

State News.

Federal Court for the Western District is holding forth at Statesville this week.

Eugene V. Debbs, Socialist candidate for President, spoke in Greensboro a few days ago. About 800 persons were present to hear the speaker.

The Progressives in Durham County held an enthusiastic convention in Durham Saturday afternoon and named a full ticket. About one hundred were present and several enthusiastic speeches were made.

W. J. Hunsucker, of Cabarrus County, tells the Concord Tribune that his little daughter, six years old, picked 95 pounds of cotton in a day. A boy, a few years older, picks 120 and a fourteen-year-old girl picks 250.

George Bishop, a negro chauffeur, whose home is in Wilmington, yesterday confessed to the Brooklyn police that he murdered Mrs. Margaretta Bell, of that city, for the purpose of robbing her.

The Secretary of the U. S. Senate said Tuesday that North Carolina candidates for the Senate would have to make returns of their expenses. A sworn statement mailed by registered letter by midnight Friday he says will be within the law.

After living to the ripe old age of 105 years, Henry Duncan, a Confederate veteran, died a few days ago at his home in Big Ivy, in Buncombe County, death being due to heart failure superinduced by excessive drinking of coffee, so the doctors attending him claim.

Mr. John White, a young business man of Stony Point, Iredell County, committed suicide in Statesville on Tuesday by taking carbolic acid. For the past month he had been under treatment in a hospital suffering from melancholia brought on by a nervous breakdown.

The passengers and crew of the steamer Berkshire, anchored in Lookout Cove, N. C., with a fierce fire raging in her hold, were taken off Friday by the revenue cutter Seminole. The revenue cutter fought bravely to save the burning ship but the fire had gotten too much headway.

The grand jury at Asheville Tuesday returned a true bill charging embezzlement against E. F. Carr, the express messenger, who was found locked in a chest in his car when it arrived in Asheville one night last August. Carr claims a masked bandit forced him to give up the package of money.

S. Montgomery Smith, a well-known Asheville timber man and promoter, has just accepted an offer from the national government of \$12 an acre for his Toe River boundary, consisting of 11,500 acres of cut-over land. This land is in Yancey County and adjoins Mount Mitchell. The land adjoins the McDowell County boundary of 8,100 acres which the government recently purchased for \$6.90 an acre and which is the only land purchased under the Weeks law for the Appalachian Forest Reserve.

HON WALTER CLARK ON EVILS IN FREIGHT RATES.

He Shows That Governor Kitchin and Senator Simmons Have Allowed the People to be Robbed of Over \$17,000,000.

Wilson, N. C., Oct. 12.—Hon. Walter Clark spoke at Wilson to-day in his campaign for the nomination to the United States Senate.

Among other things he said, the merchants and farmers of North Carolina were justly complaining of the discrimination of freight rates against North Carolina towns where by the State annually lost \$10,000,000 and which had dwarfed our towns and prevented progress. Mr. Simmons and Mr. Kitchin had each been in Congress twelve years and he declared neither had won anything in this important matter. Indeed, said he, Mr. Simmons had voted against a measure which would have given some relief, that now to offset his neglect and his vote against this measure, Mr. Simmons claims credit for securing a few thousand dollars appropriation for eastern waterways. Congressmen Small and Thomas, he said, also claimed credit for these appropriations. "But," said he, "it is not so important to the farmers and merchants who secure a few thousand dollars for waterways, as the fact that they still suffer from freight rate discrimination which neither Simmons or Kitchin attempted to prevent."

Judge Clark also mentioned the \$7,000,000 tobacco tax annually levied on the tobacco raisers of this State and by which device the tobacco trust was kept in existence and neither of his competitors during their twelve Congressional years had done anything about it. He pledged the people that if elected to the Senate, he would at once introduce bills to secure justice in these matters to the farmers and merchants and would fight it out to a finish on the floor of the Senate.

Onions and Turnips. (From the Lenoir News.)

Mr. R. H. Prestwood, living near Lenoir, planted last spring one-eighth of an acre of land in onions and gathered from it seventy-five bushels of onions, for which he received \$75. He then planted the same piece of ground in turnips and gathered forty-five bushels and sold them for \$18. Ninety-three dollars from one-eighth of an acre of land, that beats cotton two in the game.

"Was Coarse and Offensive."

(From the Thomasville Davidsonian) The speech of Mr. McMichael, delivered in behalf of Judge Clark's candidacy in Thomasville last week, was coarse and offensive. It was filled with profanity and low-flung jokes that discredited all that he said. The time was when a speech like that would be relished but that day has passed. The decent people of this community are in the habit of hearing public speakers who have regard for the proprieties. Fortunately the audience numbered less than two dozen persons.

Democrats in League With Worst Kind of a Trust.

Western Carolina Enterprise.] In this issue an Enterprise correspondent makes some pointed comment on the school book problem. We do not know why the books are not available, and consequently, cannot fix the responsibility. We do know, however, that in this school book matter the State of North Carolina is in league with the worst kind of a trust.

Wilson's Election Would Hurt the Farmer.

Clinton News-Dispatch.]

Two Democrats were conversing the other day when one of them said: "I am offered a fine price for my farm and I am going to sell it and buy another which I have in view." The other Democrat replied thusly: "Sell your farm now while you can get a good price for it, then put your money in the bank, because Wilson is going to be elected President, and in less than two years you can buy that farm for less than half what you can buy it for now." So you see, beloved, according to Democratic reasoning, our farm lands will depreciate in value more than 50 per cent if Wilson is elected. Wonder if any one will vote to destroy the price of his farm lands?

Twelve-Year-Old Boy Enters University.

(Chapel Hill Dispatch to News and Observer.)

The youngest student to matriculate in the State University, perhaps in the history of the institution, or at least since the curriculum has been so steep, is the twelve-year-old son of Robert Welch, Sr., of Elizabeth City, who was registered yesterday, without conditions, as a full-fledged freshman for an A.B. course.

Young Robert weighs only seventy-five pounds and is an unusually bright lad for one of his age. It is interesting to note that this young college lad prepared to enter the University last year, but owing to his tender years President Venable advised his father to wait another year at least before assuming the responsibilities of a collegiate course.

Judge Clarke Also Makes a Pledge.

Judge Walter Clark spoke in Salisbury Friday night in advocacy of his candidacy for the United States Senate. He told the audience that Mr. Simmons in his Charlotte speech had made a pledge based upon three "ifs": That if he were elected to the Senate, and Judge Clark said this was improbable, and if the majority of the Senate is Democratic, and if he is not given a higher place in it, he will resign. Judge Clark said that he would make a pledge upon one if: That if elected to the Senate he would not require three hours to explain to the people why he did not keep platform pledges or why he voted with Aldrich and against the majority of the Democratic Senators.—Selected.

Baby Eleven Months Old Weighs Sixty Pounds.

Albemarle Enterprise.]

Perhaps the largest baby alive to-day, for its age, is Nolan Ray Cranford, the eleven-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cranford, of Montgomery County. It weighs sixty pounds, measures thirty-eight inches in chest over arms, thirty-five inches around waist, head twenty-one inches, knee thirteen inches and thigh eighteen and one-half inches. It is rather pitiful to see this fat little monster carried around and exhibited for a small admission. The babe is a bright little fellow, rather pretty, and is all that marks the difference from other babes of normal health. The mother of the child weighs less than one hundred pounds and one may realize her task as nurse.

What Vance Said About Simmons.

Union Republican.] Sharper than a two-edged sword is the stab of the late Senator Z. B. Vance who is quote as saying that Senator Simmons was not a fit man for public office and the Kitchinites and Clarkites are using it for all it is worth.

General News.

In a statement issued Saturday President Taft declared the wave of high prices had begun to subside.

President Taft's summer home at Beverly will be closed Friday and the President will return to Washington Sunday for the winter.

The Chinese Government has appointed Dr. Chen Chin Tae special commissioner to the Panama Exposition in San Francisco in 1915.

The grand jury at Portland, Ore., indicted eight Socialists on a charge of issuing circulars characterizing Roosevelt as a "would-be murderer."

Dr. Joseph C. McCracken, who is head of a medical school in Canton, China, says there are about 6,000 lepers in Canton and the immediate vicinity.

A Methodist minister of Joliet, Ill., who is fighting saloons, has arranged for a leased wire in his church to get the election returns and keep men away from the saloons.

At a recent confirmation in St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City, five languages—English, German, Swedish, Armenian and Chinese—were represented in the service.

Three new barren islands have been discovered about sixty miles from Juan Fernandez, on the Chilean Coast, and are supposed to be the result of a recent marine upheaval.

The trials of Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, charged with being principals in the shooting up of the Hillsville, Va., court last March, have been postponed from October 28th until November 8th.

Flora Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson's daughter, accompanied her father on a Western trip, speaking for Taft. She is an ardent suffragette and will sing and speak at the political rallies.

After private detectives had reported that gambling was going on at the race meet at Porter, Ind., two companies of militia were ordered to the track to suppress the gambling by force of arms if necessary.

Helen Craggs, a militant suffragette, of Oxford, England, was sentenced to nine months at hard labor on the charge of attempting to set fire to the residence of Lewis V. Harcourt, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

A. Irvin Harrison, of Kansas City, nephew of former President Benjamin Harrison and at one time lieutenant in the United States army, committed suicide in Los Angeles, California, Friday night by shooting himself in the chest.

The trial of Clarence S. Darrow, the Chicago lawyer who defended the McNamara brothers, has been set for November 25. He will be tried on the indictment charging him with the bribery of Robert E. Pain, a juror, in the McNamara trial.

The Treasury Department has upheld the Department of Agriculture's quarantine on potatoes from Germany and other countries because of the warts and other diseases. This bars out thousand of bags now in transit to this country.

For an alleged insult to his wife, Charles F. Brown, a draftsman in the ship-yard at Newport News, Virginia, Monday shot at Joseph J. Zara, Cuban Vice-Consul at that port. Brown met Zara and opened fire with a revolver and missed. Brown then overpowered Zara and beat him with the butt of his pistol. Warrants were issued for the arrest of both men.

The President has signed an order putting 35,000 fourth-class postmasters in the classified service. Execution of this order will put every fourth-class postmaster in the United States under the civil service, 25,000 having previously been placed in the classified list by the President.

Says the Charlotte Observer: "The claim that the falling off in the number of candidates for the ministry is due to an increasing love of money adds interest to the announcement that William Whiting Borden, a young American who is heir to \$5,000,000 is to become a missionary to China."

Secretary of State Knox has returned from his trip to Japan. He found many problems awaiting his attention, chiefly the Mexican situation. While the United States will adhere to its non-interference policy in Mexico's internal affairs, the State Department has made it plain to the Madero Government that measures to protect Americans in the troubled zone must not be relaxed.

JACK JOHNSON IN TROUBLE.

Negro Pugilist Charged With Abducting a Young White Girl.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 19.—Charged with the abduction of a white girl, Jack Johnson, the colored heavyweight pugilist, was arraigned in municipal court to-day. His bond was increased from \$800 to \$1,500, and the trial set for October 29.

Johnson became furious when counsel for Mrs. F. Cameron Falconer, mother of the nine-year-old girl, demanded that his bond should be increased.

When the pugilist stopped his auto in front of a down-town bank to-day such a crowd gathered that the police were called to make way for him. Mutterings against the fighter were uttered by several white men, but there was no demonstration.

Johnson paid no attention to the crowd but guided his car carefully along. Once at the edge of the crowd he drove away quickly.

Negro Pugilist Threatens to Kill Lawyer.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 21.—When Attorney Chas. E. Erbstein, representing the mother of Lucille Cameron, visited Jack Johnson's saloon to-day in company with United States Deputy Marshals to serve subpoenas on witnesses who are to appear before the Federal grand jury, the pugilist threatened the lawyer with personal injury.

"Throw that lawyer out of the place or I will kill him," shouted Johnson to one of his body-guards.

Federal officers protected the attorney and served the pugilist's aged mother and nine employees of the saloon with subpoenas before leaving the place.

The Federal grand jury investigation into Johnson's alleged violations of the Mann White Slave Act, is scheduled to begin to-morrow when Lucille Cameron, her mother, and twenty-five other witnesses are expected to testify.

TWO FINE STEAMERS.

Chesapeake Steamship Company Has Let Contract for "York River Line"

The Chesapeake Steamship Company of Baltimore, Md., today awarded a contract for the building of two new and handsome steamers to the Maryland Steel Company, at Sparrows Point. While the contract price is withheld, it is learned on good authority that the cost of the two vessels when completed will reach \$900,000.

The vessels are being built for the express purpose of plying on the Baltimore and Richmond route, and will operate between Baltimore, Md., and West Point, Va., where they will connect with the Southern Railway for Richmond. The intention is to give quick service, and to this end the Southern Railway will inaugurate a new, fast passenger and freight service.

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machines in that institution. Mr. Wollheim visited the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and was shown the new process by Director Ralph. When the new machines were put into use in the Bureau the German Government heard of the invention and sent 47,000 marks in soiled paper bills here as an experiment. They were washed so well that the German Government requested the bank to send an official to see the machine operated, which resulted in the sending to this country of Mr. Wollheim.

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