

General News.

Every child born in Orange, Conn., will get a bank account of \$1 from the local savings institution.

During his administration President Taft has traveled 113,569 miles, which was enough to take him around the world four times.

Wool manufacturers presented a solid front against reduction in that schedule at the Ways and Means Committee in Washington Monday.

Italian, British and other warships have been ordered to proceed immediately to Turkish waters, according to dispatches from Mediterranean ports.

Joseph H. Choate, who has been called the successor to the late John Bigelow as the "senior American," celebrated his eighty-first birthday in New York Friday.

Nazim Pasha, the commander of the Turkish army, received his death wound while expostulating with a crowd of demonstrators for having become embroiled in a conflict at the Grand Vizierate.

A live ten-months-old baby was washed ashore from the wreck of the steamship Veronesi off Portugal. More than forty-four people are believed to have been lost when the steamer was wrecked.

Professor Emory R. Johnson, special Panama Canal Commissioner, in an address Monday night at Philadelphia declared the owners and not the shippers would benefit from a free toll provision in the canal act.

One man was killed and thirteen injured in a spectacular rear-end collision between two elevated trains in New York Saturday. Both trains took fire, and for a time it was feared they would topple into the street.

An appropriation to assist private experimenters in Germany to produce artificial rain was asked for in a resolution adopted by the Imperial Parliament and addressed to the German Government a few days ago.

An armistice of five days to permit the informal discussion of Mexican peace terms, became effective Friday. Peace commissioners from Chihuahua City are waiting at Vila Ahumada for the arrival of rebel representatives.

Governor Wilson Monday received greetings from the King of Spain, through a representative of the latter's country who came to the United States to make arrangements for a Spanish exhibit at the Panama Exposition.

Colonel Alzono G. Sharp, former Mayor of Chattanooga, Tenn., and father of Robert S. Sharp, chief inspector of the United States Department, died suddenly of heart failure in Atlanta, Ga., Friday. He was 73 years of age.

Electrocution is substituted for hanging as the punishment of first degree murder in the District of Columbia by a bill the House passed Monday. The measure already has passed the Senate and now goes to the President for his signature.

There are 78,000 children in the public schools of New York City with defective eyes, and the Board of Health has been asked to discharge the physicians who are employed to examine the children attending school, but "who are really incompetent to examine any one."

Two French airmen were killed near Etampes, France, Friday. Chas. Nieuport and his mechanic both were instantly killed, when the monoplane, in which they were flying, fell to the earth from a high altitude. Nieuport had achieved great success as a manufacturer of monoplanes.

The Women's Recall League of San Francisco, Cal., which is seeking the removal of Police Judge Charles L. Weller, has 12,000 names on the recall petitions, 5,000 more than are necessary to compel a recall election. The campaign against Judge Weller was begun after he had reduced the bail of a man accused of an offense against a woman.

Every woman who smokes cigarettes is lowering the standard of womanhood, according to Representative Frederick P. Greenwood of Everett, Mass., who appeared before the Committee on Public Health of the Massachusetts Legislature Friday in support of a bill providing a fine of not more than \$50 for any person who gives or sells tobacco in any form to a woman. Dispatches state there is a large and increasing sale of cigarettes and women are smoking them more and more.

Hooper Again Inaugurated Governor of Tennessee.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 27.—Ben W. Hooper, the second Republican who has held the Governor's office in Tennessee since Reconstruction days, was inaugurated for the second term today.

WHOLESALE POSTAL FRAUDS.

Illegal Traffic in Stolen Postage Stamps Aggregating Many Million Dollars, Disclosed by Postoffice Inspectors.

Washington Dispatch, January 23: Illegal trafficking the country over in stolen postage stamps, aggregating several million dollars annually, has just been disclosed by post-office inspectors, whose investigations were reported to-day to Postmaster Hitchcock. They involved so-called stamp brokers and confidential employees of large business concerns throughout the United States. Through confessions obtained by the inspectors from some of the brokers whose operations were investigated, it was learned that stamps of all classes and denominations, stolen by burglars from post-offices and embezzled by employees from great business houses and manufacturing establishments, were purchased and resold by the brokers at prices far below their face value.

The postal laws make it a crime punishable by imprisonment to sell any stamp issued by the Government for less than its face value. Investigations disclosed that, in addition to selling the stamps for less than a price they could have been purchased for from the Government, the brokers knew that the stamps were stolen when they purchased them. Inquiries showed in some instances brokers entered into a conspiracy with employees of business houses to buy at prices agreed upon all the stamps the clerks could steal from their employers.

TILLMAN "INSULTS" LEGISLATURE.

South Carolina Law-Makers Do Not Like His Charge Against Them and Demand an Explanation.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—In a prepared statement to-day, Senator Tillman replied to the resolution recently adopted by the House of Representatives of South Carolina, calling upon him to produce evidence in support of his charges of corruption in that body. He also made reference to the assertion he had "insulted" the Legislature.

The Senator declared he had done nothing except write a letter just before the State primaries in answer to Governor Bleasie in which he charged that the General Assembly had been informed by the railroad attorneys.

"This is not the first time I have criticized the Legislature about railroad matters, nor it is the first time that State Senators have criticized me for my utterances.

"It is not the first time that Senator Tillman has insulted the Legislature, nor will it be the last if he lives long enough and it keeps on doing as it has done.

"I have boasted in my lectures in the North that there is not enough money in Wall Street to buy South Carolina, and I believed it to be true. I still believe it to be true, but public morals in the State have rapidly grown bad in the last ten years, and I am coming to doubt whether my boast could now be made and sustained. We will see the temper of the General Assembly by its action in purifying and protecting the primary. It has the opportunity to lift the State out of the slough of despond and disgrace in which it now allows."

PROGRESSIVES BEGIN CAMPAIGN.

Three Offices Opened in Washington to Aid in Publicity Work—New York Office Will Devote Time to Organization Work.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—The Progressive party to-day opened national headquarters in Washington and New York and announced that the campaign for 1916 was under way. The Washington headquarters are in charge of O. K. Davis, secretary of the party, and are in the Munsey building. The New York offices are to be managed by Walter L. Brown, Progressive National Committeeman from Ohio.

The opening of these offices is the answer of the simon-pure Progressives to the proposal for an amalgamation of that party with the Republican party.

The Washington bureau will be devoted almost entirely to the dissemination of a weekly paper to be called the Progressive Bulletin. The New York office will devote its time to organization work.

Raleigh Girl Armed With Gigantic Hat-Pin.

A Boston, Mass., dispatch Monday says: "Students at the fashionable Simmons College in the Fenway where Miss Katherine Parker, of Raleigh, is registered, have armed themselves with gigantic hatpins. A slinger believed to be insane, has been attacking the girls. One girl was assaulted and robbed.

"Captain Goode, of the Back Bay police, has assigned special officers to the college grounds to protect the girls, many of whom came from leading families in distant cities."

Who Told Him?

"Conscience is what tells a man when he is doing wrong." "That may be true in your family," replied Mr. Meekton, "but my wife's name is Henrietta."—Washington Star.

State News.

Mr. R. G. Mace, at one time editor of the Hickory Mercury, has entered the Baptist ministry.

R. A. Denton, of Nashville, N. C., was fatally wounded by Cleveland Boone Sunday. Boone made his escape, the authorities say.

Ben Davis, a Durham negro, was instantly killed Monday morning by coming in contact with an electric light wire, which was touching a high voltage wire.

Ella Browley, an eighteen-year-old colored girl who lived near Mooresville, was drowned Monday while attempting to cross a stream. Her foot slipped from the foot-log precipitating her into the water.

Jim Dunnigan, a negro of Durham, was shot in the stomach and seriously, if not fatally, wounded by Charlie Daniel Monday. The shooting was without provocation. Daniel was simply doped up on cocaine. He was placed in jail.

In the rear room of his father's drug-store, at Henderson, Monday afternoon, little Johnnie Thomas was painfully wounded from a shot fired from an old cast-off pistol in the hands of Dick Perry, a colored lad. The wound is not considered dangerous.

Bunyon Bass, a mill man, was arrested in Wilson Friday upon the request of the sheriff of Lenoir County on the charge of bigamy. Bass, in June of last year, married a Miss Jenkins of Kinston, and her father, David Jenkins, had him arrested when he learned that Bass had another living wife in Edgecombe County.

Prof. W. R. Webb, of Bell Buckle, Tenn., an independent Democrat from that State was elected United States Senator from that State last Monday. Professor Webb's election came on the ninety-eighth ballot, his supporting coming from independent Democrats, Republicans and eleven Democrats. The Senator-elect is a native of Person County, this State, and a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

Making Rapid Progress Under "Democratic and Government."

We're starting the New York pretty fair in a criminal way in North Carolina. The battle at Glen Alpine a few days ago would do credit to any of the Kentucky feud districts. In the Sandy Marsh section of Buncombe County last Sunday Ezelle and Manus King entered Gillespie Methodist Chapel and assaulted Rev. J. H. Greene, the pastor, while he was preaching in the pulpit. The preacher was slightly injured by his assailants, who brandished knives and terrorized the congregation. The sole reason for the occurrence seems to have been that the Kings were drunk.

There have also been a few murders and various other crimes of a more or less atrocious character, but the murders are so common that they have almost ceased to attract attention.

All this while the year's yet young.—Statesville Landmark.

BRIDE COMMITS SUICIDE.

Sad Tragedy at Rocky Mount Veiled in Mystery.

A Rocky Mount, N. C., dispatch of January 23 says: "Leaving his wife early this morning, H. M. Meyers returned later to find her lying prone upon the floor in a pool of her own blood and with a bullet hole in her head. The suicide took place at the residence of W. H. Snell on Nash Street.

The couple boarded at Mrs. W. H. V. Eames' and Mrs. Meyers, with her husband, was at breakfast and seemed to be in the best of spirits.

The tragedy was made even sadder by the fact that the couple had been married only seven weeks, having come to this city right after the wedding. He was from Aulander and she was Miss Mollie Woodruff, of Portsmouth. The reason for the tragedy remains a mystery, she giving no hint as to the reason in the note to her husband. She was about twenty-five years old and was pretty.

Deputy Sheriff of Wilmington Indicted for Embezzlement.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 25.—Melvin Horne, a deputy sheriff, against whom a true bill was returned by the grand jury a few days ago for embezzling \$500 tax money while in the employ of Sheriff S. P. Cowan, was to-day indicted by the grand jury for violating the prohibition law. He has not yet been found.

The Charlotte Observer Favors Three Reforms.

Charlotte Observer.] The Torrens land-title system, the Australian ballot, and shorter ballots—these measures universally recognized as progressive and upon them not the slightest suspicion of faddishness or impracticality rests.

J. W. BELAND ACQUITTED.

Wilson Man Charged With Murder of Wife Turned Loose by Wayne County Jury.

Mr. J. W. Beland, of Wilson, was tried in Goldsboro last week for the murder of his wife a few months ago. The case was moved from Wilson County to Wayne on motion of the prosecution. It appears that Mr. Beland's wife was unfaithful, and he had often tried to get her to reform with the promise that he would reform the past. But she refused to reform or to stop keeping company with certain men. On the night she was killed her husband had plead with her to reform. She refused and told her husband she expected to leave him. Then he shot and killed her. These statements were corroborated by Mr. Beland's daughter who was put upon the stand during the trial. The jury considered the case for a half day and night and then returned a verdict of not guilty. Two hundred and fifty citizens of Wilson were summoned to Goldsboro as witnesses in the case.

Mr. Beland took his children and returned to Wilson to resume his work. His employers had held his position open for him.

MANY ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE.

Davidson County Man Makes Half a Dozen Attempts to End His Life—Wounds Himself and Daughter—Is Evidently Insane.

A Winston dispatch, January 25, says: "After being prevented by his niece, Miss Mabel Conrad, from shooting himself with a shot-gun, Gordon Shutt, a wealthy farmer of Davidson County, sixty years old and unmarried, slashed his throat with a knife, and while taking the weapon away from her uncle, Miss Conrad had both hands gashed up and she may lose two fingers.

"The insane man then began butting his head against an apple tree. He was carried to the house and while passing through the hall picked up a long hat-pin and endeavored to stab himself in the breast. Falling in this effort to end his life, Shutt cut an ugly gash in his forehead. He then picked up a flat-iron and attempted to strike himself, but was prevented from doing so by those who were endeavoring to quiet him. He next grabbed the fire shovel, but this, too, was taken away from him. He was finally persuaded to go to bed but soon after retiring he jumped up and made a rush for the bureau. Opening one of the drawers he got hold of a black necktie, thinking it was a razor. He found a knife, but it was taken away from him before he could cut himself with it. His final effort was to choke himself.

"You've whipped me this time, but you will not be able to do it any more," declared Mr. Shutt who added that he was determined to kill himself but declined to offer any explanation.

"Shutt is known to have written a will on Thursday. He denied to relatives that a love affair was responsible for his mania to commit suicide.

"He tried to shoot himself at Christmas, his effort failing through the thoughtfulness of some one who had placed blank cartridges in his gun."

SAYS FATHER MURDERED NEGRO

Joseph Price Arrested After Son's Confession—Boy Says Father Made Him Help Bury the Negro's Body.

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 25.—Charged with the murder of John Allen, an imbecile negro, on the night of August 11, 1911, Joseph Price, white, formerly of Marion, thirty-eight miles from this city, was to-day lodged in the county jail at Rutherfordton. Price's arrest followed a confession by his son, Ernest, aged 16, who told the solicitor that the skeleton found in the woods near Marion last March was that of the negro Allen, whose mysterious disappearance has hitherto baffled the authorities.

Young Price in his confession relates that on the morning of August 11, 1911, his father roused him from bed and compelled him to aid in burying the negro's body in a patch of woods near the Price home. The boy further alleges that his father declared that he had killed the negro with an axe, while the boy and his mother were attending a revival meeting, because he (the father) wanted to "get the negro's gold."

Some Chickens.

They are raising chickens nowadays that sell for almost as much as a "likely negro boy would have brought in slavery days, says the Charlotte Observer. What would our grandpas have thought at offering 50 cents for a rooster and being told that \$500 wouldn't buy him? That science of breeding has reached a high grade of perfection when a single fowl is worth the price of a pair of farm mules—and will bring it, too.—Monroe Enquirer.

Smallpox Outbreak.

(Elkin Tribune.) Over one hundred cases of smallpox are reported in Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro. Every precaution possible is being taken to prevent the disease from spreading further.

Pigs and Geese as Cotton Field Labor.

(Fayetteville Index.) "Squire R. A. Collier, of Linden, who attended court here last week, has a new manner of keeping the weeds and grass out of the cotton. He says that hands were so scarce and labor so high last year that he tried an experiment with pigs and geese. Geese will not destroy weeds and May-pop vines and the pigs feast on these. So 'Squire Collier put rings in the pigs' noses, so they could not root, and turned several pigs and geese in his cotton patch of seven acres, which he had fenced. The experiment was entirely satisfactory. Neither the pigs nor geese would bother the cotton, but kept the field entirely free from grass and weeds. After the cotton was chopped a hoe was never used in the field, and all the work needed was plowing and gathering. He made about a bale to the acre, and the larger part of it was profit, while some profit was added to the geese and pigs.

What People Were Told.

The people of the State were told when the assessed value of property was increased from 2 to 35 per cent (two years ago, that a reduction in the

tax rate would follow. Now we are confronted with an annual deficit of \$225,000 and may reasonably look for another increase in the assessed value of taxable property without any lowering of the tax rate.—Wilkes Patriot.

Legislature and J. P.'s.

(Green Reflector.) We think the Legislature makes a mistake in appointing justices of the peace. These officers are elected in the several counties at the general election, and usually as many are elected as the county is entitled to. So it looks like the appointment of more by the Legislature is without excuse, except it be to gratify some man who wants to be a justice of the peace and his county would not elect him.

Makes the Nation Gasp.

The awful list of injuries on a Fourth of July staggers humanity. Set over against it, however, is the wonderful healing, by Bucklen's Arnica Salve, of thousands who suffered from burns, cuts, bruises, bullet wounds or explosions. It's the quick healer of boils, ulcers, eczema, sore lips or piles. Twenty-five cents at all druggists.

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