

State News.

Henry J. Jordan, a carpenter of Wilmington, was shot and killed last Saturday afternoon by Fannie Hefner, a white woman of the city.

Bessemer City has started a new paper called the Dispatch, which is a newsy sheet of eight pages, edited by Mr. C. F. Hunter, of Kings Mountain.

Miram Stadium, the two-year-old daughter of H. Stadium, a Jewish merchant in Kinston, was seriously injured by a fire a few days ago.

Mr. A. L. Whitner, a young man of Hickory, was very seriously injured on the Spencer yards a few nights ago being run over by a shifting train. He was an employe on the Southern.

The films in the motion picture show in Thomasville became ignited a few nights ago causing an explosion which set the building afire, and very nearly causing the death of the operator.

Sam Harkey, a white man of Souts, has confessed to the robbery of the postoffice at Indian Trail, on Tuesday night of last week. He got less than \$30 and \$25 has been recovered.

A colored man named Rowland, of near Lumberton, was badly cut by his wife a few days ago. He had been drinking and undertook to mistreat her when she defended herself with a knife.

The February report of the Revenue office in charge of R. B. Sams, at Asheville, shows the seizure of sixty-one illicit distilleries during the month. Of these, thirty-four were in North Carolina.

John Forlaw, aged fifteen years, was accidentally shot and killed by John Jones, son of Collector C. D. Jones, of Beaufort, a few days ago. The boys were out target practicing with automatic revolvers.

J. L. Pepper, a carpenter of Hamlet, was found dead in a building where he was at work a few days ago by two carpenters. He was said to have been intoxicated and had fallen in such a position that he smothered to death.

In the case of Abner Conkling for the murder of Thomas Compton, on the night of October 28, 1911, which was tried in Graham last week, the jury rendered a verdict of second degree murder, and Judge Cooke passed a sentence of twelve years at hard labor.

A mistrial was ordered in the case of Robert Leonard, of Thomasville, charged with the murder of his cousin, Charles Everhardt, which case was being tried in Lexington last week. Attorney Raper, counsel for Leonard, has asked for a special term of court to again try the case.

At a school entertainment at Nathan's Creek, Ashe County, a few nights ago, Monroe Hall, a young man of Wilkes County, stabbed a young man named Pennington. It is thought that both men were drinking, as Hall claims to have no recollection of the crime. Pennington was only about fifteen years of age.

Many Confederate Soldiers Not Properly Cared For.

According to the Richmond Dispatch, there are a number of old Confederate soldiers in Virginia who are today living in the county poor houses. We have seen it stated and we think the facts to show, that no North Carolina Confederate veteran has yet been forced by necessity to make his home at a county poor house.—Wilkesboro Chronicle.

The Landmark wishes the Chronicle's assertion was correct but unfortunately it is not. There have been Confederate veterans in county homes and we are sure there are some now. The veterans are sent to the Soldiers' Home at Raleigh when that institution can admit them, but it usually has more applicants than it can take care of, and sometimes, regrettable as the fact is, veterans who are disabled and have no one to care for them, have no place to go but to the county home. This should not be, but if county homes were provided with good buildings and equipment and kept as they should be kept—as the counties are able to keep them—it wouldn't be so bad. It is our disgrace that we do not have better county homes.—Statesville Landmark.

Horrible Death of Watauga County Man.

The Boone Democrat says that Benjamin Saunders, an old man who lived in Silverstone community, Watauga County, and who was in feeble health, got out of bed one night recently without the knowledge of his family and when found he was lying with his head in the fireplace, his eyes burned out, his hair all gone and his face horribly disfigured. It is thought he fell dead, as there were no evidences of any struggle after he fell.—Statesville Landmark.

A Moore County Pine.

There is a pine tree in New Hope Township, Chatham County, that is 29 feet in circumference, 4 feet from the ground and is 60 feet to the first limb. It is too large to be cut into lumber by any saw mill in that neighborhood and it is estimated that it would make 25,000 shingles. This reminds one of the big trees in the forests of California.—Sanford Express.

The Heaviest Check.

Mr. J. T. Crawford, President of the Yorkville Creamery Association, gets the largest check for butter fat for this month. Mr. Crawford started from the ground with his herd when the creamery was established, and has been climbing steadily since. His check for February amounts to \$80.60, and this is the largest that the association has ever paid out for butter fat.

Lived Until His Time Had Come.

Last Sunday Henry Baker died at Wabash, Indiana, 111 years old. He had used tobacco since he was fourteen years of age, that is to say for ninety-seven years, and until he was stricken with pneumonia, he enjoyed the best of health. This fable teaches, not that tobacco is an aid to longevity, but that Henry Baker lived until his time to go had come.

Death of "Dick" Morse.

At Morganton, N. C., March 2nd, "Dick" Morse shuffled off this mortal coil by hanging himself. Everybody knew "Dick" Morse. His home was at Charlotte, but he had toured the State as an evangelist. Twice he was an inmate of the State Hospital. Religion was his chief concern. When in Winston-Salem he visited The Republican office frequently. He was born at Beaufort, N. C., ran away from home and joined the Confederate Army. At Gettysburg he was severely wounded. Professionally he was a brick mason and contractor. He was twice married and leaves one son, W. M. Morse, of Charlotte. He was a good man, but in his religious zeal, evidently overtaxed his mind and sacrificed his life, rashly, but let us hope for a better one, for he was mentally not responsible for his sad end.—Union Republican.

Prisoner in Car for 14 Days.

A dispatch from Charlotte, N. C., says: "Imprisoned fourteen days without food or water in a freight car, in which he 'beat' his way from Cincinnati to Charlotte, George Johnson is in a pitiable condition here to-day. He was found in the car semi-conscious and with blood oozing from every pore in his body. His condition has excited the interest of medical experts, and every effort is being made to revive the flickering spark of life.

"Johnson, who is a native of the village of Mount Holly, near here, left several years ago to seek a home in the West. Falling in everything he undertook, he decided to make his way back home and concealed himself in a car of loose corn consigned to Charlotte. The car was locked and sealed and his presence was not discovered until the car was opened here yesterday, fourteen days after it was pulled out of Cincinnati."

Albert Phillips Held for the Murder of James Bryant.

After three separate investigations—the first of which was irregular—the coroner's jury of Harnett County yesterday held without bond Albert Phillips for the murder of James Bryant. The first investigation, irregular because the coroner attempted to delegate his powers to another officer, resulted in a finding that Bryant met his death as the result of a self-inflicted pistol wound in the forehead, but two subsequent investigations disclosed the fact that there were too many elements against the theory of suicide to make that position tenable.

The facts in the case as brought out at the investigations are that Bryant went to Phillips' home presumably to buy liquor—Phillips having been charged with this offense and having in his possession a Federal liquor license—and was shot while there with an automatic pistol.—Saturday's Raleigh Times.

A Parcels Post System.

A parcels post system is provided for in the regular post-office appropriation bill, introduced Monday by Representative Moon, of Tennessee. The measure would apply the foreign mail carrying plan to domestic mail matter and permit the transportation of eleven pounds of merchandise.—Robesonian.

North Carolina's Oldest Methodist.

Mr. P. T. Goforth, of Rutherfordton, R. F. D. No. 4, goes us one better yet as to an aged citizen and Methodist. He says that Mr. William Wiles, of Rutherford County, was one hundred and six years old the 16th of last August. Brother Goforth says that he has known Brother Wiles for fifty years, and that he is a good old man.—Greensboro Christian Advocate.

General News.

A young lady of Atlantic City, N. J., died a few days ago as a result of a pin scratch, which caused blood poisoning.

The Spanish Cabinet has resigned within the past few days and has been reconstituted. Premier Canalejas retains the leadership.

One hundred and fifty Mexicans were killed in a battle near Comex, Palacio, March 9th, according to dispatches from Toren, received by the Imparcial.

It is said that Russia will build two 30,000 ton battleships at a Philadelphia shipyard this year. The vessels, it is stated, are to cost about \$12,000,000 each.

Mrs. Helen Roseboom, a lady of Chicago, was robbed of \$2,000 worth of jewels in a hotel in Atlanta a few nights ago. They were taken from her apartments.

The immense warehouse of the International Harvester Company, Winnepeg, Man., was burned March 9. Five men were killed, three of them firemen, and several other people were injured.

In a collision on the Georgia Railroad near Social Circle, Ga., a few days ago, four persons were killed and nine others wounded. The wreck was the result, it is said, of overlooking orders.

J. Goodwin, a fireman on the battleship "North Carolina," was stabbed to death in a saloon in Key West, Fla., Tuesday by a civilian named Knight. Mr. Goodwin was a North Carolinian.

The plant of the Hacker Manufacturing Company, of Erdhart, S. C., was burned a few days ago, causing a loss of approximately \$200,000. A workman was very seriously injured in the flames.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harrison Seibert, of Martinsburg, Va., in crossing the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Vanceesville, Va., in a buggy were struck by a train and instantly killed. The horse was uninjured.

George E. Huffman, railway clerk, who was charged with stealing \$20,000 from the mails in transit from Keystone, W. V., to Philadelphia, Pa., was indicted in the Federal Court in Lynchburg, Va., Tuesday.

A man in New York City, who had some domestic troubles on account of which he had been ordered by court to be home early in the evenings, or take a sentence in the workhouse, shot and killed himself a few days ago.

Miss Mary D. Jones, an army nurse during the Civil War Between the States, for whom was granted a pension by Congress on account of her heroic services rendered during the war, died in Brooklyn a few days ago at the age of 103.

V. B. Cheshire, editor of the Anderson Intelligencer, was attacked in his office a few days ago by W. J. Muldrow, a magistrate. The encounter grew out of the publication of an article in Cheshire's paper, which Muldrow considered to be a reflection on him.

THE MEAT PACKERS' TRIAL.

They Will Take About Six Weeks in Presenting Their Defense—One of the Largest Cases Ever Tried in This Country.

A Chicago dispatch under date of Tuesday says:

"United States District Judge Geo. A. Carpenter to-day refused to take from the jury the case of the ten packers, charged with criminal violation of the Sherman law and discharge the defendants. The effect of the ruling is that the jury will decide whether the defendants are guilty or innocent.

"The arguments of defendants' counsel involve a dissection of the evidence as a basis," said Judge Carpenter. "In my view this is not sound in a charge of conspiracy depending upon circumstantial evidence.

"Taken apart, any complicated machine is harmless and useful only as junk. Assemble the parts and you have a powerful device to accomplish the design of its makers.

"It is absurd to suppose that the directing minds of the guiding hands of these enormous businesses did not know what was being done."

"The court also overruled the motion of the defense to strike from the record all evidence bearing on matters prior to the statutory period covered by the indictment and to exclude from the case three memoranda of margins introduced several weeks ago by the Government for the purpose of connecting J. Ogden Armour and Thomas J. Connors, two of the defendants, with personal participation in the exchange of business information in restraint of trade.

"The packers, it is expected, will begin their defense to-morrow and may take six weeks in presenting their case."

YUAN IS INAUGURATED.

New Provisional President of the Republic of China.

Peking, March 10.—In the new Foreign Office today Yuan Shi Kai was formally inaugurated Provisional President of the Republic of China in the presence of a great gathering of delegates, provincial envoys, military and naval officers and other prominent personages.

Many foreigners attended the ceremony, but the legations were not represented.

Yuan Shi Kai, who was in military uniform, read a declaration promising faithfully to develop the republic, observe the constitutional laws and retire when the National Assembly appointed a permanent President. The ceremony was solemn—almost pathetic and typical of China's transition.

Most of those assembled were attired either in uniform or European dress. The only touch of Orientalism was the presentation of the scarfs to Ypan by two yellow-robed lamas.

SPENCER BLACKBURN DEAD.

Former Congressman From Eighth District Dies Suddenly at His New Home in Tennessee.

Elizabethton, Tenn., March 11.—E. Spencer Blackburn, formerly Congressman from the Eighth District of North Carolina, died here last night at 9:15 o'clock. A sudden heart affection induced by a severe cold and threatened pneumonia, is assigned as the cause of his death.

The remains will be conveyed to Boone, N. C., where interment will take place. Mr. Blackburn's wife and two children are in Washington, his wife being a daughter of Col. M. M. Parker, of Washington. Mr. Blackburn had been in Elizabethton about a year practicing law. Although he had been indisposed for several days, Sunday evening he was in his office conversing with friends, when his illness was noted. It was suggested that he repair to a nearby residence. A short time after he followed the suggestion, he expired, although physicians worked heroically to save his life. He was forty-three years old.

Roscoe Conkling Mitchell Now a Publicity Man.

The New York Herald says that Mr. Roscoe Mitchell, a former Alameda County boy, is chief press committee. Mr. Mitchell was in Raleigh for some time as correspondent for several newspapers. The Herald, speaking of Mr. Mitchell, says:

"Roscoe Conkling Mitchell, a former reporter on the Herald, has received appointment from Col. Roosevelt through Senator Joseph M. Dixon, the national Roosevelt boomer, as chief press agent of the National Roosevelt Committee, with news disseminating offices to be established in Washington. Two years ago when Dr. Cook, the Arctic explorer, was spending the first trying weeks after his return from Denmark, at the Waldorf, Mr. Mitchell, then on the Herald staff, occupied the difficult place of buffer between newspaper men and the Bushwick doctor on occasions, and on other occasions of lessened stress he served as Dr. Cook's ex-officio press agent.

"More recently after the Colonel's return from Africa, Mr. Mitchell was one of the newspaper men who were assigned to keep tab on Sagamore Hill from the vantage of the Octagon Hotel in Oyster Bay and he accompanied the Colonel on his Western tour, which produced the Ossawatimie speech. Mr. Mitchell hails from North Carolina."

Claims That Volcano Threatens the Panama Canal.

New York, March 13.—A sleeping volcano, which has lain dormant for centuries, is threatening the Panama Canal, according to special dispatches from Colon, published here to-day. The volcano is said to underlie the Culebra Cut.

Clouds of steam and blue smoke are arising from the newly turned ground, and are thought to be responsible for the trouble. A report of the division engineer says that in the last five days the temperature in the vents has increased, and the sides of two vents were encrusted with a yellow power, apparently sulphur.

The Canal Commission's geologists scout the volcano idea, declaring the steam and smoke are due solely to the oxidation of pyrites.

Suffragettes at National Capital.

Washington, March 13.—To-day is "Suffragette Day" at the Capitol. The Senate women suffrage committee and House Judiciary Committee heard the women advocates of the pending bills to amend the Constitution giving women the right to vote.

Forty Men Killed in Chinese Province of Kwangtung.

Hong Kong, March 13.—Anarchy almost prevails everywhere in the Chinese province of Kwangtung. Forty men were killed and sixty wounded in a battle Saturday at Chowyang. The United States Monitor Monterey is at Canton. Several missionaries had narrow escapes from flying bullets.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

[This column is open to our subscribers and friends to express their views on timely topics. Make letters as short as you can and to the point. The editor is not responsible for the views expressed in letters published.]

WHY A CHANGE IS NECESSARY.

Party Needs a Man for National Committeeman Who Will Help Lead to Victory.

Editor of The Caucasian:—Please allow me space in your paper to express a few ideas why it is necessary for a change in our National Committeeman.

(1) Because we need a hero; a man who will stand up for the right and crush down the wrong and put his shoulder to the wheel and make Republican progress hum in North Carolina. With the kindest feelings to our present committeeman it seems he does not fit the place or the place does not fit him, and if a man does not fit the place the more you try to make him fit the worse he gets out of fit. I am a strong advocate to be loyal to our leaders, but there is a vast difference between a leader and a boss and a man cannot stand on top of the fence and lead any other man to a better place he must get on one side or the other; a man cannot serve two masters; it does harm some time to make changes.

(2) Then again it is necessary in order to get anywhere, and then it is necessary to know which way he is going when you place the reins in his hands. The only way to obtain a satisfactory victory is through leadership. The day is passed in our State to pop the lash and say, "Get up Jack," or "Get up Jim."

It reminds me of some few days back, while out riding, I asked a young lad where he was going, and his reply was, he had been where he was going.

So the thought is, I am afraid our Committeeman has done been where he is going. And we have had a man in North Carolina who has the ability as a leader, and that man is the Hon. Marion Butler. He would not only be an honor to our party as a leader, but would be an honor to the rank and file of the Republican party in the State and, I believe, rank and file of the Republican party in North Carolina would stand by this assertion and would stand by him and hold up his hands in all of his efforts for a Republican victory in North Carolina, because when he started out in life he meant to go somewhere, and he is just started, and you cannot down Brain and Energy. There is more hope in trying to dam the Mississippi River.

So let's get the leader that we carry us to the highest peaks of life. Respectfully,

CHARLES LARKIN

Atkinson, N. C., March 7, 1912.

Mismanagement of Public Schools in Buncombe.

Mr. Editor:—Much has been said throughout the State in the public press about the Democratic mismanagement of the public school system in Buncombe County that has voted and paid their special school tax for a eight month school, at the end of the four months free school term were met with notice that the school funds were exhausted, and the individuals had to go down in their pockets by private subscription to carry on the school in certain special school districts in Buncombe County. It is said that the Chairman of the Board of Education of Buncombe County has stated that his board has found the school board miserable in debt. The tax-payers feel that there should be shown how their money has been applied.

TAX PAYER.

Place Blame Where It Belongs.

I see in the Caucasian under head lines, "More Monuments to Check and Gall." The Raleigh News and Observer is now trying to blame the Republican National administration for the failure of the Democratic State Government in North Carolina to enforce the prohibition laws.

Now, Mr. Observer, what has the Republican National administration got to do with Democratic County Commissioners drinking at a blind tiger counter under the cooling breezes of electric fans freezing their heads, and Democratic policemen on the streets, knowing well the business carried on inside? What has a Republican National administration got to do with Democratic Constables, Democratic Deputy Sheriffs, Democratic Magistrates and Deputy Tax Collectors? Such has been the case in Asheville.

Now, then, let the News and Observer place the blame where the blame belongs for the non-enforcement of the prohibition laws and not lay their sins of omission and commission at Republican administration, that has nothing to do with the sworn and bonded duties of Democratic officials. If the Democratic press would stick to the truth and fair arguments, the Democratic machines in North Carolina would go out of existence as officers, and the press would die the death of Hexter's props—nothing to eat, nothing to do, nothing to say—dead and delivered.

BUNCOMBE REPUBLICAN

Strength For The Pull



The race is to the strong have you strength for the up-stream pull of life—are you gaining, just holding your own, or do you feel yourself being swept back by the current of circumstances? Strength is what you need—the strength that comes from good red blood.

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Read these extracts from letters of gratitude from those who did: My general health and strength have also improved. I attribute this to the use of MILAM.—W. E. Griggs, Danville, Va. Gained 49 pounds of solid flesh.—Harvey Dinges, Forestburg, W. Va. Have taken only a few bottles of MILAM but feel stronger and better, more active and able to stand up under my work.—Rev. H. D. Guernsey, Danville, Va. I gained 15 pounds on 1 1/2 bottles of MILAM.—T. B. Staines, Charleston, W. Va. My strength has returned. MILAM.—Bennie Jones, Newport News, Va. Took six bottles of MILAM, feel like a new man.—Claude Curling, 509 E. Main St., Norfolk, Va. Am on my fourth bottle of MILAM and can now eat all I get, and weigh more than I ever did in my life.—J. M. Beatty, Radford, Va. After using seven bottles I find myself in perfect health, the appetite and feeling better than in 30 years.—Mrs. H. Reynolds, Crize, Va. I have taken six bottles of MILAM and can truthfully say I am feeling better than I ever remember before.—Myrtle L. Schofield, with Wemple, Ellwood & Co., Washington, D. C. MILAM benefited me in almost every way. It is a magnificent tonic.—Harry W. Holland, Imp. Tobacco Co., Danville, Va. I believe MILAM to be the greatest medicine yet discovered for nervous and run-down systems.—T. Shepley, Norfolk, Va.



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