

State News.

A half-grown chicken pecked its way into a watermelon in Jones County a few days ago and smothered to death.

Mr. Jesse Purser, of near Washington, was very painfully shot by a glancing buckshot one day last week while deer hunting.

The jury in the case of Frank Gladden, for the murder of Mrs. Dixon, which was tried in Shelby Monday, rendered a verdict of not guilty and he was acquitted.

In New Hanover court last week, the jury in the case against Fannie Hefner, charged with the murder of Henry Jordan some weeks ago, failed to agree, and a mistrial was ordered.

Jane Hurst, a white woman aged 75 years, threw herself in a well at her home in Wilmington, a few days ago. She committed suicide rather than go to a hospital for treatment.

Mr. J. F. Cothran, a well-known lawyer of Durham, was found dead in bed in his room Monday morning. His death was due to paralysis of the heart.

Lizzie Coleman, a colored woman of Asheville, was shot and killed by her husband last Sunday night. He surrendered to the police, but declined to make a statement.

While riding on a motorcycle, with a gentleman friend, on Sunday, July 30th, a Miss Cook was so badly burned that she died from the effects within a few hours. Her dress caught fire from the machine.

Preparations are being made for the installation of a gigantic electric plant at Hendersonville in the near future. The plant is to be 50,000 horsepower and to cost one and one-half million dollars.

Charles B. Almond, Jr., son of Dr. C. B. Almond, of Winder, Ga., was drowned one day last week while bathing in the surf at Wrightsville Beach. He, with his mother, had been at the Beach for the past two months.

A fire at High Point early Saturday morning, partially destroyed the plant of the Columbia Furniture Company. The loss is estimated at \$50,000, mostly covered by insurance.

Joe Angel, who shot and killed Latta Banks, in Madison County, more than twelve years ago, went to Marshall a few days ago and surrendered to the police. He had been eluding the officers all these years.

The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company of Winston will increase its capital stock from \$7,525,000 to \$10,000,000, the amount authorized by the charter. The new stock will be sold at par to stockholders.

J. M. Nolan, Register of Deeds for Haywood County, committed suicide at his home near Waynesville Sunday morning by shooting himself with a revolver. He had been defeated in the primary which had just been held, for renomination.

Charles Heath, a well known young man of Greene County, was shot and seriously wounded by his brother a few days ago. The trouble grew out of the older brother's asking the younger one to assist him with some work.

As a result of a row about sixteen miles from Goldsboro, Ben. F. Coley, a young white man of the Eureka neighborhood, was shot Sunday morning. It is alleged that Ernest Cook fired the shot and that his brother, Arthur Cook, was an accessory. Ernest has been arrested. It is also stated that they were all drunk from hard cider.

John Burgess, a negro, who had recently been discharged from Roanoke Rapids, was found dead in the river near there. He had evidently been shot and dragged there and thrown into the river. It is stated that he was murdered by two other negroes, who say the negro had been to their homes and committed forcible trespass.

Postmaster At Vanceboro Empties Gun Into Ben R. Warren.

New Bern, Aug. 4.—Last night at 8 o'clock at Vanceboro, Ben. R. Warren, the liveryman, was shot by Postmaster J. F. Edwards. Only three of the bullets took effect and two of these merely pierced the skin, indicating that the pistol which Edwards threw away after the shooting, was of a cheap quality. The third bullet, however, pierced Mr. Warren's right side and may prove of a very serious, possibly fatal nature.

Warren was attended by Drs. H. Johnson and J. A. Druid and will probably be brought to the Stewart Sanitarium. Edwards is under arrest at Vanceboro.

There has been bad feeling between the men for some time and it broke out afresh yesterday when the postmaster, so it is claimed, refused to send Warren his mail.

J. C. L. HARRIS ERUPTS AGAIN.

Doesn't Want Butler to Support Roosevelt—But When Did Harris Get In?

The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Observer and Greensboro News reports J. C. L. Harris, of Raleigh, as saying he doesn't want ex-Senator Marion Butler taking a part in the Roosevelt movement, and wants something done to stop him.

It is surprising that Loge has been quiet this long. There never was a political movement that Harris didn't try to burst up unless he could head the band wagon, and if he headed it, the thing was sure to "bust."

When Harris had himself named as president of a Roosevelt movement in this county some months ago only four persons in the county would enroll under him, though there were about 2,000 Roosevelt Republicans in the county. They had no confidence in him as a political leader and would not follow his leadership.

When he bolted the Republican convention he called on all "Roosevelt Republicans" to follow him. A few followed him, but most of them have since lined up for Mr. Taft, which showed they were sailing under false colors at the time.

After pawing up the earth for Roosevelt, and after getting seated in the State Convention on the grounds he and his bolters were for Roosevelt, then the next day in his bolting Congressional convention he refused to be instructed for Roosevelt and went to Chicago and got Mr. Duncan to have him seated then on the most important day of the convention he stayed away from the convention hall and hid his bolting alternate, Chas. D. Wildes, vote with the Taft forces.

The Republicans of Wake County know of his treachery and he can't fool them. The Republicans of the State know him also, and for this reason he was not invited to the Roosevelt meeting in Greensboro last month. Those men said they had enough of Loge Harris. Loge has about run his route in politics, and no one now pays any attention to what he says. Abuse from a man of his checkered career will not hurt any one.

NEW HANOVER CONVICT CAMP.

Grand Jury and Board of Health Report Very Bad Condition—Judge Orders Prisoners Taken Away.

Wilmington, Aug. 4.—Representatives of the County Board of Health have visited the convict camp on the Federal Point Road and reported that conditions there were even worse than described in the grand jury's report, Judge Frank Carter, of Asheville, who presided over the term of Superior Court just closed, ordered that all the convicts be brought to the city and placed in jail and kept there until such time as the County Commissioners make better provision for the prisoners on the roads. The convicts were brought in this morning and placed in jail. It is claimed that the food is unwholesome and lacking in quantity, prisoners are required to sleep in sweaty garments in which they work in the day, that the sleeping quarters are overcrowded and that the general sanitary conditions at the camp are unhealthy.

Harnett Republicans Instruct for Roosevelt.

Littleton, N. C., Aug. 6.—The Harnett County Republican Convention met here yesterday and nominated a full county ticket as follows: For the House, W. P. Byrd; for Sheriff, A. F. Surles; Register of Deeds, J. A. McLeod; Treasurer, H. N. Blizzell; Coroner, Dr. C. A. Young; Surveyor, Prof. N. E. Cox; Commissioners, D. H. Senter, D. Turlington, Duncan Darroch, F. M. P. McLeod, and P. G. A. Tart.

The convention by a unanimous rising vote passed a resolution saying they did not recognize Taft as the nominee of the Republican party, and pledged their support to Roosevelt for President.

The delegates to the State and Congressional Conventions were elected and instructed to vote for a known and outspoken Roosevelt man for State Chairman, and for Roosevelt electors and to vote in said conventions to instruct the electors to support Roosevelt when elected.

Negro Runs Amuck.

Kinseton, N. C., Aug. 6.—Trouble loomed large in Georgetown, a suburb of Kinseton, when a negro gunman ran amuck in the midst of an ice cream festival, scattering the black merry-makers in the face of a fusillade of shots, all of which went wild. The shooting was the result of an altercation between Claude Redding and Green Jenkins, which ended in the former drawing a revolver and opening fire on his opponent. Jenkins made a hurried exit from the building, as did the other negroes present, while Redding, shooting fast and blind from fury, hit nothing. A magistrate bound the gun fighter over to the Superior Court.

Frank Gladden Freed From Charge of Murder.

Shelby, N. C., Aug. 5.—At 9:45 tonight the jury in the case of Frank Gladden, charged with the murder of Mrs. Dixon, returned a verdict of not guilty. The jury on the first ballot stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction.

General News.

The local newspapers say the Pope of Rome will receive a legacy of \$238,000 from the estate of the late Cardinal Anthony Hubert Fischer, of Cologne.

A motor boat on the Delaware River, near Burlington, N. J., capsized and three men who were in the boat were drowned. The boat was run down by a freight steamer.

John W. Herron, the father of Mrs. Taft, died at his home in Cincinnati, Ohio, Monday at the age of eighty-five. His death was not unexpected by the President and Mrs. Taft, as he had been ill for some time.

A negro was lynched by a mob near Hall's Station, Ala., Monday. The mob was in pursuit of another negro, who it is stated, assisted the one who was lynched in the murder of a white man named Tutt.

George Ballew, who burned a hotel and killed four people at South Platte, Colorado, committed suicide last Monday after being pursued and shot by a posse and brought to bay.

Herman Henry, the lightweight pugilist of Chicago, has applied to the superintendent of schools there for a position as teacher. He is an alumnus of the Allentown, Pa., Institute.

Four persons were killed by lightning at Fort Smith, Ark., last Friday, and a fifth man was shocked so he was unable to make his escape from a burning building, fired by the lightning. The others had taken shelter under a tree, which was struck.

Prostrated with grief over the death of her granddaughter, Miss Dorcas I. Snodgrass, the nurse whose body was found in a creek near Catskill, N. Y., some days ago, Mrs. Arbella Snodgrass, of Martinsburg, W. Va., died at a hospital there a few days ago.

Thomas L. Green, serving a term of six months in a workhouse for forgery in Atlanta, Ga., having heard that President Taft had pardoned a woman who had appealed to him in verse, appealed to Criminal Judge Taylor in verse a few days ago and has been pardoned.

Federal authorities received information some time ago that Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, the Virginia outlaws, had been seen in the vicinity of Seattle, Wash., but it is said that a thorough search has been made and no trace of them was found.

Maryland Democrats Getting Cool Toward Wilson.

Says the Baltimore American: "The ardor of Maryland Democrats over the nomination of Governor Wilson for President by the National Convention last week is beginning to cool. On second thought, they are beginning to realize there was too much Bryan in his administration. Mr. Bryan has never been a favorite in Maryland on the three election days when he was voted for for President. In 1896 he lost the State by 33,000. Four years later the majority was 18,000 against him. Four years ago he captured six of the eight electors. The two electors-at-large chosen were Republicans because they were first voted for. The six district electors would also have been Republicans but for the manipulation of the Wilson ballot law by the Democratic election supervisors.

Another objection by Democratic manufacturers and by other Democratic friends of protection of Governor Wilson is his position on the tariff. They fear that those views have a too free trade hue to meet their approval. Maryland organization Democrats are anxious to know where they will be "at" if Governor Wilson is elected President. They recall how vigorously he has wielded the club against his party organization in New Jersey."

Murder and Suicide.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 4.—W. E. Latimer, aged forty, to-day shot and killed a woman known as Emma Cantrell, aged twenty-six, and then shot himself, from the effects of which he died an hour later at a local hospital. The shooting took place in a house on Decatur Street. Latimer is said to have gone to the house and asked for his wife. The Cantrell woman was summoned and the two engaged in a quarrel, ending in the shooting. At the inquest this afternoon another woman, claiming to be Mrs. Latimer, appeared and identified the pistol used as belonging to her husband.

North Carolina Murderer Conscience-Stricken Surrenders in California.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 3.—A man giving his name as C. S. Snipes, of Burke County, North Carolina, surrendered to the police to-day, saying he was wanted in Burke County for the murder of John Britton, September 10, 1901. Snipes told the police his conscience hurt him and that he was tired dodging the officers. He is being held pending a investigation.

Hail Fell in Maryland to a Depth of Nearly Sixteen Inches.

A special from Frederick, Maryland, to Friday's Baltimore Sun, says: "A terrific hail-storm passed over Mount Airy and portions of Frederick, Carroll, and Howard Counties yesterday afternoon, doing great damage. Hail the size of pigeon eggs fell in great quantities and remained on the ground in piles until melted by the sun to-day. In places farmers will lose everything barring their wheat and potato crops. A tremendous rain, which washed fields and roads, accompanied the storm.

"Corn was cut to pieces and live stock in fields were injured and many chickens killed. Trees were stripped of foliage and hundreds of bushels of fruit were lost.

"In places branches of trees were cut off as with a knife and bark peeled in quantities and carried away by the wind.

"The fall of hail was the greatest in the memory of the oldest citizens. In places it covered the ground to the depth of nearly sixteen inches. It is estimated that the storm was three miles wide and covered a strip of about fifteen miles. It passed over about 28,800 acres of growing crops, and is said to have done damage to the extent of fully \$200,000."

NEW YORK DEMOCRATS SPLIT.

The Independence League Will Name State Ticket.

New York, Aug. 2.—The convention of the New York State Independence League will be held here October 3rd. This was decided at a meeting of the State committee of the League to-night. John J. Hopper, State Chairman, presided, and about one hundred Independents were present.

The only official business transacted was the fixing of the time and place of the convention, at which a full state ticket will be put in the field.

The talk among the members of the committee centered on what candidate the League would indorse for Presidency. "There seems to be a division of opinion as to whether we should indorse Governor Wilson or Mr. Roosevelt," said Mr. Hoper. "Action will, of course, not be taken until after the State convention."

THOSE COLLEGE PROFESSORS.

William L. Wilson's Tariff Law Came Near Ruining the Country, and the Votes Will Now Shy at Wilson the Second.

Rochester Post-Express.]

William L. Wilson, the author of the infamous Wilson law of twenty years ago, was a college professor and was born in Virginia. Woodrow Wilson is a college professor and was born in Virginia. To those who remember the lean and hungry years when the Wilson law was in force, the coincidence of name, birthplace, profession, and political principle has a sinister aspect.

He (Dr. Wilson) denounced organized labor in the most vicious manner and declared in substance that he preferred a Chinese coolie to an American trade union man, because the coolie was more industrious and law-abiding and willing to work for less. He inveighed bitterly against our Eastern Europe immigrants as sordid people of the meaner sort; and Greeks and Poles, Slaves and Italians will justifiably wonder what views he holds to-day. The Roman Catholic Church will also find some passages in his writings that call for considerable explaining, and though he is an incomparable artist in the line of disavowing and dissembling and can execute a pirouette as deftly as any public man of our times, he is likely to have full need of all his mental agility to this end. Republicans need not be despondent that Taft is criticised with more or less justice for several things. There are more rods in pickle for the Princeton demagogue than ever dreamed of before he enters politics; and his sorrow's crown of sorrow is likely to be that his own words confute his new pretensions, and—if a pleonastic expression may be pardoned—that he has talked too much with his mouth.

Democratic House Passes Cotton Tariff Revision Bill.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 2.—The House to-day passed, 156 to 72, the cotton tariff revision bill which the Democratic majority claims will reduce the duties on cotton and cotton manufactures by approximately 21 per cent. The measure is identical to that vetoed last year by President Taft on the ground that it was not based on official information. Some House members expressed the belief that the Senate would pass it and put the legislation up to the President again.

Mr. Simmons' heroic work on the tariff bills, about which we have heard to much, has resulted in the passage of two Republican tariff measures by the Senate.—Durham Herald.

But just think how the Democrats did talk about Gaynor as a candidate for the Presidency, and now it has developed that he is not fit to be mayor of New York. It seems that the Democratic party does make an awful mess in selecting candidates anyway.—Clinton News-Dispatch.

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