State News

Prominent Lutherans from all the Southern States are in convention at Salisbury this week. Governor Kitchin delivered the opening address.

The three-year-old son of Mr. Cassius Willis, of near Lumberton, fell into a ditch near his home a few days ago and was drowned.

Billy Marshall, a colored man, of Wilmington, in trying to cross Buffalo Canal, in Pender County, a few days ago, fell in the canal and was drowned.

Policeman Nelms, of Wilmington, who killed a negro last summer while the negro was resisting arrest, was tried in Superior court last week and acquitted.

Mr. E. E. Hilliard, former editor of the Scotland Neck Commonweath, died at his home at Scotland Neck, February 2nd, after an illness of several weeks.

A man who gave his name as Rollins was arrested in Durham a few days ago charged with stealing a horse and buggy from the Franklin hotel, in Franklinton.

The new Goldsboro hospital will be open February 22. The hospital is thoroughly modern in every respect, and is a charitable institution for the needy sick of Wayne County.

There was a substantial raise in the price of cotton last week. On some of the markets it reached 10 cents and at one market it is said to have sold as high as 10.25c.

The biggest snow and blizzard of the season is reported in the vicinity of Waynesville. Reports from the rural districts indicate drifts in some places sixteen feet deep.

Reports are that New Bern will have the advantages of street cars within a short time. The Neuse-Trent Traction Company state that they will have the system ready by May 1.

A joint meeting of the Boards of Aldermen and school committeemen in Durham Tuesday arranged for the issuing of $50,000 in bonds for the erection of a new school building in Durham.

The Norfolk Southern Railroad has changed to the name of Raleigh, Charlotte and Southern Railroad. It is preparing to build a line from Raleigh to Concord, and then on to Charlotte.

A young son of Mr. Green Sides, of Stanly County, in chopping wood a few days ago, was struck on the head by a flying piece, inflicting a wound from which he died within a few hours.

Revenue officers located and destroyed an illicit distillery four miles south of Murphy Tuesday. The distillery was in full blast and was within one hundred yards of a deputy sheriff's residence.

George Waggoner, a blockader, who was shot in Franklin county, Virginia, last Wednesday by revenue officers, died in Martinsville, Va., Friday night of his wounds. He was from North Carolina.

Mr. Geo. W. Watts, the founder of the Watts Hospital in Durham, has recently increased the endowment fund of the hospital $100,000 in the form of an apartment house in Durham, the rentals of which are to be used for the hospital.

Mr. Fred J. Aaron, of Mt. Olive, sued the Atlantic Coast Line railway for personal injuries received in a derailment of a train near Whiteville, in 1908, and in the trial at Goldsboro a few days ago obtained $20,000 damages.

R. L. Southern, the employe of Spach Bros., of Winston-Salem, who stole several thousand dollars from them by taking small amounts from their safe each night, was tried in the Superior Court Saturday and given two years in the penitentiary.

Revenue collections for last month as reported from Collector Brown's office are as follows: Lists, $11,957! spirits, $286.55; cigars, $1,950; tobacco, $378,846.45; special tax $204-.44; total, $379,479.17, an increase of $10,000 over the preceding month.

The home of Mr. L. C. Norris, of Rocky Mount, an old revolutionary tavern, which was occupied in 1774 by Lord Cornwallis while passing through the country enroute to Yorktown, was burned last Friday. The loss is estimated at about $6,000.

But for the timely appearance of a policeman at a fire in Newbern Sunday morning which destroyed the Stewart building, on Middle street, Mr. H. J. Crumpler, city editor of the Newbern Journal, and his wife, who occupied apartments in the building, would have lost their lives.

Miss Elsie Little, the New York tennis player, was killed late Saturday evening near Pinehurst, N. C., by a train. She was trying to cross the railroad in front of the engine.

The county commissioners of Rowan county have ordered the erection of a new courthouse at Salisbury, to cost approximately $100,000. The old court house is to be used as a library.

The Norfolk and Southern passenger and freight depot at Hertford and a box car loaded with merchandise were destroyed Monday night shortly after midnight. The loss amounts to several thousand dollars, but covered by insurance.

A fire at St. Pauls last Saturday night, destroyed Odum's milling and electric plant. The plant consisted of two cottotn gins, two grist mills, an electric dynamo, and quite a lot of machinery. The loss is estimated at $5,000 with insurance of about $1,000.

RALEIGH, CHARLOTTE & SOUTHERN.

Railroad Promoters Meet in Raleigh, Organize and Elect Officers.

A promoters of the Raleigh, Charlotte and Souhern Railway met in Raleigh yesterday and organized by electing E. T. Lamb, President; E. C. Duncan, First Vice-President; Frederick Hoff, Second Vice-President; Mathias Manly, Treasurer; Morris Hawkins, Secretary; Nelson W. Runnion, Assistant Secretary; Chadbourne & Shores, General Counsel. This company takes over the Raleigh and Southport, Aberdeen and Asheboro and Durham and Southern. The Norfolk Southern will remain a separate diviscion as at present. And the officers elected yesterday are for the new branch of the road. Mr. John A. Mills and Mr. Henry Page remain with the new company.

No One to Vote at the Election.

The Sanford Express says that in a certain section of Harnett County citizens some weeks ago petitioned for an election on the stock law question and was ordered and registration books opened, as the law requires. But one man registered and when election day came even the lone man who had registered failed to show up at the polling place and there was not a vote cast for or against the proposition.

Married in Jail—Event Followed a Homicide.

A special to the Charlotte Observer says that Clyde Chifton and pretty Beulah Stone were married in the county pail at Rockingham Monday afternoon. Chifton left next day to begin a 12-months' sentence on the roads of Columbus County, to which he was recently sentenced by Judge Whedbee for carrying a pistol after he had been tried and acquitted by a jury of a charge of murdering Sank Morse in September, 1911.

Morse and Chilton were rivals for the hand of Beulah Stone, an 18-year-old Great Falls cotton mill operative, each having received assurance that led him to believe himself the favored one, upon the strength of which each had purchased a marriage license. On the night of the killing, Chilton and Beulah Stone were overtaken on the street by Morse, who demanded that the girl go with him. She refused, Morse took hold of her and at the same time struck Chilton, who was remonstrating. Then Chilton shot and killed Morse. He was acquitted on the plea of self-defense.

—Landmark.

Bank of Jonesboro Goes Under.

The Bank of Jonesboro, in Lee County, was ordered closed yesterday by the Corporation Commission on the report of Bank Examiner Brown, who, on Tuesday, made an examination and found the capital stock impaired. Mr. Brown is in charge of the bank and will continue until a receiver is named by the courts. Bad loans are said to be responsible for the trouble.

Secretary of Anti-Saloon League Summoned as a Witness.

In Charlotte last Sunday Rev. R. L. Davis, Secretary of the State Anti-Saloon League exhibited several bottles of whiskey which he said had been bought by parties in Charlotte. A summons was served on Mr. Davis by a city official and he was requested to give the names of the parties from whom the liquor was purchased. He named several of the drug-stores in Charlotte.

Mill Men Hold Meeting at Gastonia and Organize.

Hard yarn spinners from North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and other Southern States gathered at Gastonia, N. C., Tuesday to the number of seventy-five or more for the purpose of reorganizing the Hard Yarn Spinners' Association of the South. About 600,000 spindles were represented.

The delegates said they had a very satisfactory meeting but no definite information of any kind was given out.

General News

Chas. F. Robinson, of Washington, D. C., died Saturday from a spasm of hiccoughs which had lasted for two hours.

Fifty persons perished in a snowstorm, near Ishim, Siberia, a few days ago. Forty-four corpse have been dug out.

The long task of the raising of the battleship Maine was completed last Friday, February 2. Three bodies were found in the vessel.

Nine people were injured, two fatally, in a wreck of the Norfolk and Western, near Ford, twenty-five miles west of Petersburg, Va., Tuesday.

Harvey Hurst and wife and a young lady who lived with them, were accidentally asphyxiated by gas in their home at Delaware, Okla., Saturday night.

The Atlanta Georgian, an afternoon paper of Atlanta, has been sold, and purchased by William Randolph Hearst. The paper was established six years ago.

Near Greenville, S. C., a few days ago, Mr. H. N. Pruner, was found dead near the belt line car. It is thought that he had fallen asleep on the track while enroute home.

Philadelphia suffered a million dollar fire a few days ago. Three large factory buildings in the block bounded by Wood, Vine, Eight and Franklin streets were destroyed.

Myron T. Herrick, former Governor of Ohio, will be appointed ambassador to France to succeed Robert Bacon, who recently resigned to become a fellow in the Harvard corporation.

A family of four in Laurence, Mass., were found murdered in their tenement in the Foreign quarter of that city February 3rd. No less than 57 wounds were found on the four bodies.

The great Niagara ice bridge, which has choked the channel between the cataract and upper arch bridge for the past three weeks, gave way a few days ago, drowning three people who were on the bridge.

John Etherington, a lad of 13 years of age, of Norfolk, Va., in trying to board a Norfolk and Western coal train in Norfolk a few days ago, lost his footing, fell between the wheels, and was decapitated.

A submarine boat of the navy of Great Britain sank Friday, at the entrance to Spithead, with a loss of fourteen lives—four officers and ten members of the crew. The disaster was caused by a collision with a gunboat.

Gen. Plaza, the Ecuadorean commander who recently defeated the revolutionists at Guayquill, has been stricken with yellow fever, and is dangerously ill, according to reports coming to the State Department.

Philip R. Yow, of Atlanta, Ga., shot and instantly killed C. C. Caddle, a detective, in a local hotel in Knoxville, Tenn., February 2, then immediately committed suicide. Yow was the son of a prominent business man of Atlanta.

Chas. W. Morse, the New York banker recently given his freedom, is said to be able to travel and will leave within a few days for New York. His condition has been gradually improving ever since his release from Ft. McPherson Hospital.

Reports from the Internal Revenue service of the Treasury Department reveals an increase in the moonshine business. During the fiscal year ending June 30, last, Revenue officers seized and destroyed 2,471 distilleries, made 529 arrests and captured 92,444 gallons of spirits, the total value of which was$313488.76. The increase over the preceding year in illicit distilleries was 560.

A band of robbers held up a westbound train near Hurlburt, Arkansas Wednesday morning and secured a great deal of plunder. The mail car was ransacked, but the passengers on the train were undisturbed. The gang was composed of seven masked men. Money consigned to a bank in Oklahoma estimated between $60,000 and $70,000 is reported to have been taken by the robbers.

FLORDIA ENDORSES MR. TAFT.

Will Send Full Delegation for Mr. Taft to National Convention.

An Associated Press dispatch sent out from Jacksonville, Florida, last night says:

"Florida will send a full delegation instructed for Taft to the Republican National Convention at Chicago, according to advices received to-day from Palatka, where the State Convention was held yesteday (Tuesday). The statement that the convention was split and that two delegations, one instructed for Taft and the other for Roosevelt, had been selected, was denied. The independent convention, it is said, was made up of contesting delegates who did not have credentials and who were refused votes in the regular convention.

"Harmony and enthusiasm for Taft marked the regular gathering, according to reports. Strong resolutions endorsing the Taft administration and naming him as the party's standard-bearer for 1912, were adopted without opposition."

Georgia Will Have Spirited Convention.

"Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 6.—Fulton County will send two delegations, one instructed for President aTft and the other for Roosevelt, to the State Republican Convention, which meets here next week, as a result of a county primary held to-day. Supporters of the President announced tonight their side had won, while the Roosevelt supporters also claimed victory.

"The Republican committee of Glynn County at Brunswick to-day adopted resolutions endorsing President Taft for renomination.

"A lively fight is expected at the State convention over the question of the instruction of delegates."

Case in Court Two Years Over a Dog Worth $1.00.

A Dewey, Pa., dispatch says:

After litigation that has been fought in the Delaware county courts nearly two years, at an expense of several hundred dollars, Harry Tyler has been awarded possession of a collie dog, which had been claimed by Emma Schriner.

Tyler testified that he owned the puppy, which wandered away one day to the store of Richard Purdy, whose attendant, when closing time came, gave the dog away to a little boy, who subsequently sold it to Mrs. Schriner for $1. Learning where his dog was, Tyler made a demand for it, but Mrs. Schriner, believing that the little animal was hers by right of purchase, refused to give it up. A law suit followed.

A Race War in Kentucky.

A dispatch from Frankfort, Ky., under date of February 6th, says:

"A race war is imminent in Fulton County, according to Governor McCreary's advices from authorities there. The trouble started in the cotton growing sections between the whites and negroes. Notices were posted warning the negroes to leave the county. Two white men were killed recently. Several have been arrested.

A Government-Owned Railroad in Alaska.

(Baltimore Evening Sun.)

President Taft's recommendation that the Government buy and extend the Alaska Central Railway will not surprise those who are familiar with the situation of affairs in that territory. The trouble with the existing laws regarding the development of coal lands there—laws as yet unrepealed, but held up by Executive order—is that they do not permit individuals to take up claims large enough to justify mining of the coal, while at the same time they prohibit agreements in advance between the individual settlers such as would allow profitable mining. The proposed leasing laws, while guaranteeing a fair return to the Government for the valuable coal rights, do not promise the tremendous profits which a syndicate of the Morgan-Guggenheim type usually demands. Such syndicates ask a monopoly or nothing. A railroad, of course, is necessary to get the coal to tidewater, and if private enterprise won't build it the Government must.

The experiment might be interesting for the light it would throw on the value of Government ownership in this country.

MR. DUKE WILL RESIGN.

President American Tobacco Company Will Go to England as President of the British-American Company.

New York, Feb. 7.—James B. Duke very shortly will resign from the presidency of the American Tobacco Company to become chairman of the British-American Tobacco Company, Limited, with its chief office in London, it was announced late today at the American Tobacco Company offices. He will be succeeded as president of the American Tobacco Company by Percival S. Hill, long a vice-president.

Two Children Burned to Death.

Helen, the six-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Caton, of New Bern, was seriously, if not fatally, burned to-day (Thursday). Her clothing caught from a lighted match.

The four-year-old child of Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Williams, of Rural Hall, Forsyth County, was burned to death to-day. The child was alone in the room when its clothing supposedly caught from a spark from the fireplace.

Negro Lynched by Members of His Own Race.

Homer Stewart, a negro, was lynched by members of his own race at Cedar Crossing, Ga., Tuesday. Stewart is alleged to have killed another negro and fatally wounded two others at a negro festival.

BOYS' CORN CLUB, 1912.

Conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture, The State Department of Agriculture and A. & M. College.

Following are a partial list of prizes offered this year:

State prize of a free trip to Washington, D. C.: To be awarded to the boy making the largest yield at the least cost per bushel.

District Cash Prizes: Offered by the State Department of Agriculture. Five prizes in each district for best yield at least cost per bushel. First $15.00; Second, $12.50; Third $10.00; Fourth, $5.00; Fifth, $2.50.

First District: Counties of Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Washington, Tyrrell, Dare, Hyde, Beaufort, Pamlico.

Second District: Counties of Gates, Hertford, Bertie, Martin, Northampton, Halifax, Edgecombe, Wilson, and Warren.

Third District: Counties of Pitt, Greene, Wayne, Lenoir, Craven, Jones, Cartaret, Onslow, Duplin, Pender.

Fourth District: Counties of Vance, Granville, Durham, Franklin, Nash, Johnston, Wake, Chatham, Lee.

Fifth District: Counties of Person, Orange, Caswell, Alamance, Rockingham, Guilford, Randolph, Stokes, Davidson.

Sixth District: Counties of New Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen, Sampson, Robeson, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke.

Seventh District: Counties of Scotland, Moore, Richmond, Montgomery, Anson, Stanley, Union, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg.

Eighth District: Counties of Surry, Alleghaney, Wilkes, Alexander, Ashe, Watauga, Caldwell, Burke, McDowell, Mitchell, Yancey, Avery.

Ninth District: Counties of Yadkin, Davie, Rowan, Iredell, Catawba, Lincoln, Rutherford, Polk.

Tenth District: Counties of Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Graham, Clay, Cherokee.

Rules.

1. All members must be under 18 yrs. of age August 1, 1912.

2. Each boy must plant one acre of corn, (4,840 sq. yds.), doing all the work himself, except small boys may hire their land broken.

3. No member must use more than $1 worth of commercial fertilizer.

4. Each member must keep a record of his work, amount of manure and fertilizer used and make out a report on the special blang which will be furnished him.

5. Each member must read the instructions sent him by the Department of Agriculture.

For further information or enrollment, address, I. O. Schaub, Special Agent in Extension, Ral Raleigh, N. C.

TO ENCOURAGE POULTRY RAISING.

Land and Industrial Department Southern Railway Has Issued a Folder on Subject for Wide Distribution.

Washington, D. C., February 4.—In an effort to encourage and increase poultry raising in the South, the Southern Railway Company, through its Land and Industrial Department, has issued a folder for wide distribution calling attention to the superior advantages offered in the States traversed by its lines for the profitable development of this industry.

The big home demand for poultry products with prices higher than in other markets, and the ideal conditions prevailing in the South for raising chicks at low cost are two of the good arguments set forth in the folder. It is a fact that every Southern city of any size imports annually thousands of dollars worth of eggs and chickens. Eggs will average throughout the year at least five cents more per dozen than in the North. The Southern poultryman has a market near his plant and does not have to consider long hauls and uncertain markets.

For the small poultry raiser who is satisfied to make a living only at first, gradually building up his business with his profits, the initial cost of a poultry plant in the Southeast should not run over $500, according to an estimate given in the folder. Many prosperous Southern poultrymen began as low as $100 first capital. Several acres of land, small laying house and runs is about all necessary for poultry raising on a small scale in the Southeast, and such a plant will make a healthful, pleasant living for the family and under intelligent management will in a few years result in a large industry.

The Southern Railway Company, is very much interested in the development of the poultry industry, as it is in other industries and activities of the people served by it, and Land and Industrial Agent M. V. Richards at Washington, and Western Agent Charles S. Chase, Chemical Bldg., St. Louis, are prepared to give all possible assistance without charge to prospective polutrymen desiring to locate in the Southeast.