

State News.

The Friends held their yearly meeting at Guilford College last week with a good attendance.

Andy Albright, a farmer living near Statesville, was attacked by yellow jackets while working alone in a field a few days ago and stung until he was unconscious.

Charlotte doctors now have an agreement by which they will now charge \$2.50 for day calls and \$5.00 for night calls.

Mrs. Mary E. Chappelle, last pensioner of the War of 1812 in North Carolina, died in Charlotte a few days ago at the age of seventy-nine years.

Two Durham negroes broke jail Tuesday night, went out and got drunk, but returned to the jail in time for breakfast Wednesday morning.

Negro boys entered the home of Mr. R. G. Harrison, in Fayetteville Sunday, and took all the silverware, china, and other valuable articles they could get away with.

Mrs. W. B. Pruett, of Charlotte, has brought suit for \$20,000 against the Southern Power Company and the Charlotte Gas Company for the death of her husband, who was killed by coming in contact with a live wire in a new school building at Fairview, July 22.

Mr. Harvey Barley, a Confederate veteran of Mecklenburg County, was found dead in his wagon in the road last Saturday. He was hauling sawdust and failed to return home when expected, so a search was made for him.

Deputy collectors and Revenue officers captured a distillery in Alexander County last week and arrested Ed. Lippard against whom there are charges of illicit distilling and retailing.

A movement is on foot to mark the graves of three North Carolina Governors—Governor Abner Nash, Governor Richard Dobbs Speight, Sr., and Governor Richard Bobbs Speight, Jr., which are two and one-half miles from New Bern on the banks of Trent River.

As the jailer at Henderson, Vance County, entered the jail with dinner for the prisoners, one day last week, he was overpowered by six prisoners, one white man and five negroes, who made their escape.

F. H. Schutters, thirty years of age, and formerly a United States army recruiting officer in Wilmington, who was sentenced to thirty days in jail for violating his agreement following a plea of nolo contendere in a case charging him with the sale of whiskey, died in jail a few days ago of delirium tremens.

Mrs. Pheope Tomberlin, an aged lady living near Monroe, was found unconscious in a fence corner near her home a few days ago. She appeared to have been terribly beaten, and a tenant of Mr. A. C. Scott by the name of Bob Moser, has been connected with the crime, having been seen near the place where she was found.

Body of Young Iredell Man Found.

Statesville, N. C., Aug. 12.—The dead body of Ebby Ritchie, who had been missing since Saturday afternoon, August 3rd, was found in the Catawba River yesterday about a mile below where he is supposed to have fallen into the water while suffering an attack of epilepsy.

Young Ritchie was making his home with his brother-in-law and sister in Catawba County. Saturday afternoon he went to the river to come across into Iredell to see his father, Mr. Thomas Ritchie, but he failed to show up at the home of his father and search for him was made, with the above indicated result.

The Sugar Plum Between the Bull Moose and the Professor.

Waynesville Enterprise.] From the way many Democratic organs are knocking Theodore Roosevelt, it appears that the sugar plum is between the Bull Moose and Professor Wilson.

Commodore T. B. Garner, formerly of this city but now editor of a weekly newspaper in Williamston, W. Va., announces his candidacy for County Chairman, but says he will accept anything. This is an unusually broad platform on which the Commodore should win.—Mount Airy Leader.

ROBBERY IN WEST DURHAM.

Rich Miser Woman Robbed of \$1,700—Son Knocked Senseless.

The Durham dispatch of recent date says: "A robbery of \$1,700 in cash from Mrs. Hawkins Hicks, a white woman who lives near West Durham has been reported to the county officers. According to the reports some one entered the home and took a trunk containing her money from one of the rooms. The robbers took it into a nearby field and got out all the valuables and the money.

"Mrs. Hicks is a very old woman, half blind and half crazy. She was known to have a lot of money, and was a miser. Her husband, who died many years ago, left a farm near the city which has become a very valuable lot of land with the growth of the city. She has recently sold off a part of her land receiving \$15,000 for it. Her bank-book was found near the trunk, and it showed a balance of about \$20,000. The robbers did not attempt to bother this.

"She lives with her son, Jim Hicks, in a ramshackle cottage, which is very old, and easily entered by robbers. The son reported the robbery to the officers that morning several hours after it occurred, who said he heard a noise in the house, and went out to make an investigation. When he went into the room in which he heard the noise, the robbers knocked him senseless, and then carried out their plans. Mrs. Hicks says she did not know anything of the robbery until she got up."

Large Canal Contract Let in This State.

A Salisbury, N. C., dispatch says: "The large contract let in this part of the State for a long while was given yesterday for digging the big canal at Whitney for a manufacturing concern, which bought the hydro-electric plant some months ago. Another big contract was let by the same concern for completing the mammoth stone dam on the Yadkin River, where the 45,000 horse-power plant is being developed.

"It is stated the two contracts amount to \$750,000, and that it will require nine months to do the work. More than 700 men will be put to work at once and the sinking of the canal will be pushed. The work of building the dam, as well as that of running the canal, was started five years ago by the Whitney Reduction Company, which stranded in the panic of 1907. Since that time work on the big plant has been at a standstill."

Crimes Under Democratic Good Government.

The August term of Davidson County Superior Court for the trial of civil and criminal cases convenes next Monday week, August 12th. The docket includes two murder cases, twenty-six blind tigers, twelve for assault with a deadly weapon, and seventeen for carrying concealed weapons, besides a long array of assorted crimes—one hundred and twenty-one cases in all.—Lexington Dispatch.

An Iredell Man Seventy Years Old Marries by Mail.

Statesville, N. C., Aug. 10.—H. T. Johnson, a farmer of Chambersburg Township, who has already lived his allotted three-score and ten, was this week married to a lady with whom he was not personally acquainted until the day before the marriage event. Mr. Johnson had already been twice married, and knowing the happiness of married life, he decided to embark for the third time. Through the aid of a friend he got into communication with Miss Sarah Jones, a proof-reader on a newspaper at Cullman, Ala. Both were inclined toward matrimony, and the proposal and acceptance were made by letter. By agreement Miss Jones came to Iredell and the couple met at the home of a friend, and after a day's personal acquaintance, they called Justice W. W. Turner, of Statesville, to perform the ceremony.

One Negro Kills Another.

Statesville, N. C., Aug. 12.—Statesville's first homicide in years occurred Saturday night when Will Morrison, a young negro eighteen years old, shot and killed Len Houpe, another negro four years his senior. The shooting occurred at the home of Morrison's mother, several blocks from the square, but the news of the tragedy spread rapidly and within fifteen minutes several officers and a large number of the curious were on the scene. The murderer was found in the house lying on a bed, while his victim lay on the front porch breathing his last. He died before medical aid reached him, a bullet having passed through his heart and lung. Morrison was immediately taken to jail.

A corner's inquest was held to-day and Morrison was committed to jail without ball to await trial.

Wilson's Remedy.

Clinton News-Dispatch.] Oh, you Democratic farmers who are hollering your throats sore for Wilson. We know you are feeling good since the school teacher says he wants the farmers to make more per acre so they can sell their corn, cotton and other farm products cheaper and thereby reduce the "high cost of living." Now, you have it straight from Wilson's own mouth.

General News.

Four men were drowned in a mine at Benton, Wis., a few days ago. They were overcome by foul air and fell into the water.

Mrs. Maggie Norment has been appointed postmistress at Lumberton, succeeding her husband, Dr. R. M. Norment, who died a short time ago.

President Taft on last Saturday sent to the Senate the nomination of Cyrus G. Engle to the Collector of Customs at Natchez, Miss.

A steamship worth \$3,000,000 coal laden, in Lake Michigan a few days ago, after colliding with a steel steamer also laden with ore, was sunk.

A bale of new crop cotton was received at Savannah, Ga., last week from Dodge County, Ga., and sold at auction, bringing 30 1-2 cents a pound.

Reports from the Department of Agriculture in Washington are that the crops in the South were injured by the army worm during the month of July to the extent of 8,000,000.

The body of Miss Sinnie Carlson, a music teacher, of Denver, Colorado, was found not very far from her home in the city a few days ago. She had been criminally assaulted and then murdered.

The biggest bull moose in the world is said to be in the possession of John F. Bible, of Hopkinsville, Ky. It is a trophy of one of his hunts in Michigan, and weighs 2,350 pounds and stands 7 1-2 feet high.

Two train officers and a passenger were killed by the derailing of an inbound train on the Plymouth division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, in Dorchester, Mass., August 8th.

One hundred and three miners were killed in an explosion in a mine at Gerthe, Germany, August 8th. Many others were injured. It is thought that a blast reached a big pocket of gas causing the explosion.

Little Estelle Drake, the four-year-old child who was hurt by an automobile, in the vicinity of Hendersonville last week, died Tuesday as a result of her injuries. The car was driven by Marion Mathison, of Anderson, S. C.

In the district between Constantinople and Adrianople, Turkey, an earthquake last week wrought much havoc to life and property. Whole towns have been destroyed by fire caused by earthquake, and two villages were engulfed.

An engine on the Virginia and Southwestern Railroad at St. Charles, Va., last week, turned turtle, ran down an embankment, and killed the engineer, Frank L. Barb, of Bristol, Va., and Oscar L. Wagner, also of Bristol, who is a weighmaster. The fireman was also injured.

Col. Gibson Gray Cornwell, a prominent lawyer and society man of West Chester, Pa., committed suicide on the train a few nights ago on his way from New York to his home town to face charges of misappropriating bonds belonging to a trust estate.

Eugene W. Chafin, a resident of Arizona, was officially notified Saturday of his nomination for the Presidency of the National Prohibition party. The ceremony took place in a Methodist church, and Rev. Dr. Mead, of New York, made the notification speech.

Bernard Murray, son of a former fire commissioner of Hartford, Conn., has confessed to the firing of thirty hotels within the last four months in Connecticut and Western Massachusetts. He is twenty-four years old, and says he could not resist the impulse to do it, although he realized the consequences.

The Panama Canal administration bill, providing free passage to American ships, prohibiting railroad owned vessels from using the waterway, and authorizing the establishment of a one-man government when the canal was completed, was passed by the Senate last Friday night.

Bubonic plague, which has four times swept the world, again threatens the United States, from South America. It is said to be raging along the west coast of that continent. Surgeon General Rupert Blue is in charge of a campaign against the spread of the disease, and every precaution possible is being taken.

The Senate accepted last week the conference report on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriations bill, abolishing the Commerce Court, but retains the judges for service in other Federal Circuits until the end of their terms, and fixes seven years as the length of service for government employes within the District of Columbia. This seven year feature has aroused much disapproval among the Government employes in Washington, which means that every seven years Government clerks in the classified service must seek re-appointment.

EIGHT TO DIE IN CHAIR IN NEW YORK IN WEEK.

Seven of Them Will Be Executed at Sing Sing Prison on Same Day.

New York, Aug. 10.—A record for wholesale official electrocution in New York State will have been established next week when E. F. Davis, of Corning, N. Y., the official executioner, snuffs out the lives of eight murderers condemned to die by the New York courts. Besides these men, there are eighteen additional murderers now in the death cells of Sing Sing, Auburn and Clinton prisons who must shortly pay the death penalty unless new trials are ordered by the highest court of the State.

The eight doomed men all are guilty of crimes which at the time of their perpetration excited wide interest. Five were implicated in the murder of Mrs. Henry Hall at Yorktown, Westchester County, on November 6, 1911. They are Italians, who, with robbery in view, entered her home in the absence of her husband. One stabbed her to death as she was being held by the others. The sixth member of the gang, Santo Zanzo, already has paid the death penalty, it having been established that he actually did the stabbing. He was executed on July 8th last.

The three men who complete the list of doomed are: Joseph Ferrone, also an Italian, who murdered his wife in New York City on October 24th last by cutting her throat; John W. Collins, a negro, who on July 1, 1911, shot and killed Policeman Thomas Lynch in New York, and John Matuszewski, who shot Policeman Charles Schaeffer, of Buffalo, on September 11th last.

Seven of these men are in Sing Sing, and, according to officials of the State prison department, little more than an hour will be necessary to execute them. They probably will be killed on Monday.

PRESIDENT OF HAITI KILLED.

Several Others Lose Their Lives When National Palace is Blown Up.

Port Au Prince, Haiti, Aug. 8.—The National Palace was blown up by a powder explosion and burned to the ground to-day and the President of the Republic of Haiti, General Cincinnatus Leconte, perished. Members of his family, who were awakened by the terrific shock, found themselves almost surrounded by flames, but managed to make their way to safety.

The first explosion was followed by others when the fire reached the cellars of the palace where a great quantity of ammunition was stored. So great was the force of the explosion that a number of small cannon, fragments of iron and shells were blown for great distances in all directions. Many palace attendants were killed, and it is estimated that the casualty list will reach four hundred persons killed or injured.

Panic Prevails.

For a time a great panic prevailed, and the military authorities took charge of the situation. The explosions occurred shortly after 5 o'clock in the morning and within an hour, when the fire, which was confined to the palace, was extinguished, the structure was a mass of ruins from which it will be impossible to recover the body of the President.

The cause of the explosion of the powder magazine has not been ascertained.

At a joint meeting of the Chamber and Senate this afternoon, General Tancrede Auguste, Senator and ex-Minister of Public Works, was named as President.

WASHING THE OLD BILLS.

Uncle Sam Starts Up Laundry Business in Treasury Department.

More than a half a million dollars of old paper money, washed and ironed to the crispness of new in the Federal Government's currency laundry, will be placed in circulation to-morrow.

This lot will represent Uncle Sam's first job as a laundryman. For weeks the Treasury Department has been cleaning and reviving dirty old notes by the washing machine perfected in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Secretary MacVeagh to-day stamped the venture a success and the laundry will be run in full swing from now on.

All unclean bills which are not practically worn out will be washed, ironed and redistributed. The first batch of notes will be sent to sub-treasuries and paid out to banks in the Middle West.

The Treasury Department has ordered three more washing machines. Within a few months it is expected that every sub-treasury will be equipped with a laundry and the Government expects to save hundreds of thousand of dollars annually.

Seventeen Workmen Burned in Coke Oven Explosion.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 10.—An explosion of gas at the by-product coke ovens of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company at Corey, near here to-day, while a change was being made in one of the big mains, resulted in seventeen workmen, including assistant superintendents and foremen, being seriously burned. Dr. H. R. Deholl, assistant superintendent, and one of the best known Masons of Birmingham district, is burned about the face and arms.

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