S. Hollaman. He was riding along the road when he saw a strange animal about the size of a dog. He fired his pistol, but the shots not taking effect, he went to a neighboring house and borrowed a gun and killed the animal.

Walter R. Brooks made four flights in his Wright aeroplane at Highwood Heights, near Wilmington, January 2, before 1,500 spectators. A mail pouch filled with post cards and letters were delivered to a representative of the postoffice at a designated spot, which marked the first carrying of mail by aeroplane in the State.

Dairying in North Carolina. In an interview given out in Washington Sunday on the dairy industry of the South, Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture refers to

a remarkable improvement of conditions in a North Carolina community. Mr. Wilson, it is understood, had in mind the work done by a party of farmers, led by Messrs. Shuford and Robinson, two young farmers of Catawba County.

The Passing of the Circuit Courts.

Throughout the United States Sunday marked the passing out of existence of the various Federal Circuit Courts, tribunals as old as the nation and more prominent in the early days of the Republic than the Supreme Court itself. The new judiciary code which went into effect Monday provided for the abolishment of the Circuit Courts. In the main, the business of the Circuit Courts will be transferred to the Federal District Courts and the judges to the Circuit Courts of Appeals.

Norfolk Southern Engineer Killed in New Bern.

Will Avery, a young white man 23 years of age, and employed by the Norfolk Southern as engineer in the yards in New Bern was on West St. with some others on the night of December 26 about 11 o'clock when Baker Bryan pushed his way through the crowd and with an oath drew a pistol and almost point blank fired at Avery, the ball piercing the young man just above the heart, causing almost instant death. Two witnesses, giving their names as Morgan and J. L. Collette, declared Bryan shot as above started.

Search was made for Bryan, who was found in a house near-by, lying down. He was arrested and committed to jail without bail.

Boy Killed While on Hunt Christmas Day.

News was received at New Bern of a horrible accident which occurred near Maysville on Christmas day and which has cast a pall of gloom over that entire community. Early in the day the young son of Fred Nelson, who lives in that locality, and who has charge of Munger & Bennett's interests there, took his shot-gun and started off alone for a hunt. The hours sped by and he failed to put in his appearance. His father, becoming alarmed, secured assistance, and search was made. After some considerable time his body was found the entire load of shot from the gun which he carried having entered the upper part of his body, which must have killed him almost instantly. It is supposed that the lad was carrying the weapon by the barrel and that a protecting twig caught the hammer and caused it to fire.

TRIED TO PLEASE THE BOSSES.

That's Why the Partisan Democrats Howled Down Professor Coon—They Don't Want the People to Elect School Officials.

Statesville Landmark, Democratic.] The county superintendents, or teachers, or whoever it was that interrupted Mr. Charles L. Coon, President of the Teachers' Assembly, in Raleigh Tuesday night, so that he could not conclude his address, discredited the teachers of the State. It is a nice state of affairs indeed when an educator of the standing of Mr. Coon, who is now superintendent of the Wilson graded schools and has occupied other important positions in the educational work of the State, is not permitted to express his sentiment before an organization which had elected him President. Such an incident would have discredited a political meeting, and what shall be said of a gathering of educators, supposed to set an example in manners and culture, that indulges in such methods.

The Landmark by no means endorses all Mr. Coon said, but his criticisms in some respects were well founded. For instance, the suggestion that a new method should be employed to elect members of the County Board of Education and County Superintendents; to remove these from political influence, is a point well taken. Anybody who knows the facts knows that men are often made members of a County Board of Education and made County Superintendents of Schools without any regard whatever to their fitness for these positions, but purely as a matter of political favoritism; and very often the schools have been damaged and as a consequence the welfare of the children jeopardized by incompetent management under such methods. Fitness and not politics or anything but fitness, should be at all times the standard in the administration of school affairs.

But this is by the way. The Landmark simply desires to go on record as expressing its indignation that a crowd of so-called educators in North Carolina have made a public and disgraceful exhibition of their littleness and narrowness by refusing one of their own number and one whom they have honored by electing him President of the State organization of teachers, the privilege to express his views.

Democratic Politicians in This State Should Order a Supply.

From the Greenville News.] A correspondent of a Cincinnati paper says he began taking a certain medicine, and in less than a week "was an altogether different man." There are several men in South Carolina who ought to take that medicine.

General News.

The California Legislature has passed a bill providing for the election of delegates to the national convention by State primaries.

Two fires in Norfolk Tuesday resulted in a loss of about \$32,000, partially covered by insurance. The fire started in Tabb's saloon.

W. A. Patterson, a policeman, was killed at Alabama City January 1st. Jay Smith, a white man, has been arrested, charged with the crime.

Columbus, Ohio, was swept by fire Saturday. A number of the main buildings were destroyed and the loss is roughly estimated at \$2,500,000.

Six lives were lost in a wreck on a Great Northern Railway train known as the "Oregonian" Saturday. The wreck was said to be due to a broken rail.

J. H. Martin surrendered to the police in Baltimore a few days ago, declaring that he was the murderer of William H. Mickle, who was killed in his store in Washington, November 17th, last.

Forty-eight men are dead, with the possibility of six or eight further deaths, in Berlin, from the eating of putrid fish in the various lodging-houses in the city a few days ago.

A negro who shot and killed a white man at Fairfield, Md., Saturday, December 23rd, was taken from the lock-up at Brooklyn, a suburb of Baltimore, early Christmas morning and shot to death.

Washington Halliday, aged ninety-four, who claimed to be the oldest bank president in active service in the United States, died in Los Angeles, Cal., last week. He was born in Guilford County, North Carolina.

More than a million gallons of molasses were destroyed in a fire in Boston, a few days ago among the wharves and buildings of the Boston Molasses Company. The loss is estimated at from \$250,000 to \$300,000.

On Sunday, the 24th of December, a double-header freight train on the Virginia and Southwestern Railroad ran into a boulder in the Natural Tunnel, Virginia, killing three men instantly and fatally wounding the fourth.

The bulk of the property of the late John W. Hunt, millionaire owner of hotels in various parts of the United States, will go to charity. Among the beneficiaries in the will are four Charlotte men. His estate amounted to \$1,500,000.

A woman was found dead in the yard of her home at Bassett, Va., during the Christmas holidays with a wound in her head from a 38 calibre pistol. She was Mrs. Wiley Jones, and was connected with some of the most prominent people in that part of the State.

Texas was visited by the worst blizzard known there for nine years a few days ago. Snow is piled high in the northwest portions; also through Oklahoma, in the railroad cuts, in some places, it is placed to a depth of forty feet. Cattle and sheep are starving on account of inability to obtain forage.

A mammoth Christmas tree for the two hundred or more children made fatherless by the Cross Mountain explosion of December 9th, was given at Briceville December 23rd. The gifts consisted of toys, clothing and other useful articles, contributed especially for this purpose by the people of several States.

John Boehman, a man of Brooklyn, N. Y., who had served sixteen years in Sing Sing prison, was vindicated by the Supreme Court, December 23rd, and released. The testimony necessary was supplied by two men who kept silent at a time when he needed them to prove an alibi.

Frederick Wasserlaben was shot to death in his home near Mobile, Ala., January 1st by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary T. Godau, who confessed to the crime, saying that Wasserlaben had insulted her daughter. This is said to be the fourth "sudden death" in this family, Mrs. Godau having been charged with the murder each time.

Contracts have been let by the War Department for 8,000,000 rounds of calibre 30 ammunition for the service rifle. The Winchester Repeating Arms Co. will furnish 2,750,000 rounds and the Union Metallic Cartridge Company, the United States Cartridge Company, and the Peters Cartridge Company, each will furnish 1,750,000 rounds.

There is a womanless republic on a peninsula south of Macedonia, in Greece, where 10,000 men live, studying and praying constantly, and where policemen guard the coast to keep out women pilgrims and other undesirable. It is said that the foot of a woman has not touched the soil of the place for centuries.

Trying to save his dog from being run over by a train, Geo. F. Blackwell, of Columbia, S. C., was instantly killed by the train.

The Democratic National Committee will meet in Washington, January 8th, to fix the time and place for the meeting of the Democratic National Convention. Baltimore has been making an active fight for the convention as has also New York.

Private Quirk, of the United States Army, who recently confessed to complicity in destroying a Government bridge at Fort Riley, Kansas, with dynamite, charged that Rev. Chas. M. Brewer, former army chaplain, was also implicated. Brewer has since been exonerated.

Dr. Edward O. Thornhill, a prominent physician and business man of Southeastern Virginia, was shot and killed January 1st, by Willis Hatfield, son of the noted feudist, "Devil Anse" Hatfield, in a drug store at Mansfield. Dr. Thornhill had refused to issue a prescription for a pint of whiskey.

Dr. San Yat Sen was last week elected President of the Republic of China and has accepted. An attempt is being made for an armistice pending negotiations for an agreement for a permanent government for China, but it is not entirely successful. In any event, the Chinese empire seems to be at an end.

It is announced that President Taft will not grant immediate interference in the condition of Morse, the convicted New York banker, serving sentence in the Atlanta Federal prison. The army physicians pronounce his condition incurable, but it is thought that he will not receive pardon until near death's door.

ALL 'PHONES NOW OWNED BY NATION.

Great Britain Takes Over All the Telephones in the Country—This Means Better Service at Lower Cost.

London, Jan. 1.—At the stroke of midnight ushering in 1912, the British Government took formal possession of the 600,000 telephones owned by the National Telephone Company, and thereby assumed actual operation of all public telephones in the United Kingdom. The 18,000 employees of the National Telephone Company will hereafter be government employes, protected by civil service against the loss of positions and enjoying the rights of all other post-office department employes to pensions, sick benefits and annual vacations.

This breaks up the private telephone monopoly and equips the Government Postal Service with telephones as well as the telegraph. This means better service at lower cost.

Already the government telephones are being installed in private houses in London, giving subscribers the benefit of a single party wire for only \$25 a year. Subscribers at this rate, unlike New York, Chicago, and other cities, are entitled to call any other subscriber in an area embracing a population of over 7,000,000.

The price, which the Government will pay for the old company's property, is not yet determined. It is being fixed by the commission who are taking an inventory and will base that decision on the actual value of the property.

1010 CENSUS FIGURES.

The Population of North Carolina by Counties—Big Increase Over 1900.

The white and negro population of North Carolina is given for each of the counties and principal cities as follows:

Table with columns: County, Total, Population, White, Negro. Lists counties from Anson to Guilford.

Table with columns: City, 1910, 1900, 1890. Lists cities from Halifax to Yancey.

NOW FOR PARCELS POST.

President's Recommendation for an Experimental Rural Line (From the Omaha Bee.)

Many subjects will demand the attention of Congress when it reconvenes after the holidays and not the least of these is the President's recommendation for an experimental rural parcels post. The general proposition has had a good deal of consideration, enough, it would seem, to justify Congress in losing no time in the passage of a measure projecting the plan.

"Steps should be taken immediately for the establishment of a rural parcels post," is the language of the President in his message. Public sentiment supports this recommendation. What need, if the test is to be made, to delay it? The cost for the ensuing year, the President figures, to cover the preliminary expense of such an experiment as would have made would be \$150,000, almost nominal, and, the Post-office Department believes, after the initial expenses of establishing the system are defrayed and the parcels post is in full operation on the rural routes, it will not only bring in sufficient revenue to meet its cost, but also a surplus that can be utilized in paying the expenses of a parcels post in the city delivery service.

The President's plan is to introduce the system in the rural districts first and expand from there to the urban centers. This is similar to the way the rural free mail delivery service and the postal banks were established. It is the safe and business-like method.

Pastor Was Literally Kicked by Lady Members of His Flock.

As a result of a near-riot between factions of the First Congregational Church at Tampa, Florida, at the conclusion of Sunday morning's service, the police arrested six persons, and the pastor, the Rev. R. E. L. Kirkland, spent the afternoon in bed. In a written statement he declared that he had been kicked by some of the women members of his flock. The cause of the outbreak, it is stated, was an attack by Mr. Kirkland in a sermon on a former pastor, in connection with the alleged misappropriation of church funds.

Eight-cent cotton and a raise in taxes in this State is not much of an inducement to vote for a continuance of Democratic good government.—Union Republican.



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