

State News.

J. C. Kittrell, who has been Superintendent of Public Instruction for Vance County for ten years, has resigned and will devote all his time to the practice of law.

Forsyth County Democrats have nominated ex-Judge E. B. Jones for the Senate, and William Porter and S. J. Bennett for the House.

The Cape Fear Club of Wilmington is soon to erect a home at the corner of Front and Chestnut streets, said building to cost about \$70,000.

William Pruet, a well known contractor of Charlotte, came in contact with a live wire last Monday and was electrocuted. He was thirty-eight years of age, and leaves a family.

Little Walton Bagley, the six-year-old son of Mr. S. H. Bagley, of near Clayton, while walking in his sleep a few nights ago, fell from a dindow upstairs and was severely injured.

At the Catawba Kennels, near the town of Newton, John Ramseur was shot and killed by Robert Hildebrand. Both are negroes. It was supposed to have been accidental, but the slayer fled.

A movement is on foot at Asheville to organize a cavalry company to be known as the Governor's Horse Guards. The only cavalry company in the State so far, is one recently organized in Lincolnton.

Mrs. Jane Kelly, seventy-eight years of age, of Wilmington, fell from the window of her room one day last week and received injuries from which she died later. She was mentally unbalanced.

The North Carolina Firemen's Association convened in Fayetteville last Tuesday morning. The delegates were welcomed by Mayor John Underwood, and Hon. A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, responded to the welcome.

Little Park Shuford, the twelve-year-old son of Alderman W. E. Shuford, of Asheville, accidentally shot and killed himself a few days ago while gunning for pigeons together with some neighborhood boys in the back yard of his home.

Mack Gause, a white man, about fifty years of age, shot and killed his wife at their home near Cerro Gordo last Sunday evening. The man claims the shooting is all a mystery to him, and it is thought to be the result of a drunken brawl.

As a result of a difference growing out of some failure to agree with regard to some land boundaries, Simon Stevens shot and seriously wounded Robert Overman a few days ago. Both men lived in Alamance County, where the shooting occurred.

Four prisoners made their escape from the Lenoir County jail last Tuesday night and have not been located yet. It is thought that outside aid was received by the prisoners, as an iron bar was found which had evidently been used in effecting a way of escape.

Mrs. Maud Hamlin was arrested in Asheville last Tuesday, charged with the killing of her husband, John Hamlin, at Marshall, about three weeks ago. It is said that she had expressed herself as anxious to get rid of her husband, and his sickness was rather mysterious.

The skeleton of a man was found in the Smoky Mountains near the Tennessee line a few days ago by a party of woodsmen of the Ritter Lumber Company. The man's identity has not been established as yet, but he is thought to have lost his way and frozen to death while following one of the trails across the State line.

Relatives and friends of Charles Layden, the sixteen-year-old son of Charles Layden, of Perquimans County are very much distressed and puzzled by his disappearance about ten days ago. He was last seen in the company of a man named Vann, and was traced to Berkeley, Va. The man disclaims any knowledge of the boy's whereabouts.

Between the hours of 1 and 5 o'clock Tuesday morning, robbers entered the postoffice at Snead's Ferry, and rifled the safe, securing only a small amount of cash, and a few postage stamps. The thieves also broke into the store of C. C. Jenkins and Postmaster Sheppard and carried away a quantity of merchandise.

State Firemen At Fayetteville. The State Firemen's Association held their 25th annual convention in Fayetteville this week. Mr. J. D. McNeill was re-elected president of the Association.

Several soft drink dealers were arrested there Tuesday and placed under heavy bonds, and hundreds of barrels of beer was confiscated, leaving the firemen high and dry. The beer was on hand to dispense to those attending the gala week exercises.

TWO TRAGEDIES AT CHADBOURN.

Mrs. Mack Gause Murdered by Her Jealous Husband—Two Boys Arrested on a Murder Charge.

Chadbourne, N. C., July 22.—Two tragedies occurred within the Chadbourne vicinity during the past twenty-four hours, the first being the murder of Mrs. Mack Gause, living about five miles from Chadbourne. She was shot and instantly killed by her husband. Jealousy is said to be the cause. Both parties are white and about sixty-five years of age.

The second occurred within the city limits of Chadbourne this afternoon about 3 o'clock. Two boys, one white and one colored, aged six and seven years respectively, while out hunting with rifles, shot and killed an aged colored man named Shippman. Shippman was a visitor at the home of another negro where the tragedy occurred. The negro whom Shippman was visiting claims the boys were shooting at his house when he arose and went to the door to remonstrate with them.

The next shot that was fired took effect in the neck of Shippman, who had at that time arisen and was standing in the doorway. He died almost instantly. The boys' tale of the affair differs, however, from that told by the negro. They claim that they were shooting at a pine tree and that the killing was accidental. Both boys were taken in custody by the town authorities awaiting the arrival of the coroner.

EXCITING TIME WITH MAD DOG.

Mrs. Frank Bowers Holds Mad Dog and Cuts Off His Head, Though She Had Been Bitten on Both of Her Hands.

Mrs. Frank Bowers and little son, of Elkin, are in Raleigh to take the Pasteur treatment for a mad dog bite.

A special to Tuesday's News and Observer from Elkins tells of Mrs. Bowers' experience with the mad dog:

"Mrs. Frank Bowers and little six-year-old son were bitten by a mad dog Saturday at their home a few miles east of Elkin. Mrs. Bowers was at the house and heard one of her children, who was at a spring several hundred feet from the house, scream. She ran to find the cause and found the dog attacking the boy.

"As several smaller children were there Mrs. Bowers caught the dog by the neck. Although bitten on both hands, she held him and called for help. As no one answered her call, she sent the boy who had been bitten to the house for a large knife. When he got back she was almost exhausted, but managed to cut the dog's head almost off.

The head was sent to Raleigh for examination. Mrs. Bowers and child left this afternoon to take the Pasteur treatment."

Why Simmons Took the Back Track.

Statesville Landmark.] Aggrieved because the Senate had turned down his friend Lorimer, Senator Bailey took it out in denouncing President Taft. "The unseating of Lorimer," says the Durham Herald, "shows that public opinion can sometimes reach as high a body as that of the United States Senate." And it might be added that the expression of public opinion was most effective in the defeat of every Senator—seventeen in all—who voted for Lorimer the first time and who has since come up for re-election. That expression of public sentiment doubtless had most to do with the final disposition of the Lorimer case.

Why Simmons Couldn't Help Lorimer Again.

Clinton News-Dispatch.] If Mr. Lorimer will take into consideration the fact that this is the year in which Mr. Simmons stands for re-election, and the further fact that Governor Kitchin is bearing down so hard upon him, he will perhaps understand why the Senator could not help him this time.

A special from Charlotte to Tuesday's Raleigh Times says:

A small insect has made its appearance in the cotton fields of Mecklenburg County, and is devastating whole fields in a considerable section, according to reports which continue to be brought into the city. The pest is causing considerable anxiety to the farmers, who fear that the crop, already damaged and backward on account of the excessive rains and lateness of the planting season, will be very short.

Specimens of the pest, which is a tiny yellow grasshopper in appearance, have been sent to the state entomologist by the farm demonstration agent for Mecklenburg County. These grasshoppers attack the squares which would later develop into cotton bolls, and sap the life from the stalks.

"I am leaving the Congress of the United States now after twenty-two years' service in it, and in all that time I do not think I have known five men in Congress who could be bought," said Senator "Joe" Bailey, of Texas. Like to have the Senator mention just four.—New York Evening Telegram.

Mr. Thomas Ponton, one of the oldest, if not the oldest man in the State, died at his home in Weldon last Sunday at the age of 112.

General News.

William J. Winkleman, a man aged forty-five, in Pittsburg, Pa., set fire to his home a few days ago and hanged himself to a tree.

Chas. F. Hilles, chairman of the Republican Committee, formally opened headquarters in the Times Building, in New York City, last Tuesday.

Hundreds of people are missing and are thought to be drowned in the floods prevailing in the northern coast of Japan. Much damage is also done to crops.

Seven girls were killed and many others injured in London July 23 in the burning of a Christmas card factory. They were unable to reach fire escapes.

A dispatch from Mexico City says more than sixty persons were killed in an attack on a passenger train by rebels in Mexico last week. The train was wrecked and the passengers slaughtered.

Major L. J. Hawley, a veteran of the Tenth Virginia Cavalry of the Confederate army, died in Washington last Saturday, and was buried in Richmond, Va., Tuesday.

The farmers in Anderson, S. C., have become alarmed over the appearance in Anderson County of the army worm. Campaigns to prevent the spread of the worm have been launched.

General Pedro Ivnnet, the negro rebel leader in Cuba, for whom the Government was searching for several weeks, was killed July 18th at Nueva Escocia, near Santiago, by troops under Lieutenant Ortiz.

Senator Lorimer, recently deprived of his seat by the United States Senate, was very seriously hurt in an auto wreck a few days ago. His car, in endeavoring to avoid a collision with a farmer's wagon, crashed into a telegraph pole.

The detectives who have been searching for Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards since the Hillsville court house tragedy, have demanded and received a settlement for their services. It is reported that they received \$11,000.

Mrs. Rena B. Morrow, of Chicago, who was charged with the killing of her husband, who was found dead on their back porch last December, having been shot through the heart, was found not guilty by the jury last week, after deliberating for three hours.

The House Committee on Fisheries and Merchant Marine last week voted to report a bill for appropriating \$25,000 for the establishment of a Government fish hatchery in Western North Carolina. It has been predicted that the same will be established on the Southern Railway between Waynesville and Murphy.

The body of Nathan Swartz, said to be the slayer of Julia Conners in New York some days ago, has been found on the fourth floor of a tenement house. He had committed suicide by inhaling gas. He had written a letter to his mother admitting his guilt, saying he was sorry for the crime.

Robert Kinzel was drowned on the top of a twelve-story building in New York a few days ago. He had gone on the roof to release a foot and a half of water which had collected there, and in running his arwn down into the drain pipe, his was drawn up to his shoulder by the suction of the rushing water, and he became wedged in the pipe and drowned before help could be secured.

A measure to prevent the exhibition of prize-fight moving pictures passed both the Senate and House last week. Heavy fines for violation of the law are fixed by the bill. Southern members of Congress are said to have been especially interested because of the race feeling stirred up by the exhibition of the Jeffries-Johnson moving pictures in their section of the country.

The remain of Clarence V. T. Richeson, who was electrocuted in Boston last May for the murder of Miss Avis Linnell, have at last been placed in the cemetery at Lynchburg, Va., where his mother is buried. The father had his remains placed beside those of his grandparents, but Miss Russell Richeson, a sister of young Richeson, living in Philadelphia, finally persuaded her father to consent to the removal.

REEF TRUST WILL DISSOLVE.

Has So Notified Department of Justice at Washington.

The Beef Trust has notified the Department of Justice at Washington it will voluntarily dissolve and that the dissolution will be absolute. The Trust forwarded a copy of their plan of dissolution to Washington and it is understood that the Department of Justice will accept the plan of dissolution and will drop further prosecution against the Trust.

New York Appraiser of Customs Resigns to Join Roosevelt.

Washington, D. C., July 23.—Francis W. Bird, Appraiser of Customs at New York, resigned to-day. In his letter to Secretary MacVeagh, Mr. Bird says he quits his office to join Colonel Roosevelt's new party.

Will Not Pay For Agricultural Lectures.

The news comes from Washington that the Federal government will no longer pay the expenses of officers and employes of the Department of Agriculture to deliver agricultural lectures to assembled farmers, summer schools or boys camps, as has been the custom. This action follows the recent decision of the Comptroller Tracewell.

Judge Hanford Resigns and Saves Investigation.

United States District Judge Cornelius H. Hanford, whose conduct on the bench has been under investigation the past month by a Congressional committee, on Tuesday telegraphed his resignation to President Taft. Hanford gives ill health as his reason for the resignation. The impeachment proceedings will now be dropped.

Texas For Roosevelt.

Houston, Texas, July 19.—Col. Cecil A. Lyon, here today, said: "If there is to be a third party organized in Texas, the men who placed themselves beyond the pale of the Republican organization will have to form it. The supporters of President Taft are the men I refer to. I am at the head of the Republican organization in Texas, and I intend to stay there. Col. Roosevelt is the Republican nominee for President, and our Texas electors are already named and instructed for him."

Mitchell Takes An Appeal.

John Mitchell, Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor, sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for contempt of court, growing out of the Bucks Stove and Range Company case in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, has taken an appeal. A \$4,000 bond was furnished. In the same case Gompers and Morrison were recently sentenced—Gompers to one year and Morrison to six months.

College President For Roosevelt.

Oyster Bay, L. I., July 19.—Fresh from yesterday's meeting of the Connecticut State Progressive party committee, of which he has just become a member, President F. S. Luther, of Trinity College, Hartford, came to Sagamore Hill today to consult with Colonel Roosevelt on the situation in his State. Herbert Knox Smith, who recently resigned as commissioner of corporations in order to take an active part in the Connecticut campaign, is expected tomorrow. He has also been added to the state committee.

The Progressives in Connecticut have not yet determined just what course will be followed in naming their electors. The question is held over for settlement at a mass convention scheduled for July 30.

President May Send Message Advocating Repeal of Reciprocity Bill.

Washington, July 23.—Some of President Taft's callers believe he will send a message to Congress regarding the repeal of the reciprocity act and he may outline his position in his speech of acceptance when the Chicago convention's committee notifies him August 1. Senate leaders say the President has not had any direct communication with the finance committee on the subject nor sent any communication saying he favored the repeal of the act. Mr. Taft will not withdraw his own support of Canadian reciprocity, it is understood, but will take the position that the United States should not continue an offer that Canada refuses to accept.

THE DANGEROUS HOUSE-FLY.

The hot season of the year is now with us, and with it the common house-fly. As the hot weather advances this common pest will continue to increase rapidly, unless active measures are taken to prevent it. Flies lay their eggs chiefly in stable manure, and if this is left without screens or other covers to keep the flies away, great numbers will be hatched in and around every stable. Local boards of health should make rules and regulations governing this common pest. Flies frequent filthy places, such as manure piles, garbage cans, cess-pools and privy vaults, and they thye come into the house, bringing filthy germs, causing such diseases as typhoid fever, cholera infantum, summer complaint, and other intestinal diseases. All refuse, such as manure, garbage, decaying vegetables and fruits, should be well covered or screened so that flies can not gain access to it.

Swallowed His Collection.

(From Lippincott's Magazine.) As the Sunday-school teacher entered her class-room she saw leaving in great haste a little girl and her still smaller brother. "Why, Mary, you aren't going away?" she exclaimed in surprise. "Pleathe, Mith Anne, we've got to go," was the distressed reply, "Johnny hath thswallowed hith collection."

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