

State News.

Revenue officers located and destroyed a blockade distillery near Sparta a few days ago. The still was in good condition, but no one was found at it. No whiskey or beer was found.

A colored man named Charles Smith was found dead in the oil mill of the Cotton Oil and Ginning Company, of Scotland Neck, a few days ago. He went to sleep, it is thought, and a bank of cottonseed fell over him smothering him.

Albert Lillard, a well known business man of Caswell county, committed suicide by shooting himself a few days ago. He had recently returned from Morganton for treatment. He was 38 years of age.

J. R. B. Carraway, who was convicted of embezzlement at the April term of Federal Court, of 1810, at Newbern, and sentenced to a term of five years in the Federal prison at Atlanta, has been paroled and has returned home.

The Scoggin Drug Store at Louisville was destroyed by fire a few days ago. The building was owned by Dr. S. P. Burt, and insurance was carried on same to the amount of \$2,000. The insurance on the stock of drugs and fixtures was \$4,500.

One of Rockingham County's largest farms, containing 1,184 acres, bordering on the Dan River, was bought by Mr. J. H. Moore, of Madison, a few days ago. Until 1876 this farm was the property of Judge Settle. The price for the farm was about \$30,000.

The Walkertown Milling Company, of Winston-Salem, valued at \$20,000, with insurance only \$6,000, was destroyed by fire Saturday, January 6th. The fire was caused by the machinery getting too hot. This company was one of the largest plants in the Piedmont section.

As a result of the reorganization of the United States Court, a position known as special master in equity has been created, and Judge James E. Boyd, of the United States for the Western District, has appointed Augustus H. Price, of Salisbury, to said position.

THREW CHILD FROM WINDOW.

Dead Infant Found Near Seaboard Tracks Southeast of Charlotte.

Seaboard Air Line officials were busy yesterday in an effort to discover the identity of the mother who threw her infant child from the window of passenger train No. 46 at an early hour Sunday morning at a point four miles southeast of the city. It is not known whether the infant ever breathed or not. It was discovered Sunday afternoon by Mr. H. D. Harkley lying near the Seaboard tracks on his place near the well-known Logie homestead. He reported the matter to Chief of Police Christenbury, who in turn reported the matter to Coroner Z. A. Hovis. Coroner Hovis took charge of the affair and is now seeking to get at the bottom of the affair.

Captain Murray Beates, who was in charge of the train, also reported the suspicious actions of a woman who boarded his train in Charlotte and instructed the yardmaster here to be on the lookout for some trouble, the exact nature of which he was not certain. In the meantime the body of the dead child had been discovered.—Tuesday's Charlotte Observer.

Some Democrats Talking of the Possibility of a New Party.

Tuesday's Charlotte Observer printed the following story as a special from Washington:

"Judge Walter Clark, of the North Carolina Supreme Court bench, held an extended conference here to-day with Senator LaFollette, the leader of the insurgents of the Senate, in the marble room of the Senate. Colonel Bryan and Mr. LaFollette conferred at the union station last night.

"The progressives, Republicans and Democrats, are very active to-day. There is considerable talk of organizing a third party. A leading progressive Republican Senator said to-day that if the Republicans nominate Taft and the Democrats name Harmon the radicals of the two old parties will organize another party. The many conferences held here within the last 24 hours may be preliminary to a permanent organization."

Bessie Smith's Body Found in Creek.

The dead body of Bessie Smith, three years old, who wandered away from her home in Orange County on Wednesday after Christmas, was found in Collins' Creek, a mile and a half from her home, by a searching party, composed of University students and people of the surrounding country.

Usually this creek has little water, except in some deep holes. The recent rains made the current very swift and the child evidently fell into the creek on the first night she was lost. Her body was found Sunday.

WAYNE CONVICTS MUTINY.

Chain-Gang Guards Have Trouble Near Mount Olive—One Prisoner Shot and Others Thrashed.

A special from Goldsboro to Friday's Charlotte Observer says:

"Mr. Fred R. Mintz, of Mt. Olive, arrived here to-day at noon and reported that there was a mutiny this morning in the county convict camp now located near that town, where the convicts are working the roads. About twenty of the gang refused to go out to work this morning with the others and the leader of the mutinous crowd, a negro desperado named Hussey, made a dash at the guard with a drawn knife. He was promptly stopped, however, by a load of shot, the guard aiming at his legs in order not to kill him. While the wounded convict was removed to the camp hospital the other mutineers were each given a sound thrashing by the superintendent, after which experience they were prompt to respond to the order to go to work."

Wilson Man Left Home to Commit Suicide But Changed His Mind.

Wilson, N. C., Special.—Just as the citizens were preparing to drag Contentnea Creek this morning for the body of W. C. Hardison, a telegram arrived here from the supposed suicide, stating that he was in Charlotte and would return to-night.

Hardison left here yesterday afternoon and his horse and buggy were found at his home, near the creek, and in the buggy was a note to his wife, stating he would never be home again, and his hat was found this morning on the bridge across the creek, indicating that he had jumped from the structure. Why Hardison changed his mind is not explained. He caused a real sensation.

Shipping North Carolina Lumber to Germany.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 4.—Large quantities of timber are being shipped from Wilmington to Berlin, Germany, to be manufactured into veneers and are largely used in the manufacture of pianos, automobiles, buggies, carriages, wagons and army equipment. There arrived in Wilmington yesterday by raft from Sand Bluff, Bladen County, the largest poplar log ever seen in this county. It contains 2,330 feet of timber. The cut was 28 feet in length and thirty inches in diameter. Mr. H. E. Glaeser, of Berlin, who is in this section buying timbers, says that the poplar log referred to is the largest he has ever seen in this country. Mr. Glaeser has been buying black walnut, yellow poplar, red cedar, gum, rosemary pine, yellow pine and other timbers for shipment to Germany. There are in Wilmington now a half million feet of poplar which will go by rail to Norfolk and thence to Hamburg by the Hamburg-American line.

Killed Over Piece of Candy.

A piece of candy provoked a quarrel which ended in the death of Jas. White, a negro convict, in jail in Winston. William Jones, the slayer, also a negro convict, struck White with a bottle, cracking his skull.

The men were playing cards in a sort of general exercises room in the county jail Wednesday night, when Jones crept behind White and struck him with the bottle. White lived until Thursday night. The trouble started because Jones asserted that White had hidden a piece of candy in a ventilator in the jail, which he would not share with the other convicts.—Statesville Landmark.

North Carolina Groom Was Stranded in Chattanooga, But Reaches Home.

The following special from Chattanooga, dated the 6th, appeared in Sunday's Charlotte Observer:

"Application for a ticket to Statesville, N. C., was made at the Associated Charities to-day by a man giving his name as T. F. Holcomb, Jr., who was accompanied by his wife, they having recently married in Indiana and on their way to visit the groom's father, T. F. Holcomb, Sr., at Elkin, N. C. The man claimed that his pocket-book, containing \$400, had been stolen. His wife had a ticket to Statesville. A telegram has been sent to the address of Holcomb's father, telling him of son's predicament. Action will depend on the answer."

The Chattanooga authorities must have received a satisfactory answer, as the Statesville Landmark states that the couple reached home Saturday.

Supreme Court Annals North Carolina's Penalizing Law.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—The Supreme Court has annulled the North Carolina statute of 1905, penalizing the railroads for refusing to accept goods for interstate commerce. The court found the law to be an interference with interstate commerce.

It is the Democrats Who Are Having to Worry.

The Republicans do not seem to know exactly whom they want for a candidate and the Democrats are no better off.—Charlotte Observer. The Republicans are not worrying about a Presidential candidate. It is the Democrats who are "between the devil and the deep blue sea."

General News.

Louisville suffered from a \$400,000 fire a few days ago. Several big establishments were burned. The Courier Journal building was one of those damaged.

Four more Persian Nationalists were hanged near the Russian camp, near Tabriz, January 6th. The hanging was done in the most brutal manner by slow strangulation.

Eleven deaths from cold in New York City were reported Saturday. The thermometer sank to 15 degrees, and the suffering among the poorer classes was intense.

A fire in Baltimore, January 8th, resulted in the damage of a number of the business houses, and a loss of from \$150,000 to \$200,000. A number of firemen were hurt.

Four boys were drowned while coasting on a New England river a few days ago by the sled breaking through the ice. The children were of French-Canadian parentage.

Aviator L. W. Bonney fell 300 feet in his Wright bi-plane at the fair grounds at Tampa, Fla., a few days ago. His machine was completely wrecked, but he sustained only slight injuries.

Cincinnatus Walker, who was arrested last June for the murder of J. M. Shackelford, of Virginia, was convicted in the Circuit Court of Gloucester county, January 6th, and sentenced to 18 years in the penitentiary.

The Trapist Monastery, at St. Norbet, Man., was destroyed by fire a few days ago. All the winter stores were lost and the fifty-three monks are obliged to depend on the charity of the farms for sustenance until summer.

A total coinage of 205,620,273 pieces valued at \$65,790,850, was executed at the United States mints in the last calendar year. Of this amount \$56,176,222 was gold, \$6,457,301 in silver, and \$3,156,726 in minor coin.

Dr. Henry Elgin Webster, of Chicago, who is facing trial for the murder of his wife, Bessie Kent Webster, says he will plead guilty to the crime of which he is accused in the Ogle County Circuit Court on Friday.

Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt in Chicago a few days ago. The movements of the earth were felt as far west as Davenport, La., and as far east as Fort Wayne, Ind. At Aurora, Ill., the tremor caused an explosion of a great gasoline tank.

The Seaboard Air Line passenger train No. 66 was wrecked at McKenney, 30 miles south of Petersburg, Va., January 6th. Engineer Bishop, of Richmond, and a negro fireman, also one passenger are feared to be fatally hurt. The engine, baggage and mail cars rolled down a 12-foot embankment.

New Mexico is now a State, being the 47th to enter the Union. Four members of the President's Cabinet, the two Congressmen-elect from New Mexico, and a dozen prominent citizens from other States, witnessed the ceremony, which took place last Saturday, in the President's private office, in Washington.

The turbulent scenes caused by the strikers of the Illinois Central Railroad shopped, at McComb City, Miss., reached such a state of violence that the city was placed under martial law a few days ago. The Illinois Central division shops are here and several hundred of the employes have been on a strike for three months.

Another McNamara Arrested.

A special from New York Tuesday says: "Private detectives arrested here this afternoon a man who said he was John McNamara of this city, on a warrant charging him with having dynamited and robbed the Bank of Montreal, Canada, at Westminster, B. C., of \$375,000 on September 14th last. McNamara is being held for the Montreal authorities."

Mrs. Roosevelt Has Been Seriously Ill.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, it became known here to-day, has been seriously ill. She was injured by a fall from her horse while riding with Colonel Roosevelt about two months ago, but her physicians said her illness was not due to the fall.

Federal Government Asks for Dissolution of Turpentine Trust.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 8.—The federal government to-day filed a petition in equity in the United States district court asking for dissolution of the American Naval Stores Company, known as the "turpentine trust," on the ground that it is a monopoly in restraint of trade. This civil suit follows several criminal suits.

LYNCHING DIDN'T HELP "DRYS."

Licking County, Ohio, Where Detective Was Hanged, "Wet."

Newark, Ohio, Jan. 7.—In a Rose law election held yesterday, Licking county, the scene of the lynching in July, 1910, of Carl Etherington, "dry" detective, voted to discard county prohibition and to return to open saloons. The majority for the "wets" was 1,237. The city of Newark gave a "wet" majority of 2,863. The county and city voted "dry" three years ago. The lynching of Etherington, a Kentuckian, who had shot and killed the proprietor of an alleged "speak-easy," was made an issue in the campaign just closed, the "drys" referring to it as the result of liquor traffic. The "wets" contended that there was no public sentiment in favor of local prohibition, and that the non-enforcement of the law had resulted in not only the loss of revenue, but had also allowed the sale of liquor to flourish without regulation.

The rural precincts gave small pluralities for the "drys." Of 29 Ohio counties that voted "dry" under the Rose law three years ago, 15, including Licking county, to-day have returned to the "wet" column. Seven counties, by elections held recently, have reaffirmed their stand for prohibition.

MINISTER CONFESSES GUILT.

Boston Preacher Admits He Gave Poison to His Former Sweetheart—Case Called for January 15th.

Rev. C. V. T. Richeson, a prominent young minister of Boston, Mass., has confessed that he gave poison to his former sweetheart on October 14 which caused her death. The pastor does not tell why he murdered the girl, nor does he give any details of the crime. On December 20th he mutilated himself horribly and was in a critical condition for several days. He says the crime preyed on his mind and he was obliged to confess.

The crime alleged against Richeson is the murder of Miss Linnell on the night of October 14th. Miss Linnell, a girl of nineteen, was a native of Hyannis, where Richeson formerly preached, and was studying at the New England Conservatory of Music there.

Miss Linnell was found dying in a bath-room in the Young Women's Christian Association building where she lodged. At first it was believed she had taken poison, but a day or two later, it became generally known that she had taken cyanide of potassium in the belief that it would remedy her embarrassing physical condition.

On the day following Miss Linnell's death, Richeson went to the home of Moses Grand Edmonds, father of Miss Violet Edmonds to whom Richeson was to have been married October 31st, last.

It was reported to the police that the young pastor had been engaged to Miss Linnell. It was also a police theory that the minister was the person to whom Miss Linnell's physical condition would cause the greatest worry.

On the night of October 19th, William Hahn, a druggist at Newton Center, reported to the police that a few days before the death of Miss Linnell, Richeson had purchased cyanide of potassium from him. The next day Richeson was arrested at the Edmonds home in Brookline. The wedding invitations were recalled.

A special grand jury on October 31st returned an indictment against Richeson who pleaded not guilty. His trial was fixed for January 15. Later he resigned his pastorate.

Richeson is about thirty-five years old and was born at Rose Hill, Va.

Sentenced to Be Electrocuted. Pastor Richeson was led into court Tuesday where he again plead guilty of poisoning his former sweetheart and was sentenced to die in the electric chair during the week of May 19th. A petition will be presented to the Governor of Massachusetts to have the sentence changed to life imprisonment.

MUCH TOBACCO WAS GROWN.

The Value of 1911 Crop in Three States Aggregated \$25,206,400.

The tobacco grown in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina during 1911 aggregated a total farm value on basis of the price paid to producers on December 1st of \$25,206,400, according to Department of Agriculture statistics just announced. Of this, Virginia's share was \$12,288,000; North Carolina's, \$11,530,400; and South Carolina's, \$1,388,000. Their production was: Virginia, 128,000,000 pounds, or 800 pounds to the acre; North Carolina, 99,400,000, or 710 pounds to the acre, and South Carolina, 11,000,000 pounds, or 810 pounds to the acre.

Mother of Fourteen Children Killed in Accident.

Mrs. J. H. Smith, of Central, S. C., was fatally injured Saturday when the buggy in which she was riding collided with a Southern Railway train.

Mrs. Smith was the mother of fourteen living children and was a member of a prominent South Carolina family.

CHARGE, MAIDENS, CHARGE!

This is Leap Year, and There Are Three Million More Women Than Men in the United States.

[Baltimore Sun.]

Three million more men than women in the United States—the official census figures are not to be denied—yet there are still some persons who never have been married. Here in Maryland, sad to relate, there are not enough men to go round; but this does not account for half the unmarried ladies. Their just proportion, and a Maryland widow is almost irresistible; but it is a mystery how any man in Baltimore manages to remain single, for an eligible bachelor in this community is surrounded by so many pretty girls that his heart must be made of adamant to resist. Baltimore girls are so beautiful that Nature naturally produces them in preference to ugly boys; but they were not born to waste their sweetness on the desert air.

In the olden days woman never told her love, but modern woman does not "let concealment like a worm in the bud feed on her damask cheek." She plants sofas in the front parlor, puts pink shades on the lamp and in summer hangs hammocks on the porches and trees. "Man proposes," as the proverb saith, but woman paves the way. And sometimes man does not propose; that's the pity of it. He drinks oceans of tea, takes up years of time and still sits silent on the sofa, like a bump on a log. Shall woman, then, still stand on her pedestal, like Patience on a monument? Marriage is woman's chief business and mere man should not be allowed to interfere with it. I he doesn't take the initiative, it is his own fault.

Now comes Leap Year, when, by right almost as ancient as Magna Charta, woman has the right to speak for herself. Not that she doesn't do considerable speaking at other times; but now she can pop the question without talking all around the main point. Dilatory man must make up his mind to meet the issue. He cannot take refuge in flight. There are not enough desert islands to hold all the old bachelors. He must grit his teeth and face the music. Charge, maiden, charge! Let no eligible man escape. If any bachelor is left unroped and unbranded by the end of 1912, it will be taken as evidence that no one wants him.

Presbyterian Women Send Jewels to Pay Mission Debt.

Nashville, Tenn., Dispatch.]

Women of the Southern Presbyterian Church are sending their jewels and other valuable personal belongings to the Foreign Mission Board in this city for the purpose of wiping out an indebtedness of \$100,000 incurred by the Board.

Grave danger of the recall of foreign missionaries faced the Board and an appeal was made to the loyal women of the Church to meet the deficit.

From all over the South women have sent jewelry, silver ornaments and money to the Board. A committee is disposing of the gifts as rapidly as possible and forwarding the proceeds to missionaries whose salaries are overdue.

As yet the gifts have not been sufficient to meet the deficit and a second appeal has been made to Southern women, which has brought many contributions accompanied by letters of self-sacrifice and determination to sustain the Church's efforts in the foreign fields.

Bridge of Ice Forms at Niagara Falls.

Buffalo, Jan. 8.—The first ice bridge of the season at Niagara Falls has formed, and an unbroken sheet of ice extends from the American shore across the upper Niagara river to Electric Beach.

The scenery in the State reservation is up to the standard, and hundreds of visitors are expected today. Precautions will be taken to keep the more venturesome tourists from venturing into dangerous byways, lured by the ice bridge.

Found Eight Feet of Honey in a Bee Log.

Troy Montgomerian.]

Bee trees are rare enough in this country, but a bee log is very unusual. Bib Saunders, the seventeen-year-old son of Mr. D. W. Saunders, a prosperous farmer of near Troy, found a bee log near his home some time in November. He made several efforts to sell it for twenty-five cents, but failed to get an offer. Last Thursday he decided to take the honey and about dark began the task. To his astonishment he found a continuous line of honeycomb eight feet in length, and most of it filled with a good quality of honey. He sent home for buckets and saved it all. There were thirty pounds of nice honey—worth on the market \$3.75.



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