

State News.

Reports are that a new cotton mill is soon to be built at Trinity by the High Point Consolidated Mills Company.

The Prospect House at Southern Pines was burned last week, entailing a loss of \$10,000, with \$6,500 insurance.

In handling a pistol carelessly at Rich Square last Saturday, Miss Emma Johnson was shot and killed by Arthur Davis, a neighbor and a friend of the family.

The three-year-old child of Mr. W. I. Lanier, of East Durham, was accidentally shot and probably fatally wounded last Saturday in playing with an old pistol.

P. A. Lewis was shot by his brother-in-law, L. E. Fountain, in Tarboro Saturday night and very seriously wounded. The cause of the trouble was not learned.

Six persons were injured and westbound passenger train No. 15 was wrecked near Morganton Monday morning by meeting a number of run-a-way freight cars.

In attempting to secure his liberty one day last week, William Morrison, a negro convict on the Rocky Mount road district, was shot and killed by Fletcher Proctor, one of the guards.

Mr. J. M. Hoover, of Winston-Salem, was thrown from a street car in that city last Saturday and killed. The accident was caused by a split switch. He was thirty years of age and leaves a wife and one child.

Walter Russell, the young white man who was sentenced to the Iredell road for five months for the killing of June Summers, has escaped, and had not been apprehended up to last reports.

Fire broke out in the plant of the Stantonsburg Lumber Company August 16th and most of the lumber yards were burned, entailing a loss of \$35,000, throwing one hundred men out of employment.

Mr. Jake Newell, a noted Republican politician and chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of Mecklenburg County, is said to have resigned his office to join the Progressive Republican party.

Gen. E. M. Hayes, U. S. A., retired, died in Morganton last Thursday following a stroke of paralysis. He was seventy years of age, and was widely known in army and official circles, where he had fifty years of actual service.

A barn and horse belonging to Tom Pheeler, of China Grove, was burned one day last week. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lantern which he carried on his arm, which ignited the entire lot of straw in the barn.

The Charlotte postoffice has been promised an appropriation of \$250,000 by the Treasury Department instead of the \$180,000, which means that the Charlotte office will be larger and prettier than the contract calls for.

Capt. E. D. Kuykendall, of the Greensboro Company of Coast Artillery Corps, North Carolina National Guard, has been elected major, filling the vacancy caused by the promotion of former Major Max L. Barker, of Salisbury, to the position of lieutenant-colonel.

E. H. Miller, Register of Deeds for Rowan County, was seriously burned by an explosion of gas in the court house in Salisbury last Friday. A gas jet was left open accidentally in the vault, and when Mr. Miller entered and struck a match, an explosion followed.

Dr. Henry G. McFarlane, of Wilmington, who was connected with the Ann May Memorial Hospital at Spring Lake, N. J., was drowned at that place a few days ago. He was thirty-five years of age, and had lived in New Jersey for the last ten or twelve years.

W. R. Beard, who robbed the mails while railway mail clerk between Asheville and Spartanburg some years ago and ran away, has recently been arrested in Texas and pleaded guilty of embezzlement in the Federal Court in Atlanta and sentenced to a year in the Federal prison.

They Are All Failures.

Durham Herald.] "We are willing to admit that Mr. Kitchin is a trust buster who failed to make good, yet if the Democratic party in this State is not full of that kind some of us are mighty badly mistaken."

Governor Wilson is said to be in favor of local option and against statewide prohibition. Can Democratic prohibitionists in North Carolina serve two masters and vote for him against their conscientious principles for mere party sake?—Union Republican.

ROOSEVELT COMING.

Will Make Five Speeches in North Carolina in September.

Greensboro, August 19.—It was learned here today semi-officially that Theodore Roosevelt will make five speeches in the State in September, making his first address at Goldsboro. The other points in the State at which he will speak will be Raleigh, Greensboro, Salisbury and Asheville. From the latter place he will continue his speech-making tour into Tennessee.

It is learned further that the former President and his followers will make a determined fight in North Carolina, not so much as to expecting to win the State in the electoral column, but to have their candidate secure more votes than President Taft.

Train Held Up and Robbed Near Biltmore.

A lone robber, masked and armed, boarded Southern Railway train No. 13, Spartanburg to Asheville, at 10:30 o'clock on the night of the 15th as it was leaving Biltmore, three miles from this city, and covering the express messenger, E. F. Carr, of Marion, with a revolver secured a package containing \$3,500 in bills. The robber then commanded Carr to get in the express chest which he had just rifled and locked him in it. It is presumed that the robber left the train as it slowed up for the Asheville yards.

Asheville, Aug. 19.—Rumors no the streets of Asheville today were to the effect that E. F. Carr, the express messenger who was jailed late Saturday night on the charge of robbing the express car, had made a written confession and had given it to officials of the Southern Express Company. Carr refuses to talk on the subject at all, and the express officials are equally silent, it being understood that there is another man implicated, and they will not talk for fear of putting him on his guard.

Story Smelled Too "Fishy."

Carr was arrested late Saturday night, although he had been virtually under arrest ever since the time he left his run last Thursday night, after telling a thrilling story of a masked bandit, who, he claimed, boarded the train between Asheville and Biltmore, shoved a pistol into his face, and, after robbing him of a package of money, forced him to get into a chest and then latched the chest.

Suspected From the First.

As soon as Carr made known the facts of the alleged robbery, a special officer of the Southern Railway took charge of him, and stayed with him day night, keeping him under surveillance until Saturday night, when Carr was placed in jail. GEN NEWS

500 Bottles Moonshine Found in Hay.

Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 18.—Five hundred bottles of "turkey mountain" corn whiskey, neatly packed away in gunny sacks, await an owner at the police station. A wagon, ostensibly loaded with hay, broke down in the street, and when the police arrived the negro driver fled, leaving the property without a claimant.

Following a campaign against "blind tigers" here a week ago, no one has the temerity to claim the goods.

Carried Setting Hen to the Picnic.

One of the good women of Mooresville called the attention of the news man to an incident that was pulled off at this place on picnic day last month. A pair of young courting couples meandered about over the picnic grounds until they were quite tired out, and finding a vacant surry, climbed into the vehicle to rest. Shortly after they had settled on their perch the owner of the vehicle came up and asked the couple in the front seat to move in order that he could get his feed box. When he placed his hand under the seat to pull the box out, he was startled by a severe prick in the flesh. He first thought one of the young men had put up a job on him, but upon investigation, found that one of his fine Rhode Island Red hens had stolen a nest under the surry seat, and was busily sitting on a nest full of eggs. She had come probably eight miles that morning, but was not disturbed in the least by the music of the merry-go-round or the prattle of the lovesick swain over her nest. The hen was not further disturbed, but was carried back home with safety, and she now has seventeen of the prettiest biddies that can be found following any old hen.—Mooresville Enterprise.

Democrats Have Little to Offer in Way of Tariff Reform.

Durham Herald.]

We are inclined to think that it would have been better for the party this fall if the Democrats had not tried to force tariff bills through the Senate. If the bills voted for by the Democrats represent the Democratic idea of tariff reform, then they party has little to offer the people in the way of tariff reform.

Down in South Carolina some people are said to be praying for the defeat of Governor Bleese.

Perhaps our Palmetto neighbors may vote one way and pray another as some Democrats in North Carolina are accused of doing.—Union Republican.

General News.

President Taft has nominated Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, President of Cornell University, for minister to Greece.

New York City was visited by a \$100,000 fire August 16th in the Bowery section, which produced a panic among the residents and it took one hundred policemen to keep the crowd back. Two firemen were injured.

The two men injured by the explosion of the infernal machine at High Point are recovering. McIntyre, the man charged with having sent the machine, has escaped arrest thus far.

M. Kemp Saunders, of Thomasville, an employee of the electric automatic signal department of the Southern Railway, was run over and killed instantly by a freight train a few days ago.

Clarence S. Darrow, the lawyer who appeared for the McNamara brothers at the famous dynamiting trial at Los Angeles, and who was indicted for attempting to bribe jurors, was acquitted last week.

A sixteen-year-old negro at Columbus, Ga., who had been convicted of manslaughter for killing a white child, and sentenced to three years in prison, was taken by a mob of the citizens of that city and hanged one day last week.

Norfolk suffered a disastrous fire from an explosion of gasoline in the Seaboard garage one day last week, which destroyed the Seaboard garage, Kolb's bakery, the Old Palace stables, and J. W. Gamage's lime and cement warehouse. The loss will reach \$75,000.

Friel Allen, one of the mountain outlaws, charged with complicity in the Hillsville court house murder last March, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree last week and was sentenced to eighteen years in the penitentiary.

War on pellagra is proposed by Representative Byrnes, of Tennessee, who has introduced a bill in Congress instructing experts of public health service to investigate to discover its causes and cure. The bill would appropriate \$50,000.

Thirteen prisoners escaped from the prison camp at Lima, Ohio, a few days ago and created a reign of terror before they were captured. They broke into saloons, became intoxicated, fought among themselves and with citizens and created quite a sensation for a short time.

President Taft has sent to the Senate the nomination of Edward L. Rodrigue, to be surveyor of customs at New Orleans, succeeding L. P. Bryant, whose resignation was requested for political activity on behalf of the Progressive party.

It is reported from Danville, Va., that a thirteen-months-old child was drowned in a three-gallon jar of buttermilk, near Callands, Va. Mrs. Booker Reynolds, the child's mother, left the bucket of buttermilk on the floor and went into the garden to find the child drowned on her return.

Near Simms, Wilson County, Friday night, Geo. Whitley, a youth eighteen years of age, crushed the skull of his step-father, Chas. Burnett, with a gun, and then shot him. Burnett was under the influence of whiskey and was beating his wife. The jury held the killing justifiable.

The Senate last Friday voted to sustain the vetoes of the President on the wool and metal tariff revision bills. On the metal bill the motion to override the President did not obtain a majority, the vote being 38 to 32. To pass the wool bill over the veto the vote was 39 for and 36 against.

Virginia Christian, a negro woman, was electrocuted in the States Prison at Richmond Friday, being the first woman to be electrocuted in Virginia. She had brutally robbed and murdered her employer, Mrs. Virginia Belote, at Hampden, Va., last March. An effort was made to have her sentence commuted.

Mrs. Ben Cobler, of Danville, Va., was killed one day last week on crossing the "Dry Bridge," a crossing of the Southern Railway, by a local freight train. Her sister, Mrs. Lucile Wells, was also badly injured. They were walking the North track when passenger train No. 43 passed, the noise from which prevented their hearing the approaching freight.

An agreement on the Panama canal administration bill was reached by the House and Senate last week by which free passage is denied to American-owned ships engaged in foreign trade, foreign ship-building materials are admitted free of tariff to the United States and the Interstate Commerce Commission given power to break up any combination of competing rail and water lines, which it finds are not for the public good.

Old Republican Paper Supports Roosevelt.

Brookville, Pa., Aug. 20.—The Brookville Republican, for years a power in Republican politics in Jefferson County, has placed the national Progressive ticket, Roosevelt and Johnson, at the head of its editorial columns and makes this announcement:

"In our advocacy of the election of the State, district and county ticket nominated by the Republicans of the State, district and county in primary and convention, we accept these candidates as having been regularly nominated by the bodies duly constituted to so nominate—the people directly in the instance of county and district officers, and the people's representatives, the State delegates, in the other. We accept and shall support them, to the limit of our ability, upon the assumption that they are Republicans, and that they stand upon the platform of Republican principles as outlined by the State Convention, the most recent expression of the will of the rank and file of the Republican party, as expressed by their representatives duly elected at State-wide primaries.

"For the same reasons which animate us in our advocacy of the election of these men, we will not support Messrs. Taft and Sherman. In the advocacy of the election of the candidates of the national Progressive party for President and Vice-President, we place principle above precedent, preferring to be bound by what we believe to be the wishes of the majority of the real Republicans of the nation (and certainly the wishes of the majority of them in this county, district and State as expressed by them at the polls) rather than by the blind worship of a party name, which has been dragged in the mire by the proceedings of the Republican National Committee, but still is held by defeated and discredited political bosses before the eyes of sane Americans as a fetish to be held above principle.

"Precedent and profit call to us to cling to the old road, but the awakened conscience of the American people, which has taken voice in the support of Theodore Roosevelt, awakens the Viking blood in the hearts of red-corporated citizens and we heed the cry in the firm belief that the re-election of Theodore Roosevelt to the Presidency means more to the United States than the election of any President since the immortal Lincoln."

One Battleship to Be Built This Year.

Washington, Aug. 19.—One battleship, to cost \$7,425,000 without armor or armament and not to exceed \$15,000,000 when completed; eight submarines, costing \$4,480,000, and a fleet of torpedo boats, colliers and machine ships, constitute the building program for the navy approved today by the Senate, and which probably will be dopted without change by the House.

The House and Senate conferees on the naval bill met early today and adjusted in a few minutes the fight between the two houses over battleships and submarines. The Senate yielded to the demand of the House for one battleship instead of two; but secured in exchange the full fleet of eight submarines, instead of the four proposed by the House.

The conference report was brought into the Senate and adopted without opposition. Senator Thornton, Democrat, declared the Senate conferees should have adhered to their demand for two battleships.

Big Crops of Grain and Potatoes in Prospect.

This year's grain crop in the United States will be far in excess of last year's yield, it is estimated by the Department of Agriculture. It will be better than the average crop for the past ten years, and in the case of a number of products will make a new record, if present estimates are not overthrown by conditions at present unforeseen.

The country's corn crop, estimated at 2,811,000,000 bushels, will be the largest in the nation's history, with the exception of the years 1906 and 1910, the former being the banner year with 2,927,000,000 bushels. As for the wheat crop, estimated at 680,000,000 bushels, that will rank fifth in size during the past twenty years.

The oat crop will be the largest the country has gathered, surpassing the 21,000,000 bushels that of 1910, the previous record. In barley, too, this year will establish a new record, the estimated yield of 202,000,000 bushels being greater than that of 1906, the previous best year. The yield of rye, 35,000,000 bushels, will equal that of 1910, the former record year.

Of potatoes, which will amount this year to 371,000,000 bushels, only 1909 with its 389,000,000 bushels, produced a larger yield.—Washington Dispatch.

Resigns to Support Roosevelt.

Joplin, Mo., Aug. 18.—Judge Paul A. Ewert, a special assistant to Attorney General Wickersham, has telegraphed his resignation to Washington to be free to support Colonel Roosevelt's candidacy for President. Ewert has been in charge of government land suits in the southwest.

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