

State News.

Snow fell in Haywood County Saturday. The thermometer was down nearly to freezing point.

W. H. Snowden, agent for the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company at Shawboro was instantly killed Friday by being run over by a passenger train.

George Washington Gilmore, of Sanford, was found dead in his bed Monday morning. He was seventy years old and had been in usual health.

William Harkins, United States Revenue Collector, was shot and fatally wounded at Asheville at an early hour Saturday morning by C. B. Boyd, a fellow club member at a local club.

Overcome by the excitement attending a political rally at Barnardsville, near Asheville, Monday, John E. Hurst, a prominent farmer of the Big Ivy section of the county, dropped dead from a sudden stroke of paralysis.

Mr. W. S. Spencer, one of Anson County's prominent citizens, died Tuesday afternoon from effects of carbolic acid administered through mistake. The poison was given by a colored girl in the absence of the attending nurse.

Oscar Rogers, a young white man who lived near Alexander, in Buncombe County, was run over and killed by a train near his home Saturday night. He did not see the approaching train and was crossing the track when he met his death.

W. H. Farrow, a young white man in the employment of the Dare Lumber Company, at East Lake, Hyde County, was run over by a long train Saturday afternoon and was horribly mangled. Death ended his agony a few hours after the tragedy.

Gus Young, a white man, leaped from a third story window of the Windsor Hotel at Asheville Tuesday afternoon, supposedly with suicidal intent. He was picked up within a few minutes of his leap and was found to be practically uninjured, not a bone being broken by the fall.

The sum of \$60,000 was spent by the National Association of Audubon Societies this year for bird protection. Secretary Gilbert Pearson of North Carolina reported at the eighth annual meeting held in New York Tuesday. He announced that Mrs. Margaret Sage had renewed her pledge of \$5,000 a year for three years for the protection of the robin in the Southern States. The sum of \$7,500, he added, would be spent for bird protection in Alaska during the coming year.

The following item is from Saturday's Charlotte Observer: "Mr. Zeb Bradford, the eighteen-year-old son of Mr. William Bradford of this county, who is a student at the University of North Carolina, suffered the misfortune last Monday night, while walking in his sleep, to step out of the window in his room on the second floor of the Merritt House in Chapel Hill and as a result sustained injuries from which he now lies in a semi-conscious condition at the home of his parents near Caldwell station."

FATHER AND SON GUILTY.

The McCullens of Sampson Sentenced for Second Degree Murder.

Clinton, N. C., Nov. 2.—The trial of William R. McCullen and his son, James McCullen, charged with the murder of Jonah Simmons, was concluded here to-day after consuming ten days of this term of the court. The case was hard fought by both the State and the defense, each side having a strong array of counsel. The jury took the case at noon to-day and after being out about one hour returned a verdict of guilty, as to both defendants, of murder in the second degree.

The McCullens are men of some prominence, and it is not believed they intended killing Simmons, but that they shot him in the legs to wound and frighten him. From the wound received the injured man bled to death. The elder McCullen was sentenced to serve two years on the county roads and pay the widow of Simmons \$3,000. He is required to be confined in jail when not able to work on the roads. James McCullen is given a sentence of twenty years in the penitentiary.

Charlotte Needs Commission Form of Government.

Charlotte Observer.]

There are twenty-one aldermen running the affairs of Charlotte. In all, there are seventy hands in charge of the city government. This includes, in addition to the twenty-one aldermen, a mayor, an executive board of five, a school board of seventeen, a water board of four, twelve trustees of the Carnegie Library and ten park and tree commissioners—seventy hands at the bellows of a single small municipality! No wonder municipal affairs are pretty much like a ball of knotted yarn. The people of the town are pretty well acquainted with the municipal situation.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING UNION.

A Plan for All Schools of State to Enter Debating Contest—New Educational Building at Chapel Hill About Complete.

(Special to The Caucasian.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Nov. 6.—A movement of State-wide significance had its rise at the State University this week in the form of an organization of a "North Carolina High School Debating Union." The two debating societies of the University evolved the plan, and expressed as its purpose the stimulation of greater interest in debating and encouragement of inter-school debating among the secondary schools in the State. Towards the accomplishment of this end more than 375 letters have been sent to the high and graded school of the State urging their co-operation. The plan provides for a triangular debate between schools of the same standing and convenience of location. The two societies of the University will suggest the query and provide, from the University Library in pamphlet form, material covering both sides of the question, free of cost. Each school will send out a team to debate the negative side of the query and keep a team at home to debate the affirmative side. The schools winning both sides of the debate will be entitled to send both teams to Chapel Hill where a contest will be held to determine the two teams that shall contest in the final debate for the State championship. The school winning the debate in the finals will be awarded the "Aycock Memorial Cup," with the name of the school and the members of the team engraved on it. If a school should win the cup for two successive years it becomes that school's property.

The new educational building, a gift of the Peabody Fund, is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy the first of 1913. The Peabody Fund contributed \$40,000 towards its erection. It is a handsome structure and will be a credit to the educational department of the University as well as to North Carolina.

The preliminaries for Carolina's first inter-collegiate debate for the college year will be held November 19. The debate is with Washington and Lee of Lexington, Va., about the middle of December. The contest will be held either at Lexington or Lynchburg, Va.

What is considered to be the first definite step towards the restoration of athletic relations between all the colleges of North Carolina was taken in Raleigh recently in the organization of an inter-collegiate basketball league. All of the leading colleges of the State formed the league with the agreement of playing a series of two games with each college. This evident sign of restoring athletic peace amongst the colleges of the State has been received everywhere with commendation, and as a sign of good omen for all interested.

Claimed He Was Body Servant of Robert E. Lee.

Scotland Neck, N. C., Nov. 1.—Benjamin Smith, an old colored man who lived between here and Spring Hill, died last Saturday and was buried Sunday afternoon. There is a good bit of history attached to this old negro, those who knew him claiming that he was a body servant and trusted attendant of General Robert E. Lee, and was the man who bore the message to President Davis from Lee telling of his surrender to Grant at Appomattox.

The Long Staple Cotton.

(From the Gastonia Gazette.)

Gaston County probably produces more long staple cotton than any other county in North Carolina. Until recent years no long staple was grown in the up-land sections of the South. It had always been raised in the Mississippi Delta almost exclusively and people had gotten the idea that it could not be grown anywhere else.

To a few men is due the credit of disproving this false idea and setting about to breed a long staple that could be successfully and profitably grown in up-land sections. To Mr. Perry Lewis, of Gaston County, is due perhaps as much honor for this as any other one man. His Lewis Long Staple cotton, bred by him on his farm near Gastonia through a series of years, has gained a wide reputation and is being experimented with now in many sections of the South. Its growth here has about passed the experimental stage and hundreds of farmers in this and adjoining counties are raising it. It is said by those who have raised it that it produces about as much to the acre as can be obtained of short staple and at no more cost per acre. It brings on the local market from five to ten cents a pound more than the short staple. Hence it is gratifying to know that our farmers are taking to it so rapidly and readily.

A Record Fruit Canner.

(The Mount Gilead Southerner.)

Mrs. C. L. Steed, of Candor, stands heads in the fruit canning business in this county, having put up 1,500 cans of peaches, berries, etc. Mrs. Steed did this work unassisted—the total expenditure for outside help amounting to only seventy-five cents. In addition to this, she attended to all her household work and her four small children.

General News.

Henry L. Wade, formerly president of the Waterbury Clock Company of Waterbury, Conn., died at his home in that city, aged seventy years.

Will Smith, a negro, was killed by a mob at Bessemer, Ala., Saturday just after he shot and probably fatally wounded Frank Childress, a city detective.

A. T. Wood, of Adenville, Ala., was shot and killed in front of the Governor's office in the State capitol at Montgomery Monday by Wood's stepson, A. W. Oakley.

Edward H. Winter, of Boston, obtained a divorce from his wife because she was a suffragette and insisted on working for her own living after they were married.

"Father" John Russell, founder of the Prohibition party and the oldest Methodist preacher in the Detroit Conference, died Monday at the home of his daughter in Detroit, Michigan.

Secretary of War Stimson leaves New York November 13 for Panama to gather information of work on the canal. He will submit a report to Congress at the approaching session for its guidance in legislating.

Major-General Robert Maitland O'Reilly, former Surgeon-General of the United States Army, personal physician and intimate friend of President Cleveland, died in Washington Monday of uremic poisoning.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has just placed an order for 5,000 more freight cars. Of these, one thousand are intended solely for the transportation of automobiles, while the remainder are of the standard box-car type.

Appeal for a new trial of Floyd and Claude Allen, sentenced to be electrocuted at Richmond, Va., November 22 for murdering the court officials at Hillsville, Va., last March, were filed Tuesday in the Virginia Supreme Court.

In the First Baptist Church of Chicago the pastor, Rev. Myron F. Adams has opened a school in which "prospective brides" will be taught to cook and sew. About twenty of his parishioners have volunteered to teach in the school.

In promulgating Monday the first revision of the equity rules of Federal Courts in the last fifty years, the United States Supreme Court prohibited the granting of preliminary injunctions without notice and restricted the granting of restraining orders.

"In Europe the prevailing styles for women are just as ridiculous and outrageous as ever. Modesty seemingly has been lost sight of in the desire to get the bizarre effects. Many costumes worn by women in Europe, as I have seen them, are disgraceful, to put it mildly." This is the message brought back to Chicago by Mrs. Potter Palmer.

A wreck, the most unique in railroad history of the Southeast, occurred near Bonita, Texas, Thursday when an entire Missouri, Kansas, and Texas passenger train jumped the track and rolled over into a ditch. Although every car was damaged and the smoker and express car were wrecked, there were no deaths or serious injuries.

Two men received injuries causing their deaths and four others are suffering from severe scald burns as the result of the blowing out of the head of the battleship Vermont's boiler as the Vermont lay at anchor in Hampton Roads, near Norfolk, Friday night. The boiler head blew out while under banked fire.

BOOZE, BEER, AND TOBACCO.

Record Figures Shown Internal Report for Past Quarter.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 2.—The use of whiskey, beer, and cigars has increased enormously in the last quarter of the present fiscal year, according to statistics of the Internal Revenue Bureau. From July to October 1 last more than 3,000,000,000 cigarettes were consumed, an increase

of 1,000,000,000 from the corresponding period last year.

The drinking public used up 33,150,000 gallons of whiskey in July, August, and September, an increase of 450,000 gallons over the same quarter last year.

A total of 19,800,000 barrels of beer was drunk in the first three months of this fiscal year, an increase of 320,000 barrels over the same period last year.

The internal revenue receipts for October are \$2,000,000 greater than for the same month last year.

SHORTAGE OF FREIGHT CARS.

Interstate Commerce Commission Urges That Railroads Give Relief—People Will Suffer for Coal.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 3.—Shortage of freight cars, the menace of a coal famine and industrial paralysis in some parts of the country, has become so serious that the Interstate Commerce Commission to-day proposed to shippers and railroads drastic recommendations for its relief, with a thinly veiled intimation that should they fail to remedy the situation the Commission itself would find a way to do so.

"The condition is acute," declared Commissioner Franklin K. Lane, who for several weeks has been conducting an inquiry. "Great institutions of the country are practically out of fuel and cannot get it because there are no cars for its transportation. If an immediate remedy is not found, people in parts of this country will be freezing to death because of their inability to get coal."

The car shortage is said to have been found to be due in part to delay in unloading cars and the slow movement of freight cars and failure of railroads to return cars to the lines owning them. In the latter case it is said railroads hold cars, paying a nominal charge for their use. This the Commission denounces as "nothing less than theft."

The investigation of slow movement of freights developed that a freight car averaged about twenty miles a day, and that while one was moving thirteen were standing still.

FUNERAL OF VICE-PRESIDENT.

President Taft and Members of His Cabinet and Senators Attended Funeral at Utica.

Utica, N. Y., Nov. 2.—With simple but impressive services the body of Vice-President James S. Sherman was laid away this afternoon in a crypt within a beautiful mausoleum in Forest Hill Cemetery. Under a canvas covering that served as a shield against a chill November wind were gathered the Sherman family, President Taft, members of his cabinet, Justices of the United States Supreme Court, Senators and members of the House of Representatives and a few intimate friends and business associates of the Vice-President, while without a throng which had assembled to pay a final tribute stood reverently until the strains of "Asleep in Jesus," by the Haydn male chorus, which marked the conclusion of the services, had died away.

President Taft listened with bowed head and tear-dimmed eyes as Dr. M. W. Stryker, President of Hamilton College, read the brief committal service, and the Rev. Louis H. Holden, pastor of Christ Church, of which Mr. Sherman was a member, offered prayer.

A mixed quartette sang "Good Night," and when the selection by the male chorus had been concluded the President gaged a moment at the flowers covering the casket of his friend and slowly made his way to a waiting automobile, accompanied by former Vice-President Charles W. Fairbanks, Attorney-General Wickersham and Major Rhoades, his military aide.

Earlier in the afternoon there had been private services at the Sherman home and public obsequies at the First Presbyterian Church, both of which were attended by the President.

WRECKED OFF HATTERAS.

Crew of Seven Souls Went Down With Ship.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 2.—The three-masted coasting schooner John Maxwell, Captain Codfrey, from Norfolk to Savannah, Ga., coal laden, to-night lies a total wreck three-quarters of a mile southeast of the new inlet life saving station on the North Carolina

coast with her crew of seven souls probably all lost. With the fall of night the sole survivor—an aged man—was still clinging to the rigging of the sunken vessel, but with all hope of his succor gone. From the time of the Maxwell's discovery early today, until dark, the life savers remained on the beach awaiting an opportunity to launch a life-boat, but the angry waves made such an attempt certain death and those still alive on the Maxwell had to be left to their doom. Effort was made to shoot a life-line from shore, but the position of those alive on the Maxwell made it impossible for them to take advantage of this. For hours two men clung to the rigging, but finally one of them was seen to jump into the water almost as if to drown himself.

He was not seen again. The washing ashore of wreckage revealed the identity of the Maxwell which has broken in two and is fast going to pieces. The Maxwell's crew shipped in New York.

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