

State News.

The four-year-old child of Alex Beasley, colored, of Durham, was burned to death in its home Sunday.

Some unknown parties entered the safe of J. T. Barham, Esq., of Goldsboro, throwing papers everywhere, but finding nothing of value to them.

Lonnie Millican, Jim Britt, and Nick Joyner, the three negro house-burners, of LaGrange, were tried in Kinston a few days ago and sentenced to terms of thirty years, respectively, in the State Prison.

Two brothers, Frank and Jim Neal, of Pamlico County, lost their lives last Thursday morning, by the overturning of boat, a small fishing vessel, en route to Norfolk with a load of fish.

Mr. John J. Sheenan, of Wilmington, Superintendent of Transportation of the Tidewater Power Company, died suddenly of heart failure in a drug-store in Wilmington a few days ago.

The twenty-year-old daughter of Mr. George Baker, of Milbanks, was attacked with an epileptic fit a few nights ago and fell into the fire, receiving burns from which she died a few hours later.

J. M. Stickle, agent for a photograph enlarging establishment of Columbia, S. C., dropped dead at the home of a customer in Durham Tuesday, where he was delivering pictures.

Mr. J. W. Fisher, a well known employe of the Southern Railway, at Spencer, slipped on the ice on the yards there a few days ago and was run over by an engine. He lost an arm and a leg and his condition otherwise is considered serious.

A hot water tank, at the home of Mr. J. D. Langston, at Goldsboro, exploded last Sunday evening, killing the negro cook, seriously injuring two children of Mr. Langston, and completely wrecking the house.

Mrs. Kin Grimes, a High Point lady, was very seriously, if not fatally, injured a few days ago by the bursting of the pipes and the explosion of the range in her kitchen. The explosion was caused by the frozen pipes.

Capt. C. M. Faircloth, a prominent lawyer, of Clinton, N. C., narrowly escaped death a few days ago at the hands of a negro tenant and his wife. The negro, assisted by his wife, cut the lawyer's throat, just missing the jugular vein.

Eugene Murphey, who shot D. M. Vernon, of Spray, last spring, has been identified by a description sent out by local North Carolina authorities and located at Utica, N. Y. He admitted shooting Vernon because he "killed his dog."

The six-months-old child of Mr. O. T. Gillispie, of Statesville, was left in a carriage near the fire for a few moments one day last week, when the carriage was overturned in some way into the fire and the child was burned to death.

Mr. Charles H. Jacobson, who lives near New Bern, slipped on the ice near the railroad track a few days ago and was struck by the incoming eastbound train and received such injuries that he died soon after. He was about sixty-five years of age.

Wheeler Godfrey, the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. George M. Godfrey, of the Waxhaw settlement, was accidentally shot by his cousin, Willie Keziah, while out hunting a few days ago. The shot took effect in the young man's foot and it is feared will destroy the use of it.

Mr. Norman Stockton, a well-known and popular young man of Winston-Salem, was assaulted and seriously cut by two negroes in his clothing store in that city a few days ago. Mr. Stockton discovered the negroes in the act of stealing a suit of clothes and interfered, when he was attacked by them.

News has reached this city of the death of Rev. W. G. Green, at Canton, China, Sunday. Mr. Green was a Baptist missionary to China. He was a professor at Wake Forest College prior to the time he entered the missionary field. He was a native of the western part of this State. He has two sons at Mars Hill College, and is also survived by his wife, who was with him in China.

Death of Mrs. J. E. Person at Fremont—Member of Very Prominent Family.

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 15.—The death of Mrs. Millie Coley Person, wife of Dr. J. E. Person, of this county, occurred this morning at their home in Fremont. She was widely connected with the oldest families of Eastern North Carolina. The funeral will be held from the home to-morrow at noon and the interment will be made at the old Fort home-stand near Pikeville.

BLIND TIGERS' NEW SCHEME.

Open Bottled in Bond Goods and Substitute Chemicals—Embalming Fluid Found in Some Bottles—Two or Three Deaths Reported.

The writer has heard of potash and almost every other chemical being used to dilute and cheapen the cost of whiskey, but the Reidsville authorities have reported something new. The Reidsville correspondent of the Charlotte Observer sends that paper the following account of poisonous fluids found in "bottled in bond" goods which was drunk with fatal results by some parties in that town:

"Your correspondent was this week shown an assortment of whiskey bottles which appear to have been tampered with. The bottles had contained well-known brands of whiskey and were 'bottle in bond' goods. Some of the bottles had not been opened, while the contents of others had been used. The unused bottles contained the usual government stamp, which had not been removed, but the examination revealed that the bottom of the bottles had been cut, a circle being made and then glued back. The inference is, that after the Government gaugers had stamped the whiskey in the warehouse or distilleries, where it was bottled, the bottles were opened at the bottom by an electric needle, or some such implement, and a large part of the pure whiskey taken from the bottles, and chemicals substituted therefor. One bottle, from which only a part of its contents had been taken, carried an unmistakable odor of embalming fluid.

"The party who exhibited the assortment of bottles had some time to investigate the contents of a bottle from which half of the liquid had been consumed, the party drinking it, dying a few hours later of convulsions. This happened in the West, and the gentleman, who made the investigations, found the bottle as above stated, and he concluded that the chemicals had been substituted for the liquor after the Government gaugers had stamped it. Coming to Reidsville, he had cause to investigate another case of a party who had been made helpless and critically ill by the use of liquor, and he obtained a number of bottles from which the party had been drinking, as well as some which had not been used. Making examinations, he found that the bottles had been tampered with.

GLADDEN IS ACQUITTED.

Two Negroes Held for Next Term of Court—Ross to Die in Electric Chair February 16.

Shelby, N. C., Jan. 13.—Frank Gladden, the white man implicated by the confession of the negro John Ross, in the murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon, prominent and wealthy people of this county, was acquitted by the jury to-day, the twelve men declining to accept the unsupported confession of the negro as evidence sufficient to convict. The other two negroes held as accessories of Ross' will be held until the next term of court. Ross was sentenced to die in the electric chair February 16th.

Aged Lady Burned to Death Near Gibsonville.

Miss Matilda Geringer, an aged maiden lady of Gibsonville, eighteen miles east of Greensboro, met a tragic death at her home Sunday afternoon shortly before 1 o'clock when her clothing in some manner caught while she was seated before an open fire, and before help arrived, death had ensued. Miss Geringer was about seventy years old and lived alone in a cottage across the road from her sister, Mrs. John Boone. It is supposed that while seated before the fire a live spark fell on her cotton dress.

That Democratic Harmony.

The Lincoln Times.] The Progressive Democrats met in Ohio last week and knocked Governor Harmon right and left; Col. Harvey, the discoverer of Presidential in Woodrow Wilson, has thrown him overboard and is in league with the steel barons of Wall Street in an effort to put a crimp in Wilson's boom; Northern Democrats swear Underwood is a fraud and Bryan has gone so far as to brand him as a traitor, and the South is up in arms against Champ Clark because he voted for the \$75,000,000 pension steal. That is the situation in the Democratic party to-day, yet the Democratic press says there is harmony in the ranks. From the Democratic standpoint perhaps that is the way it looks. Any condition better than actual knocking down and dragging out seems like harmony to them.

Education and Republicanism Go Hand-in-Hand.

Clinton News-Dispatch.] When there was not a half-dozen decent school-houses in Sampson County and a large per cent of her people could not read and write, Sampson was the "banner" Democratic county in the State, but since there is a nice school building on almost every hill and the people are becoming educated, this county has changed and is now the "banner" Republican county in the State. Who says that education is not the stuff?

General News.

Representative McHenry, of Pennsylvania, has introduced a bill to make labor day a legal holiday.

Reports are that Governor Foss will not commute the death sentence of C. V. T. Richeson, slayer of Avis Linnell.

Three deaths and three new cases of meningitis in twenty-four hours has been reported from Dallas, Texas. Physicians think, however, that the epidemic is fairly under control.

Fifty passengers on Big Four train No. 1, from Detroit to Cincinnati, are reported to have been hurt in a wreck on January 14th, which occurred four miles south of Carey, Ohio.

Five children, sisters, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home, at Motley, Minn., a few days ago. Their name was Carlyle. The mother and one daughter were saved.

Robbers entered the safe of Frank Vattery & Company, wholesale liquor dealers of New Orleans, a few nights ago, and took from the safe \$1,000 in cash and securities valued at \$9,000.

Edward N. Dennis, formerly of Morehead City, and an employe of the Western Union Telegraph Company for fifteen years, dropped dead in the office at Richmond, Va., a few nights ago, just as he was preparing to send a message.

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature of Virginia to forbid the marriage of drunkards, drug fiends and diseased people. Another bill introduced has for its purpose the prevention of procreation by confirmed criminals, idiots, and rapists.

At the request of Senator Overman, the Secretary of War has ordered an inspector to Bingham School, Asheville, to ascertain whether the school is sufficiently advanced in military tactics to require the service of an army officer as instructor.

Dr. Harry Elgin Webster, of Oregon, Ill., who confessed to the murder of his wife last fall, will be sentenced in the Ogle County Circuit Court by Judge Farrand on January 22nd. It is generally believed that the sentenced will be life imprisonment.

A man in Hammond, Ind., began a hundred day jail sentence a few days ago for whipping his sixteen-year-old wife. He told the trial judge that he was under the impression that this was a free country and he could spank his wife if he wanted to.

Charles W. Morse, the noted convict banker, who was transferred to Fort McPherson from the Federal Prison, at Atlanta, Ga., on account of his physical condition, has now been transferred to the Army General Hospital at Hot Springs, Ark. His condition is very critical.

The State Department at Washington, has become sufficiently alarmed at the spread of the revolution in Ecuador, that a first-class battleship has been sent to help the Yorktown in protecting American interests. Reports are that there are threatened revolts in Brazil also.

Charges that the Postoffice Department officials illegally expended \$1,000,000 in payments to railroads for railway cars that did not come up to the legal standard were made before the House Committee Tuesday, on reform in the Civil Service, by Erben A. Walters, of Denver.

Alfred Mosely, the English philanthropist is trying to arrange with immigration officials a plan to bring the 3,000 poverty-stricken residents of St. Helena to California. Since the withdrawal of the British military station some years ago, the residents have had a hard struggle for existence.

Birmingham, Ala., suffered from a disastrous fire on the morning of January 14th. The Bell Telephone Company's building and that of the Cable Piano Company were destroyed, entailing a loss of from \$250,000 to \$300,000. One man was killed during the fire by being struck by an automobile.

The plan of Senator Overman and Representative Faison, that the government purchase the summit of Mt. Mitchell, in North Carolina, as a part of the Appalachian Forest reserve, has been approved by Forrester Graves. Elisha Mitchell, for whom the mountain is named, is buried on the mountain.

A bill has been introduced in the General Assembly of Virginia, providing for a referendum on the subject of State-wide prohibition. If enacted, 25 per cent of the electorate vote can automatically require the Governor to order an election to determine whether or not liquor shall be sold in Virginia. This measure prohibits the sale of intoxicants in drug-stores on a physician's prescription.

PREACHER WAS A BLOCKADER.

Sewanee Minister Pleads Guilty to Making Illicit Whiskey—Didn't Know it Was Any Harm.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 14.—Rev. Joseph R. Smith, of Sewanee, was brought to Nashville to-day after having been bound over yesterday to the April term of Federal Court on a charge of making moonshine whiskey. At the preliminary hearing Rev. Mr. Smith pleaded guilty to the charge.

Rev. Mr. Smith has for several months been the regular pastor of three small churches near Sewanee. His "wild cat" still was located in the smoke-house a few yards from the parsonage and less than a quarter of a mile from his principal church. The outfit destroyed by the officers was complete and nearly one hundred gallons of beer and mash were found.

The "wild catting" parson was caught only after an all-night chase. He claims that he did not know it was a violation of the law to make whiskey, but knew it was wrong to drink it. He also stated that he had never sold any of his whiskey, but had given some of it to a few of his members for medicinal purposes.

SPANISH CABINET QUILTS JOB.

Resignation Due to Divergence of Views With Their King.

The Spanish Cabinet, of which Jose Canalejas Y. Mendes was Premier, resigned Sunday. The Cabinet resigned as the result of a divergence of views with King Alfonso as to the advisability of commuting the death sentence of one of the rioters, who murdered a judge and wounded several court officials in the town of Cullera, province of Valencia, last September. The general strike at that time at Valencia and other provinces involved a plot to assassinate General Weyler, and the King was compelled to suspend the constitutional guarantees.

MESSAGE UNFIT FOR PRINT.

South Carolina Legislature May Expunge Governor Bleasie's Message.

A special from Columbia, S. C., to Saturday's Baltimore Sun says: "A committee of the House of Representatives this afternoon recommended that portions of Governor Bleasie's special message of yesterday, giving reasons why he vetoed a libel act and attacking South Carolina newspapers, be expunged from the record of the House as unfit for publication. "The committee suggested publication of portions of the message, but as to the rest of the message, it says:

"The balance of such message is a mere disquisition on the iniquities of the press as viewed by the Governor, and the style and language in which the same is couched is, such that self-respect forbid that a dignified legislative body should permit it to become part of the record of its acts, and we recommend that the same be expunged from the record." "A vote may be taken to-morrow."

General Reyes' Properties Sold at Auction While He Lay in Prison.

A special from San Antonio, Tex., under date of January 15th, says: "When the auctioneer's gavel fell over the last of the household effects in the public sale at No. 701 San Pedro Avenue to-day, another scene of the pathetic drama in which General Bernardo Reyes played the leading role was brought to a close. While the former master of the household lay in prison in the land he had hoped to rule, souvenir hunters eagerly snatched up articles of personal property that have but little intrinsic value. Mexicans were conspicuously absent from the sale.

Twins Wed Twins and Twins Born to Parents of Bridegrooms.

A dispatch from Wichita, Kansas, says: "Twin brothers married twin sisters at Longdale, Okla., yesterday, and a few hours after the double wedding twin boys were born to the parents of the bridegrooms.

TENNESSEE PREACHER IN TROUBLE.

Rev. Dr. McFarland Charged With Committing Two Criminal Operations—Indicted by Grand Jury and Placed Under Arrest.

An Associated Press dispatch from Pittsburg, Pa., under date of January 16th, says: "An indictment was returned by the grand jury late to-day against the Rev. Dr. W. D. McFarland, minister and educator, of Cedar Creek, Greene County, Tenn., formerly of this city, charging him with a felony in committing two operations upon Miss Elsie Dodds Coe, his former secretary, which resulted in her death last Friday in a local hospital.

According to a report here to-night Rev. McFarland has been arrested by

the Tennessee authorities and will be held at Knoxville until the arrival of a Pittsburg officer.

Rollin McConnell, of Chicago, who represents a local firm in that city, mentioned in Miss Coe's dying statement as being responsible for her condition, reached here to-day and conferred with District Attorney William A. Blakeley. Later, McConnell went before the grand jury and testified of his relations with the deceased. There is no charge against McConnell.

Rev. McFarland was formerly head of the Academic Department of the Pittsburg High School. Miss Coe, aged twenty-eight, had been Dr. McFarland's secretary. He is about sixty years old and married."

BRYAN FEARS WALL STREET.

William J. Bryan Says That the Greatest Danger is That Wall Street Will Name the Democratic Nominee.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 15.—"The tariff question is the one that is the most talked about, and I have no doubt it will occupy a prominent place in the campaign, but the Democratic party cannot ignore the fact that back of the tariff, back of the trusts, and back of the railroads stands the Wall Street oligarchy, as heartless as a band of pirates and as despotic as the Czar or the Sultan ever were. And that is why I am not willing that J. Pierpont Morgan pick out the Democratic candidate."

This was William Jennings Bryan's reply when asked to-night what he regarded as the principal issues in the approaching Presidential campaign.

Mr. Bryan declared that while the outlook for the Democratic party was bright, still the Democrats should not be over-confident, and a great deal depended on the action of Democrats during the present session of Congress.

Much Late Cotton Was Damaged.

Farmers in the city yesterday, in numbers far out of proportion to the usual Saturday array, report that except in scattered instances, the cotton crop has been harvested. There has been an unusual amount of what is known as "cracked cotton" this year, owing to the fact that many fields were planted so late that the bolls did not mature fully and open until overtaken by frost. This left a condition that damaged the fiber and so greatly reduced its value that many farmers did not go to the expense of having it picked.—Charlotte Observer.

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