

State News.

Senator Overman's bill appropriating \$650,000 for the erection of a Customs House at Wilmington has passed the Senate.

During the first three months of 1912 three thousand sufferers in North Carolina of hookworm disease have been treated.

The first shipment of strawberries from the eastern trucking section was made Thursday last from Rocky Point, Pender County.

In a dispute arising over a game of "crap," in Beaufort County, Warren Johnson, a negro, was shot and killed by William Johnson, another negro.

An amendment to the Indian appropriation bill, introduced by Senator Simmons, provides \$25,000 for the Croatan Indians, in Robeson County.

Woodrow Parrish, of Nashville, Nash County, was literally blown to pieces one day last week by a premature explosion of dynamite while blowing up stumps in his field.

While probing with a nail, trying to get a load out of a gun, a colored youth, of Chatham County, fired and killed a five-year-old colored child who was standing near.

Mr. N. B. Gibson, of Cabarrus County, was found dead in bed at his home a few days ago. He had heart disease. He was fifty-five years of age and was survived by a wife and several children.

Mr. Albright, editor of the Mount Airy Leader, has sold said paper to a stock company and will retire. The editorial department of the paper will be controlled by five stockholders.

The E. A. Smith Manufacturing Company, of Granite Falls, have let a contract for a 15,000 spindle cotton mill to be located one mile from Granite Falls. The cost of the mill is to be something near \$500,000.

Mr. B. S. Cloer, of Caldwell County, has invented a hen's nest which has a contrivance by which she can go into the nest, close the door of same, and remain undisturbed until she wants to come out, when she can open the door from the inside.

The commencement of the University of North Carolina is to take place June 1-4. Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, President of the University of Virginia, will deliver the alumnae address, and John Temple Graves, of New York, the literary address, and the baccalaureate sermon by Bishop Lloyd, of New York.

Probably Fatal Runaway.

Statesville, N. C., April 22.—David Shuping, the seventeen-year-old son of Mr. R. N. Shuping, a Shiloh Township farmer, is in a critical condition as the result of a runaway accident. The young man was driving a team of mules at Mr. G. W. Absher's saw-mill when the mules became frightened and ran away. The wagon was dashed against a tree and Shuping was thrown out, receiving dangerous wounds about his face and head. He was unconscious when others about the mill reached him and it was at first feared that his injuries were fatal. He was hurriedly brought to the hospital in Statesville, and it was found necessary to perform an operation in dressing his wounds. A severe scalp wound was sewed up and one side of his face so badly crushed that a portion of the cheek bone had to be removed. His recovery is possible.

Big Fire Destroys New Bern Plant.

New Bern, N. C., April 19.—A dense pall of smoke still hovers over the ruins of the Virginia Carolina Fertilizer Company's plant at James City, just across Trent river, from New Bern, which was destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock this morning. That the fire was of incendiary origin there is not the least doubt.

When first discovered by the watchman the smoke was coming up through a blow pipe in the boiler room. He hurriedly investigated and found that the flames were confined to a section underneath the big main building. He saw it at a glance that it was beyond control with the small fire fighting equipment kept at the mill, and at once gave the alarm and began to remove the office fixtures. Twelve freight cars, nine of them loaded with fertilizer, could not be moved, and these, together with their contents, were destroyed.

The approximate loss is at least \$90,000, the building alone costing \$30,000. The machinery was valued at about \$20,000. The stock on hand was valued at \$10,000. Boilers, engines and tracking were worth \$5,000.

The twelve cars belonging to the Norfolk Southern Railway Company were valued at \$15,000. This loss is only partially covered by insurance; the exact amount could not be learned at this writing.

THE WAKE CONVENTION.

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as there was no regular primary held. The credentials from the Second Division of the Third Ward were thrown out as there was no Republican meeting held there (and the only meeting held was run by Democratic ward heelers, after having been in conference with some of the Federal office-holders).

In St. Matthews the minority was allowed representation which had been denied at the primary and the same was the case in the Second Division of the First Ward. The contest in First Division of the First Ward was withdrawn (even if the primary was held ahead of the advertised hour).

United States Marshal Dockery and Mr. Harris tried to dictate to the credential committee and bothered them with their proceedings and were very abusive, notwithstanding there was no contest from their wards and Marshal Dockery not even a delegate.

Mr. Loge Harris wanted to know if the report of the committee would be voted on as a whole or separately, and he was told as a whole. He then charged that the credential committee was packed, but he did not attempt to prove his charge. After blowing some more, and after having hurried talks with Mr. Charlie Wildes and Postmaster Briggs, Mr. Harris bolted from his seat and made for the platform at a 240 gait. Charlie Wildes hollered out the name of Harris for permanent chairman. Mr. Harris put the motion and declared himself elected and stood up in front of Chairman Butler and continued to put motions while his henchmen were standing up under him declaring it all carried. Mr. Harris said the call of the convention was a fraud. Chairman Butler told Mr. Harris his charge was not true and that Mr. Harris could not prove his charge, because the convention was called in accordance with the State plan or organization. Mr. Harris put the motion on the adoption of the credential committee and a roll call was asked for by townships, but Mr. Harris paid no attention to the motion and his followers voted it down, most of the friends of the organization refusing to take any part. After Mr. Harris had gotten rid of most of his hot air, he sat down.

Mr. John W. Harden then made a motion that the report of the credential committee be adopted. Chairman Butler put the motion, and it was adopted; then Mr. Butler was made permanent chairman of the convention and Mr. Gattis permanent secretary. Lester Butler was re-elected Chairman County Executive Committee for the next two years. A list of 26 delegates were elected to the State Convention to be held in Raleigh on May 15 and to the Congressional Convention to be held in Raleigh the day before the State Convention. The administration of State Chairman Morehead was endorsed and the delegates instructed to vote for him for State Chairman.

A motion was made and seconded to enlarge the County Executive Committee to twenty members. This motion was adopted unanimously. In the caucus Tuesday morning Mr. A. D. Upchurch was endorsed for the State Senate and Messrs. T. M. Franks, R. P. Siler, and Walter Ferrell were endorsed for members of the House. The regular convention adjourned, and then the bolters—Messrs. Loge Harris, Vick Dockery and C. Tom Bailey at the helm—proceeded to resolve for some time before they adjourned. It is understood they elected Mr. W. J. Andrews County Chairman and claimed they had eighty or ninety votes in the convention. If they had eighty or ninety votes, they did not have that many voters. After the regular convention adjourned and the friends of the organization left the hall, then, of course if there was only one man left from a township he voted the strength of his township, and it is very evident there were several townships in which the bolters had no friends or they would have had even more votes to have recorded. It is understood the bolters' convention then adjourned to meet at the call of Colonel Logan, notwithstanding they claim to have elected Mr. Andrews as their Chairman.

Had Intended to Break Up the Convention.

It had been reported before the convention was held Tuesday that the bolters would break it up in a row if they could not dominate. They saw the majority was against them and they proceeded with the row. Mr. Loge Harris, Mr. Wildes and others were real insulting and tried to precipitate a row. It is understood that Marshal Dockery, though not a delegate, also used insulting language around the room where the credential committee were holding their session. The Federal office-holders were active and must have considered it their dying fight. However, the Federal office-holders have found out for the second time that they can't control the white voters of Wake County, even if they did run Democrats and negroes, who had not voted before, into the primaries. The people still rule.

COL. J. C. L. HARRIS' OATH.

Voted in Democratic Primary in Raleigh and Took Oath to Support the Nominee—Later Called Man a Liar When He Called Him a Democrat.

In the Wake County Republican Convention Tuesday some one told Colonel Harris that he had no business trying to run a Republican Convention as he was a Democrat. Mr. Harris replied that any one that said he was a Democrat was a liar.

It is understood that Mr. Harris voted for Mr. Ed. Pou, a Democrat, for Congress, or at least said he was going to do so.

In the Democratic primary held in Raleigh April of last year Mr. J. C. L. Harris presented himself at the polls to vote. He had registered as a Democrat in the primary on the Saturday before but was challenged on election day. The News and Observer in giving a report of the affair in its issue of April 19, 1911, says:

"The Colonel was ruffled. He raised his voice as he stoutly maintained that for years he had not been a strict Republican, that he had nibbled in Democratic pastures. As to that word 'affiliated,' why of course he had affiliated with the Democracy. Had he not voted split tickets in the last city and in the last State election? Why, then, should he be questioned? 'Out upon you for a meddlesome one,' was what he thought, even if he did not say it.

"But the poll-holders, who had excused Colonel Loge from the oath on Saturday, had become hard-hearted. The challenger insisted and the poll-holders said, 'No oath, no vote.' Finally Colonel Harris seized on a pen and in a fine large hand, wrote as follows:

"Raleigh, N. C., April 17, 1911.

"I solemnly swear that I have heretofore affiliated with the Democratic party, in that I have heretofore voted the Democratic ticket in part in the last city election and in the State election, and that I will support and vote for the ticket to be nominated to-day.

J. C. L. HARRIS.

"I'll sign that," said the Colonel. The poll-holders looked at it, read it, and asked the challenger if that was not all right, but the challenger said no; that Colonel Harris could not qualify how he had 'affiliated' with the Democratic party; that twice voting split tickets did not make Colonel Harris a Democrat. The poll-holders, however, thought differently, and the unique sight was then seen of Col. J. C. L. Harris casting a ballot to aid in nominating a Democratic ticket. Later, another voter, Mr. W. L. Collins, was allowed to vote under the 'split ticket' rule. This was a new fangled way of making Democrats for primaries.

"How this looks to outsiders is to be seen in the following from the Greensboro record:

"Now, what do you think of this? The Hon. Loge Harris, the daddy of Republicanism in Raleigh and Wake County, walked up and registered in the Democratic primary the other day. What is more, they could not get his name off the book. Raleigh seems to be full of grand political rascals, Democrats as well as Republicans."

ALLEN GANG ARRAIGNED.

Will be Tried at Wytheville, Va., April 30—Defendants Will Try to Place Responsibility for the Five Murders on Absent Members of Gang.

Hillsville, Va., April 22.—Six kinsmen members of the Allen clan which has for years terrorized the countryside, were brought here to-night from Roanoke where, for month than a month, they have been prisoners, indicted for the five murders in the Carroll County court-house here. A string of mud-covered carriages, guarded by a group of horsemen armed with rifles and pistols, arrived at nightfall, after a fifteen-mile drive from the nearest railroad station, giving Hillsville a thrill of excitement, as to-morrow Floyd Allen, his two sons, Claude and Victor, and his nephews, Sidna Edwards, Friel Allen, and Byro Marion, will be formally arraigned, and perhaps their trials begun in the same bullet-scarred court-room where, on March 14th, a hail of bullets assassinated the officers of the Carroll County court.

Prisoners Arraigned.

Hillsville, Va., April 23.—Six members of the Allen clan were arraigned to answer for their part in the Carroll County court assassinations. The prisoners are Floyd Allen, his sons, Claude and Victor, and his nephew, Sidna Edwards and Byrd Marion, charged with first degree murder. The prisoners were brought from Roanoke yesterday. A venue of twenty-four men were summoned. The selection of the jury confronted the court, after preliminaries were disposed of. The prisoner's attorneys admitted that an effort will be made to place the responsibility for the five murders upon Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, members of the Allen gang still at large.

Six feet of snow fell in the Yellowstone Park, Montana, Sunday night last. Five feet covered the ground at other places in the State.

General News.

One woman was killed, the Baptist church destroyed, and three stores wrecked by a cyclone which struck Shady Grove, Ala., one day last week.

The House Naval Affairs Committee at Washington, has agreed to authorize \$100,000,000 for a world-wide wireless system for the navy.

In a dispute which grew out of a gambling game among the Chinese in Stockton, Cal., Saturday night, there were eight killed and eleven wounded.

Engineer T. T. Buckalow was killed and a fireman injured in a wreck of a passenger of a passenger train near Fitzgerald, Ga., last Sunday. The train ran into a weak trestle.

An appeal on behalf of the Red Cross for funds to aid the flood sufferers in the Mississippi Valley, has been made to the public by President Taft., who is president of the society.

David Burns, an employee of the estate of Howard Gould, at Fort Washington, N. Y., went violently insane one day last week after reading an account of the disaster of the Titanic.

Three persons were known to have been killed and at least a score injured and considerable damage to life and property in a tornado which wrecked the vicinity of Oklahoma City, April 20th.

In a storm sweeping the shores of Florida last week the schooner William Clifford collided with the Norwegian steamer and considerable damage was done. The wind blew at the rate of ninety miles an hour and shipping was badly damaged.

An explosion of gas in the Coal Company's mine, at Madisonville, Ky., Sunday night last, caused the death of five men. The mine is a new one, and about two hundred feet below the surface, and only about half a mile long.

Dr. Rawley W. Martin, President of the State Board of Health of Virginia, and a Confederate veteran, died last Sunday of pneumonia at Lynchburg, Va., at the age of seventy-seven. He was severely wounded in Pickett's charge at Gettysburg.

The westbound Carolina special collided head-on with a freight at Cedar Springs, near Spartanburg, S. C., one day last week, injuring several passengers and badly damaging the two engines. It was the result of a misunderstanding of orders on the part of the freight crew.

Nine persons were robbed of money and valuables by three masked men who went through a sleeper on the Rock Island Railroad near Sheffield, Ill., last Sunday night. After the robbers finished their work, they shot holes in the air signal tube, causing the engine to stop and thus made their escape.

AT LEAST 17,000 HOMELESS.

Great Loss of Property to Many in Louisiana.

Delta, Point, La., April 23.—Over the erstwhile fertile fields of Madison parish, from Delhi to Mounds, a distance of forty miles, an Associated Press reporter to-day traveled in a motor boat and from early morning until to-night a solid sheet of water, as far as the eye could see in every direction, lay before him. Still the great Dog Tail crevasse continues to pour forth immense volumes of the Mississippi flood waters.

From Delhi to Delta Point and Vicksburg only one town, Thomas-town, was out of water.

To-night water stands from five to fifteen feet deep over thousands of acres of fertile farm lands of more than a half-dozen parishes of Northeastern Louisiana, on which no crop can be raised this year.

Tallulah, the parish seat of Madison parish, is almost a hopeless sight, with water standing from four to six feet deep in every business house in the town.

Very few residences are above the flood line and the people are traversing the streets in skiffs and motor boats.

Practically every one of the several hundred homeless negroes at Tallulah have been removed to the relief camp at Millikens Bend, ten miles north.

Perhaps a conservative estimate would place the number of homeless people in Northeast Louisiana at 17,000, but in another week they say that number will be forced from their homes by flood waters from the Dog Tail and Panther Forest crevasse on the west side of the river. By that time the waters will have reached the lower sections of Concordia and Catahoula parishes and begin their return to the Mississippi through the Red River.

Many people at Hallulah, Mounds and Delta Point fear for the safety of the levee at Redford's Point, three miles south of this place, when the flood waters from the Beulah crevasse on the east side of the Mississippi River return through the Yazoo River.

Today the backwater from the Dog Tail crevasse is flooding the plantation of Colonel F. L. Maxwell, near here, where 6,500 acres are under cultivation and 300 acres of cotton, already up, has been inundated.

TURN TO ROOSEVELT.

Six (South Carolina) Delegates Instructed for Taft Say They Will Vote for Roosevelt.

Senator Dixon, the manager of Colonel Roosevelt's campaign, has given out the following telegrams: "Columbia, S. C., April 18, 1912. 'To Senator J. M. Dixon, Washington, D. C.

"We are delegates-at-large to the Republican National Convention from South Carolina. The convention was held February 29th and instructed for Taft. At that time Colonel Roosevelt was not a candidate and it did not appear that President Taft could not be elected. Since Colonel Roosevelt entered the field it is evident that he is the choice of the great mass of Republican voters in the States that elect Republican nominees. It has also become palpably evident in States where the popular will has been tested that it will be impossible for Mr. Taft to be elected even if nominated, and we have, therefore, reached the conclusion that our duty to the party and the country demands that we should vote for Colonel Roosevelt, and we shall so vote.

"(Signed) "W. T. ANDREWS, Sumter, S. C. "J. R. LEVY, Florence, S. C. "Columbia, S. C., April 18, 1912."

"To Senator J. M. Dixon, Chairman Roosevelt National Committee, Washington, D. C.

"We are delegates from South Carolina to the Republican National Convention. Our conventions were not instructed and it gives us great pleasure to say we shall vote at Chicago for Theodore Roosevelt because we believe him to be the embodiment of the principles which stand for the best good for the American people and American institutions, and for the further reason that he is the undoubted choice of the great mass

of Republicans of those States which furnish the votes for the election of the party nominee and he is elected.

"(Signed) "C. M. ENGLISH, District Chairman First Congressional District. "M. M. MORRISON, First District. "FRANK G. YOUNG, Fourth District. "J. H. GOODWIN, Seventh District.

NEGRO MURDERED.

Two Negroes Quarreled at Court and as Result One Was Killed.

Washington, N. C., April 22.—Liam Johnson colored, was brought to this city this morning by Sheriff J. C. Duke and locked up charged with the killing of Warren Johnson, also colored. From what can be learned of the affair the trouble arose over a game of croquet in which several negroes took part near Pantego, this county, last Sunday afternoon. Warren Johnson it seems, claimed that he had the money, and a dispute arose with result that as Warren Johnson was passing William Johnson's house later in the evening he was called by the later and shot in the breast with a double-barrel shotgun, the whole load entering his breast, killing him almost instantaneously. William Johnson later surrendered to the local authorities and was taken in the Belhaven jail Sunday night brought to this city this morning to await the next term of Beaufort County Superior court. This makes the second homicide in this county in a week.

On January 31, 1912, there were one hundred postal savings departments in North Carolina, and according to reports issued by the Post office Department, the deposits amounted to over \$18,000.

The medical society of the District will meet in Salisbury on 2. Hon. Theo. F. Klutz, of Salisbury, is to deliver the address of welcome, and Dr. Thomas Anderson of Statesville, will respond to the address.



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whether in business or social life depends almost entirely upon health. Would you dominate instead of walking in the ruck? As Whitman says: "Do you not see how it would serve to have eyes, blood, complexion clear and sweet, to have such a body and soul that when you enter a crowd, an atmosphere of desire and command enters with you and every one is impressed with your personality?"

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