

State News.

A little child of Noah Hempby, of Snow Hill, Greene County, got a peanut in his wind-pipe a few days ago and was strangled to death.

Governor Kitchin has ordered a special term of court for Buncombe County to begin June 10 for two weeks. Judge B. F. Long is to preside.

Joe Tate, who has been on trial charged with the murder of Bob Thompson last August, in Cherokee County, was found guilty of manslaughter a few days ago.

A thirteen-year-old colored girl, of near Monroe, was almost killed by two vicious bull-dogs a few days ago. The dogs belonged to two colored men and were killed by the police.

Chief-of-Police Rogers, of Clyde, Haywood County, has been committed to jail without bail for the murder of Lee Willis, who created a disturbance at the closing of a school at that place some time ago.

Mr. John Hicks, a young man of Troy, Montgomery County, and an employee of the Troy Brick Company, managed to get his hand caught in the machinery of that plant a few days ago and had his hand torn off.

Rev. C. F. Hypes, of Spencer, was severely injured a few days ago, being struck by an automobile in that city. He was walking along the street and the machine, in an attempt to pass a team, ran into Mr. Hypes.

The citizens of Guilford County are making demands upon the authorities of that county for more and better bridges, as a result of the severe winter followed by the recent floods which destroyed so many of Guilford's bridges.

A man named Jones, of New Hanover County, has been hired out by the Commissioners of that county, to his wife for six months, Jones requesting this arrangement rather than serve the time on the public roads. He was sentenced on the charge of non-support.

Charles Murphey, of Yancey County, who killed John Simmons some time ago because he would not give him some whiskey, has been committed to the State's prison for seven years, but on evidence being produced that he was an epileptic, he was sentenced to prison instead.

Fire in Goldsboro burned the home of Mr. J. D. Rice, Sunday last, entailing a loss of about \$2,000.

The depot and a hardware store at Fairmont were entered by thieves last Thursday night and some whiskey from the depot and a few articles from the hardware store were taken.

Joel Gaddy, a young white man was killed one day last week, by a northbound train No. 76 which passes Concord. It is said that Gaddy made an effort to catch the train and was caught under the car and was killed.

The barn of Mr. Ernest Sloop, who lives near China Grove, caught fire in an unknown way and was destroyed Tuesday, together with two horses and five head of cattle; also a quantity of feed. The loss is estimated at \$2,000.

Solomon Burke, a negro who had been employed in a saw-mill near Fayetteville, died in Highsmith Hospital there Tuesday as a result of burns received in an explosion of a boiler at said saw-mill a few days ago. Mr. T. A. Bill, superintendent, was also painfully scalded.

In five township elections held in Randolph County Tuesday, for the purpose of voting bonds for the Randolph and Cumberland Railroad, three townships voted a total of \$80,000 in bonds to be paid over to the company in return for the stock in the railroad after the completion of the road to High Point.

The five-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Ulyses Pritchard, of Elizabeth City, was burned to death together with their household effects, on Bell Street, in that city, Tuesday. The mother had left the child in the kitchen and had ran over to a neighbor's for a minute, and on her return found the room in flames.

Democratic Office-Seekers May Stumble Over Each Other.

In North Carolina there are so many hats in the Corporation Commission ring that the new-comers are apt to stumble over them.—News and Observer.

The News and Observer admits such a desire for office and then in grim humor refers to Republicans as "pie-hunters." Shades of Jefferson defend such hardstrained efforts to manufacture campaign enthusiasm.—Union Republican.

"GYPSIES" GIVING TROUBLE.

A Traveling Band Robbed and Frightened Citizens in This State. Statesville Landmark.]

A party of about twenty so-called Gypsies passed through this section this week and as usual engaged in conduct which necessitated the calling of officers. The party was headed by an ugly specimen who gave his name as Gregory John and said he and his companions were from Tampa, Florida, and were en route to Kentucky. They traveled in five or six covered wagons of the type usually used by these ramblers. The party camped Monday night near the home of Mr. Flake Wagner, in the vicinity of Troutman, and the party of women and children went to the home of Mr. Wagner just before dark and finding Mrs. Wagner alone demanded food. She told them she had nothing for them, whereupon they pushed her aside and entering the kitchen and dining-room took everything eatable in sight. Mr. Wagner arrived home a short time after the incident and finding his wife badly frightened took her to the home of a relative, where they spent the night.

The "Gypsies" came on to Statesville Tuesday and after a short stop headed for Yadkin County. They camped Tuesday night in the vicinity of Bethany Church and their victim that evening was Mr. George Blackwelder, a citizen of the community. Mr. Blackwelder was passing along and one of the women asked him for a match. He stopped to give her the match and she asked to be allowed to tell his fortune, which proposition he turned down. The woman caught hold of him and he says apparently used some hypnotic power over him, for the next thing he knew he was watching her take the money out of his pocket. He snatched the pocket-book and money from her hand and after moving off a little way counted the money. The purse had contained \$34 and he found that a ten dollar bill was missing. Not caring to have a row with the travelers, Blackwelder made no effort to get his money until early next morning, when he came to Statesville and solicited the aid of Sheriff Deaton. The sheriff, accompanied by Deputy Gilbert, Policeman Fulp and Mr. Blackwelder went out in the sheriff's touring car to where the "Gypsies" were encamped and demanded a reckoning. Speaking for the party, Gregory John at first denied that any money had been taken from Blackwelder, but when the officers told him they would either have to put up the money or come to Statesville for trial, Gregory John said that only \$5 had been taken and he was willing to return that amount. The woman who had taken the money was pointed out by Blackwelder, and when Gregory John saw that she was going to be arrested, he surrendered the \$10 and promised to leave the county without giving further trouble.

The officers did not learn of the Gypsies' conduct at the home of Mr. Wagner until after they had left the county.

THE SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

A Year's Work in North Carolina and the South of the Commission for Hookworm Disease.

The Rockefeller Sanitary Commission has just issued its second annual report. This report shows that in the fight against hookworm disease in nine States for the year 1911 the Commission has expended \$148,471.14. (Of this amount \$18,621.06 came to North Carolina.) The States themselves have expended \$30,388.73. (North Carolina \$9,300.) There have been treated during the year in these nine States 140,378 persons (North Carolina being credited with 45,881 of them). This means that for every \$1.05 (in North Carolina 40 cents) or for every \$1.27 (in North Carolina 60 cents) expended by the Commission and the States, a human being has been helped to a higher and better scale of living and sanitary conditions have been improved.

These organizations have by preliminary survey demonstrated the presence of the infection in 719 of the 884 counties in ten States (in North Carolina infection in 99 of the 100 counties); have completed the definite infection survey in 87 counties in nine States (21 of these are in North Carolina); and for this survey have examined microscopically 37,267 (in North Carolina 11,267) age; have completed the definite rural children from 6 to 18 years of sanitary survey in 125 counties (of these 44 are in North Carolina) and have inspected 43,448 rural homes (13,182 of them being in North Carolina).

In nine States 85 counties (27 in North Carolina) have appropriated from county funds for the local expenses in the county dispensaries for the free treatment of hookworm disease \$10,799.60 (in North Carolina \$4,300 for mth 17 counties where the dispensary work was complete. This does not include the appropriations of something over \$2,000 from ten counties then on the waiting list), and at these dispensaries 74,005 persons have been treated (29,172 of them being in North Carolina).

General News.

The Appomattox Bank cases, in which the president and cashier were charged with embezzlement, and which have been in court for fifteen months, ended April 3rd with acquittal.

Walter J. Snyder, managing editor of a periodical called the "Sport of the Times," was found dead in a bath tub in his home in New York a few days ago. His wife is charged with the crime.

Mrs. Zee Rung McRee, of Oelouses, La., who shot Allan Garland to death in her home in that city, some time ago, was acquitted by a jury on the charge of manslaughter a few days ago.

William J. Bryan, in a letter to the Bryan Club in Los Angeles, Cal., has refused to allow his name to be placed on the primary ballot in California as a candidate for the Presidency.

A mother and two children in Chicago were crushed to death a few days ago in a wreck of a freight train which ran into a street car of that city. Eighteen other persons were also injured, some of them fatally.

A proposal has been made to the House Committee on Naval Affairs, to sell the Jamestown exposition grounds, near Norfolk, Va., to the government for use as a naval training station, \$2,200,000 being asked for the building and grounds.

Mrs. Sarah Gettle, a handsome brunette of striking appearance, was found bound and gagged in an apartment house in Brooklyn a few days ago. She had been robbed of \$18 and shorn of her long black hair. It is thought it was a plot to mar the victim's beauty.

Probably the only woman judge in the United States is Mrs. Lydia Berkeley Tague, who is the first woman to occupy that position in the State of Colorado. She was elected to succeed her husband, who died about a year ago. She is about forty-five years of age.

One of the three negroes who broke out of jail in Dinwiddie County, Virginia, some days ago, was captured by Sheriff Galush, of that county, last week, and bloodhounds have been placed on the trail of the other two. The one captured is charged with the murder of a eleven-year-old girl near McKenney, Va.

Dr. J. N. Lewis, one of the leading physicians of Roanoke, Va., and George Bernard, a clerk in the general offices of the Norfolk Southern Railway, were killed in an automobile wreck on the Hollins turnpike, five miles from the city of Roanoke, Saturday night. The driver lost control of the machine, which was a 90-horse power car, and the gentlemen were hurled sixty feet into a field and killed instantly.

An Unprovoked Tragedy near Greenville.

A Greenville, N. C., dispatch of April 9th says: "A tragedy occurred at Traveler's Rest, wherein one young man is dead and another one is in the county jail here to answer to a charge of murder. It seems that Harris Nichols and Newton Hitt had been out together the night before, getting in about 11 o'clock. Nichols was drinking but Hitt was sober. They came into the house and together with the aged mother of Nichols were seated around the fire. Nichols prepared two drinks and offered Hitt one, who refused. Two hours later, without a word of warning Nichols drew a revolver from his pocket and fired a bullet through the brain of Hitt, killing him instantly. Nichols was arrested and brought to jail here. Nichols is about thirty years old, while the man he killed was only eighteen years old."

Miss Mary Davis First Woman to Fly Across Channel.

Paris, April 2.—Miss Mary Davis is the first woman to cross the channel from England to France as a passenger in a aeroplane. She accompanied Gustave Hamel, the aviator. Exclusive of stops the flight to Paris occupied less than four hours.

What Kind of Democracy Does the Vote Stand For?

The Democratic party in this State needs some attention paid in order that the voters can find out what kind of Democracy the State stands for. The platforms read one way, and our senior Senator votes another way, and he and his friends argue that if he is wrong so are the majority of our Congressmen. It is our idea that the platform is right, and any man who accepts a nomination at the hands of the people who adopted the platform should stand by its provisions. If the platform is wrong let the people remedy it. If the senior Senator and the Congressmen are wrong, let the people defeat them.

PRESIDENT'S ECONOMY PLAN.

Sends to Congress His Second Message of the Year on Economy and Efficiency in the Government Service.

Washington, D. C., April 4.—President Taft to-day sent to Congress his second message of the present year on economy and efficiency in the Government service.

President Taft's principal recommendations for economy were as follows:

Placing of pension agents in classified service; estimated saving \$62,000 annually.

Abolition of office of receiver of district land offices and transfer of duties to register, who is to be assisted by a bonded clerk; estimated saving \$200,000 annually.

Transfer of "political appointees" in internal revenue and custom services to classified service; estimate of saving not given.

Consolidation of lighthouse and life-saving services into Bureau of Lighthouses; estimate saving \$100,000.

Transfer of vessels and equipment of Revenue Cutter Service from Treasury to Commerce and Labor Department and its abolition as a separate service, estimated in message on economy January 17 that saving would be about \$1,600,000 a year.

Consolidation of auditing offices of the Government under one auditor; estimated saving \$200,000 annually.

Discontinuance of mileage allowances for Government travel and a per diem allowance for officers and employes in place of "subsistence," which includes lodging for those traveling; no estimate of saving given.

Improved method of handling correspondence; estimate of saving not given, but predicted the labor can be reduced 50 per cent.

Centralization of the distribution of Government documents; estimate saving \$242,000 a year.

Discontinuance of population of the official register; estimate saving \$45,000 annually.

Burglar Alarm Creates Great Excitement in United States Treasury Building.

A Washington, D. C., dispatch which appeared in Friday's issue of the Baltimore Sun, says:

"Armed guards dashing through the corridors and the clanging of the great burglar alarm gong turned the big Treasury Department Building topsy-turvy to-day. The wild clamor of the gong led many to believe that an assault upon the gold vaults was being made.

"An investigation developed that a clerk in the office of the Register of the Treasury made a mistake in working the combination to open the vault. He knew the combination, but in some manner threw on the key which operates the burglar alarm."

Farmer Eats Ten Pounds of Food and Wins Wager and Offers More Bets.

A Sanford, Delaware, dispatch of April 4th says:

"After eating to win a wager of \$5, Charles Bowdle, a young farmer living in this section, sang a song and wanted to wager \$5 more that he could eat a gallon of apples for dessert.

"The exceptional feast was an eating contest which was held at a local variety store last night. Howard Morgan, Charles Sauerhoff and several other young men displayed their eating capacity by getting away with two pounds of candy and a pound of cakes each. It was then that Bowdle wagered that he could eat as much as they had all consumed.

"Funds were soon collected to cover his bet and he started his feast by eating a pound of crackers and two boxes of sardines. This was followed by one-half dozen oranges, two dozen bananas, a pound of cakes and a pound of candy. Bowdle finished the meal, as he said, 'with a good appetite,' and after singing a song, wanted to bet he could eat a gallon of apples to top it off."

Throws Father's Ashes to the Winds, Then Gets Married.

A Los Angeles, Cal., dispatch of Friday's Baltimore Sun says:

"Arthur N. Steward and Miss Hattie R. Laube were married on Inspiration Point, Mount Love, to-day after the bride had cast to the winds the ashes of her dead father, who died last week.

"After dinner the party climbed to Inspiration Point, the bridge carrying a small case that contained the ashes.

"Miss Laube refused to marry Steward for five years because of the illness of her father, whom she constantly attended."

Cadet Killed at Target Practice.

Charleston, S. C., April 9.—Cadet Louis G. Dotterer, of the freshman class of the Citadel Military Academy of South Carolina, was killed by a bullet fired by a squad of his college mates during target practice this afternoon.

New York's four delegates at large to the Democratic National Convention will go to Baltimore unpledged to any candidate for the Presidential nomination according to reports from the party leaders in that city.

FACTS GIVEN IN ANSWER TO UNTRUE CHARGES MADE BY BOLTERS

The Bolters Did Not Try to Help Elect the Ticket in Wake County, But Many Threw Cold Water on It Instead—Mr. Andrews Attacks the Present County Organization, Though He Did Nothing Himself to Help Elect the Ticket—What Has Become of Mr. Andrews' Club?

The last issue of the Smithfield Journal, which is being circulated extensively just at this time in Wake at the expense of the Federal office-holders, contained nearly two pages of abuse and misrepresentation on the Republican organization in this county. Mr. W. J. Andrews, the Federal office-holder's candidate, had a letter in that issue that occupied over three columns, most of which was simply abuse. This article was prepared in the Federal building a week ago last Tuesday and was sent me with the request that I have it published in The Caucasian. It was not published for the fact as stated last week, that it was not in answer to any communication that had been published in The Caucasian. I had not written any attack on Mr. Andrews and, therefore, as I stated in the last issue of this paper, did not feel called upon to have his personal attack on me published, especially not an article of that length. I offered to have an article printed if he would write one in answer to any communication that had been published in the paper, and would make it of similar length. He has not sent an answer, because he can't. The articles published in The Caucasian in regard to Mr. Andrews' candidacy were not abusive, but stated facts. But facts are what hurt the other fellow, and that is probably why he grew abusive. Mr. Andrews doesn't like it because he and his element are called "bolters." Mr. Andrews headed the list of the bolters' delegates to the State Convention. He says our friends in the county are concealing well-known facts because we know that the State Convention decided that his "associates" and himself were entitled to cast part of the vote of Wake County in the State Convention. And here is where Mr. Andrews didn't tell all that he knew. The State Committee that passed upon the credentials was composed largely of anti-Morehead men, and not our friends; but even then the committee allowed the bolters only six delegates out of the twenty-six, and Hon. A. H. Price, of Salisbury, who was a member of that committee and anti-Morehead man, told me afterwards that they allowed you those in an attempt to harmonize matters. So you didn't get them because you were really entitled to them. At the Congressional Convention we allowed you to have the six delegates because Mr. Charlie Wildes made the request, and we did it in the interest of harmony, and not because your list of bolters were entitled to them. Even then Postmaster Briggs attempted to be unfair and wanted each one of the bolting delegates present to be allowed to vote, without regard to the proportionate vote. Mr. Andrews says I have hardly been known as a Republican longer than himself. I did not raise this issue, but since Mr. Andrews has raised it, I will state that I was identified with the Republican party and working for its success while Mr. Andrews was trying to be a Democratic alderman in the city of Raleigh, and since Postmaster Briggs aided Mr. Andrews with his attack on me, I will also state that I was identified with the Republican party and working for its success when he was writing articles praising speeches made by Democratic Chairman F. M. Simmons, and Mr. Briggs never participated in a Republican Convention until he was a candidate for postmaster. Mr. Andrews further states that I began my political career in Raleigh as an office-holder. This is a misstatement. I came to Raleigh to accept a position in The Caucasian office and have been identified in politics more or less ever since. Furthermore, I have never bolted a Convention, and have always done what I could in support of the ticket in the county. You speak of a "rowdy convention." Didn't Postmaster Briggs sound the first discordant note in the Convention and then take his handful and bolt the Convention when he saw the majority was against him? You speak of the clubs you organized in 1908. The club in Raleigh was formed by Mr. C. L. Sykes, whom you all, later, saw fit to ignore. And by the way, what has become of that club? Why did you let it go down? It was out of business before I was elected County Chairman. And even if I had been Chairman while the club was in existence, the club was not a part of the county organization, and you could have kept it going if you were interested in the party. The other clubs in the county were formed under the direction of Chairman W. T. Barrow, and my friends and I gave him our support. Mr. Andrews' article says that the present county organization has not been a success, and gives this as his reason for offering himself as Chairman. Will some one please inform the public just wherein Mr. Andrews has been

a success, and is there any more reason to believe that he would be a success as Chairman of the Republican party in Wake County?

Other Abusive Articles.

There were several unsigned and abusive articles in the last issue of the Smithfield Journal. One of them charged that I wanted to be Chairman so I could be postmaster. That is not true. As a matter of fact, I first suggested one of our county friends for Chairman, but our friends decided that the Chairman should live in Raleigh, and they decided on me. As the present postmaster is supposed to hold his job for three years more, I wonder why they will say that I want to be Chairman against this time? But it is for the same reason that I was selected the first time. One of those unsigned articles states that "Mr. Andrews was never a candidate for office." That isn't true. Not long before he came into the Republican ranks he was a candidate for alderman in Raleigh even if the Democrats did decide that they preferred some one else to serve them.

These same anonymous articles in the Journal attempted to show that we only lost votes in townships where our friends controlled the organization. That isn't in accordance with the facts. In Cary Township, the Chairman was against us, but we named him on the commission's ticket. He was not active. I tried to get him to collect some funds in that township to help with our campaign. Neither he nor his friends turned in a cent, notwithstanding that a good deal of Federal money was going to that township. An ex-Chairman of the party lived in that township. Still the party lost votes there. The ward in Raleigh in which the United States Marshal, the National Committeeman and Mr. W. J. Andrews all lived, lost votes. Yes, my ward lost votes. I was trying to help out in the whole county and gave most of my time to working for the ticket, while others who were drawing salaries from the Federal Government were throwing cold water on our efforts. The Chairman of Raleigh Township can bear testimony to the fact that some Republicans in this township stated to him that men around the Federal building had told them it was not worth while to vote at the last election, that they might accomplish something by voting at the next election.

Mr. Andrews refused to go on our ticket two years ago. He did not contribute to the campaign fund, neither did he make any speeches in the campaign, though he was asked to do so.

I note another article charges that "the party now is run by seven men." Well, isn't that better than to have it run by one man, as was the case when the office-holders were in control, and especially when that one man did not even claim to be a voter in Wake County? When the Convention meets on the 23rd Mr. Andrews will find out that the Republicans of Wake County are not ready to turn the party back to the Federal office-holding ring.

LESTER F. BUTLER,
Chairman Wake County
Republican Executive Committee.

Simmons and Kitchin Both Tarr'd With the Same Stick.

Clinton News-Dispatch.]

We are expecting some fun from that Senatorial primary. It will be remembered that in 1900 when the Democrats stole the election, that it was reported that through Mr. Simmons efforts as State Chairman Halifax County, went Democratic by five thousand majority, when, in fact, there was not that many voters in that county. It was also reported that Mr. Simmons, when informed as to the tremendous majority, wired back: "For God sake reduce your majority." The people over the State thought then that it was Simmons who did the work, but come to think of it, Halifax County is where Governor Kitchin was sworn and raised, it is the home of the Kitchin's. It looks to us like it's going to be black-gum against thunder and lightning.

The Tyson Hotel, at Carthage, in Moore County, was partially destroyed by fire a few days ago, entailing a loss of about \$7,000.

Saves Leg of Boy.

"It seemed that my fourteen-year-old boy would have to lose his leg on account of an ugly ulcer, caused by a bad bruise," wrote D. F. Howard, Aquone, N. C. "All remedies and doctors' treatment failed till we tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and cured him with one box." Cures burns, boils, skin eruptions, piles 25c. at all druggists.