

General News.

President Taft Saturday vetoed the Dillingham-Burnett immigration bill, disapproving of the measure solely cause of the provision imposing a literacy test on all foreigners seeking a home.

James Purcell, the gambler, who furnished sensational evidence at the New York aldermanic graft hearing several days ago, shot and killed his seventeen-year-old daughter Saturday while quarreling with his wife.

"General" Rosalie Jones' army of suffragettes marching from New York to Washington, reached Trenton, N. J., Saturday and made a request on Governor Wilson for an audience after arriving at Washington.

Senator Root's proposed amendment to the Panama Canal law to repeal the provision giving free passage to American coastwise ships, was rejected by the United States Senate inter-oceanic committee by a vote of seven to three to-day.

The Treasury Department has postponed indefinitely the circulation of the proposed new nickel, which was scheduled for February 15, because of protests received from slot-machine interests. Machine vendors claim the new nickel will not operate the slot machines.

Pensions for widows of soldiers of the Spanish War and widows of Civil War veterans who married after 1890, are provided in bills reported to the United States Senate Pensions Committee. The bill for Spanish War pensions has passed the House. Estimates place the increased cost to the Government at \$7,000,000 a year.

A heavy military guard was maintained at the State Capitol of West Virginia Friday while a picket guard at all times surrounded Governor Glasscock owing to the presence of two hundred miners who are alleged to have gone to Charleston for the purpose of taking his life. The strike situation does not seem to improve.

"Tuberculosis will exterminate the native population of Alaska in the course of sixty to seventy years if not eradicated at once," says Dr. Emil Krulsh of the public health service, reporting to the United States Commissioner of Education. "I am of the opinion that 15 per cent of the entire population is infected with tuberculosis in either the active or the latent stage. With the advent of the white man into the territory the native has contracted his diseases, with the result that tuberculosis and other diseases are degenerating and depopulating the race."

MRS. WINSTON KILLS HERSELF.

Wife of Judge R. W. Winston, of Raleigh, Meets Tragic Death at Philadelphia Hospital.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 18.—Mrs. R. W. Winston, the wife of Judge Winston, of Raleigh, N. C., and the sister of an Episcopal bishop of that State, leaped from the eighth floor of the Jefferson Hospital in this city late this afternoon and was instantly killed.

Mrs. Winston had been a patient at the hospital here for several weeks suffering from a nervous affliction and according to the physicians at the hospital she was never left unguarded. She was subjected to periods of hallucinations and had frequently threatened to end her life and instructions were given to the nurses never to leave her alone for a moment.

Just before evening, while the nurses were changing details, Mrs. Winston was temporarily forgotten, and although the nurses had only been out of the room for less than five minutes, the time was seized by the southern woman as the best opportunity to take her life. She reached the window and before an orderly in the hall, who heard her throw up the sash and came to see who was in the room, could stop her, Mrs. Winston dashed to death 100 feet below. Her body rolled into Moravian street, where a pool of blood remained as the only evidence of the tragedy.

The tragic death of Mrs. Winston came as a great shock to people in Raleigh, where Mrs. Winston has so many friends. She was a great church worker and one of the leading spirits in the Woman's Club and will be greatly missed. Judge and Mrs. Winston moved to Raleigh from Durham a few years ago. Mrs. Winston before her marriage was Miss Sophia Horner, daughter of late Bishop Horner, of Oxford. Mrs. Robert C. Strong, of this city, is a sister of the deceased.

FIVE LEGISLATORS INDICTED.

Charged With Bribery in Connection With Senatorial Contest in West Virginia—One Candidate for Senate Arrested.

A dispatch from Charleston, West Virginia, under date of February 14, says:

"The grand jury summoned by Judge Black to consider the bribery charges in connection with the Senatorship fight, returned five indictments to-day. The indicted men are Delegates Asbury, Rount, Hill, and

Duff, and Senator Smith. The indictments charge the men with "feloniously receiving bribes." They are also indicted for misdemeanor. The jury considered additional evidence this afternoon."

Candidate for Senate Arrested Charged With Bribing Legislator.

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 13.—Col. William Seymour Edwards, candidate for United States Senator, was arrested to-day charged with bribing Delegate S. U. G. Rhodes, one of the five men arrested Tuesday. Edwards furnished bond.

Intense excitement was created in the House of Delegates to-day when the Rev. Thomas J. Smith, of West Union, Doddridge County, speaking on a question of personal privilege, declared that Delegate S. U. G. Rhodes and another man had thrust \$500 in his pocket in a room in a Charleston hotel, after he declared, Rhodes and the other man had offered him \$2,000 if he would vote for Col. W. S. Edwards for United States Senator. Smith declared he did not know how much money had been put into his pockets until he had left the room. Then he went to Delegate H. C. Williamson, of Tyler County, had him count the money, enclose it in an envelope and return it to Rhodes. Smith, explaining his position, said he had refused to accept any money from Rhodes or the other man whom he did not recognize, but Rhodes had insisted it was not a bribe. Smith has been voting for Isaac T. Mann for Senator. Smith asked the House of Delegates to investigate the alleged attempt to bribe him.

GOMEZ SAYS HE IS PRESIDENT.

Famous Revolutionary Leader Says Will Name His Cabinet at Once, Though He is Far From the Mexican Capital.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 15.—Emilio Vasquez Gomez, recently released on bond at San Antonio, Texas, to-day crossed the border at Columbus, N. M., and proclaimed himself President of Mexico. It is reported that Gomez was met below the line by a band of rebels, led by Colonel David De La Fuente, General Salazar's chief of staff, who always has been a Vasquezite. Emilio Vasquez Gomez and his brother, Dr. Francisco Vasquez Gomez, played prominent parts in the Madero revolution. Emilio was a member of the De LaBarra provisional Cabinet. During Orozco's occupancy of Juarez, during the Orozco revolt, Emilio came to Juarez to become Provisional President, but was put in jail by Orozco. The estrangement of the two rebel leaders never has been explained. Later Gomez was released and came to the United States, where he was arrested on charges of neutrality violation. Recently he was released on bond at San Antonio. In a telegram sent here to-day, General Gomez said he would appoint his Cabinet at once, declaring himself Provisional President of Mexico by virtue of the plan of San Luis Potosi, which was formed at Tacubaya and Ayula.

TOTAL FINES AGGREGATE \$51,007.00.

Bath Tub Trust and Officials of Companies Found Guilty—Fines Must Be Paid by March 1, or Defendants Will Go to Jail.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 15.—Judge Clarence W. Sessions, in the Federal District Court to-day imposed fines ranging from one dollar to \$10,000 on the fourteen individual and thirteen corporation defendants, convicted yesterday in the trial of the so-called "bath tub trust," for criminal conspiracy in restraint of trade.

The fines totalled \$51,007, and they must be paid on or before March 1. In the case of the individual, if the fines are not paid before that date a sentence not exceeding six months in the Detroit House of Correction was ordered.

There are twenty-seven defendants in all, of which fourteen are individuals. In passing sentence Judge Sessions said that the Department of Justice had urged imprisonment for Ahrens, Torrance and Dawes, of the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Company. He explained the fines, as imposed upon them, by saying:

"Although I am firmly convinced that they were the dominating influence in bringing about the effectiveness of the conspiracy, I must take other things into consideration. The case has been tried once before, before an able judge, for whose opinion I have the profoundest respect, and he ordered the dismissal of the charge against those three men. They preferred, however, to stand trial with the rest. While I differ with the former judge in opinion, I must take into consideration the chance I may be mistaken, and I must act accordingly." The fine against their company, the Standard, was the largest of all.

Oldest Son of General Lee Dies.

Ravenworth, Va., Feb. 18.—G. W. C. Lee, eldest son of General Robert E. Lee, formerly an aide de camp on the staff of Jefferson Davis, and president emeritus of Washington and Lee University, died here today. He was eight years old.

State News

More than 42,000 persons died in North Carolina last year, 5,658 dying from tuberculosis.

The State Bar Association will hold its annual meeting in Asheville this summer, beginning July 2.

J. W. Clay, a printer, of Hickory, N. C., will go to Brazil to manage the Methodist printing plant at Rio Janeiro.

Nellie Gray Jones, of near New Bern, five years old, was burned to death a few days ago by her clothes catching fire from the fire-place.

The Wilkes Patriot states that J. C. Sparks, of Wilkes County, killed a hog a few days ago that tipped the scales at 950 pounds, which took the record for hog raising in that county.

Mr. Edward M. Hodges, a wealthy man of Kinston, fell dead in his automobile Monday as he was about to start for a drive. Apoplexy was given probably as the cause.

The State Fair Association, through its executive committee, decide to issue \$50,000 in bonds for additional buildings at State Fair Grounds and settle an outstanding bonded debt of \$22,500.

Col. Jos. B. Starr, a Confederate soldier and commander of Starr's battery of Confederate artillery in the Confederate army, died at his home in Fayetteville Thursday.

The Greenville Reflector tells of the death of Hoyt Whitaker, aged fifteen years, who was shot and killed by Andrew Whitehurst, aged nine years. The little fellow picked up a loaded gun and the thing exploded with above results.

The laboratory of the Salisbury graded school was visited by fire Thursday doing \$1,000 damage to the building and \$1,200 damage to the laboratory. More than 1,000 school children in the buildings when the fire occurred were rescued.

Dredge No. 1 of the Brett Engineering Company, engaged on the drainage work near Alma, Robeson County, was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. No idea can be advanced as to the origin of the fire. The dredge was not insured. The burned dredge was valued at \$12,500.

The Judgeships and More Wire-Pulling.

The making of four more judicial districts in this State means that the State will have to be redistricted. And now will come the wire-pulling and political game playing. The man who has an itching for judgeship will want a district built up around him in which there is not another formidable candidate for the judgeship. The legislators who want to serve the people and not the candidates should get a good sized club.—Monroe Enquirer.

M. P. JOHNSON COMMITS SUICIDE.

Farmer Loses Mind After Losing His Mule.

(Smithfield Journal.)

On last Wednesday morning Marshall P. Johnson, a well-to-do farmer of Elevation Township, committed suicide near his home by hanging himself to a cherry tree. He is said to have gone one about 6:30 o'clock saying that he was going to feed his hogs and build a hog pen. This is the last time that he was seen alive. About 8 o'clock his body was found hanging to a cherry tree. His hat was found hanging on the end of one of the poles with which a hog pen was braced, and judging from the surroundings, it seemed that he had tied one end of a rope to a limb on the tree and then climbed upon the hog pen and tied the other end around his neck and jumped off. His feet were touching the ground but his neck was broken and he had evidently been dead for quite a little while when found. It is said that his mind had been affected for several months. This had been especially noticeable since last summer when he lost a valuable mule. This loss seemed to prey upon his mind until for a time it appeared unbalanced, and he had never fully recovered from that trouble. He was a son of Henry M. Johnson, a prominent farmer of Meadow Township, and was about forty-five years old. He leaves a wife and seven children.

Two Sisters Die; Third Ill.

In a remote section of Alexander County a few days ago Miss Elizabeth Teague, an aged maiden lady, died and was buried the following day. When the funeral party returned to the house from the cemetery they found Miss Amanda Teague, a sister of the woman just buried had died, and she was buried the following day beside her sister. The only remaining sister of the family of three is reported critically ill with pneumonia. No physician was called to see the two that have died and though it is not known what killed them, it is believed they also had pneumonia.—Union Republican.

EDITORIAL RILES LEGISLATORS.

Representative Stewart of Mecklenburg Doesn't Like Being Clobbered With Mules and Resolves—Mr. Archibald Johnson Stirs Them Up in a Recent Issue of Charity and Children.

The divorce bills introduced in the House did not suit Editor Archibald Johnson of Charity and Children, as well as many others, and Editor Johnson paid his respects to the members of the House of Representatives which caused the House to pass a resolution last Thursday denouncing the editorial and stating that it had faith in itself. The editorial referred to which appeared in a recent issue of Charity and Children is as follows:

"Moral Molly Coddles.

"Thanks to the Senate, the horrible divorce bill introduced by Representative Stewart and which passed the House, was killed before the Senate Committee by an overwhelming vote.

"The fact that such a bill got half way through the Legislature is enough to cause us to stop and think a little. We are entirely too careless in selecting men to represent us in Raleigh. We send a lot of molly coddles there, whose intentions are good enough, but who are as innocent of color and conviction as so many gate-posts. They are led around by the nose by men stronger than themselves, and have about as much foresight as a drove of mules.

"Fortunately we are usually a little more careful in our selection of Senators; and this has saved us many a time from wild and foolish legislation not only, but from laws that open the flood gates to immorality and vice.

"We thank the Lord that this Stewart bill, which aimed at the heart of the fireside and the home, is as dead as a door-nail; and it is not likely that another like it will be presented before this Legislature. Our present divorce law is not creditable to the virtue of the State, and to lower the bars would put us outside the pale of respectability.

"The House of Representatives is not as strong a body as we hoped when it first assembled. It has a few strong men in it, some of whom are much more ambitious than patriotic, and there is danger that the House will prevent some legislation that is greatly needed, notably the provision for a six months' term of our public schools."

This riled Representative Plummer Stewart, of Mecklenburg, author of one of the divorce bills, and he denounced the editor and the editorial and let the world know that he didn't like to be called a molly coddle or put in a class with mules, and he wanted a resolution passed denouncing the editorial. Some of the members tried to quiet the other offended members, but their anger could not be quenched without some resolution being spread on the records, so the following resolution, introduced by Representative Devin, was passed:

"Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the House of Representatives of North Carolina condemns the unjust criticism of this body appearing in an editorial in Charity and Children of February 13, and the grave charges therein contained against the integrity, patriotism, and intelligence of this body."

HOW THIS ONE ESCAPED.

Aged Man of Wilson Said He Kept Forty Pints of Whiskey for His Wife's Bath.

A special from Wilson, N. C., to the News and Observer says: "In the Superior Court with Judge Cline on the bench, James Owens, a white man of over seventy years, was convicted of selling liquor. In his appeal to the judge for mercy Owens insisted that he had not ordered whiskey for the purpose of sale and when pressed to give a reason for having in his possession more than forty pints of the stuff, said: 'My reason for ordering the whiskey was that I might have it for my wife to use in bathing. It takes about three pints for a good bath and it is lots cheaper than buying alcohol.' Judge Cline smilingly accepted the explanation and allowed the old man to go."

Primary Election for Fourth Class Postmasters.

Primary elections for the selection of fourth-class postmasters are provided for an amendment to the post-office appropriation bill which the Senate Committee on Postoffices Thursday added to that measure. The consideration of the bill was completed by the committee, but on account of the necessity of gathering information relating to some of the changes, the measure was not reported.

The primary election was suggested by Senator Bristow, of Kansas, and as agreed to it will apply only to fourth-class postmasters and will be optional with the Postoffice Department whether the system shall be put in execution. In that event it authorizes the holding of primary elections and when such elections are held it is made obligatory upon the Department to appoint the person receiving the highest number of votes among the patrons of any given post-office.—Statesville Landmark.

North Carolina High Schools Will Debate Woman Suffrage.

Special to the Caucasian:

Chapel Hill, Feb. 18.—Shall women in North Carolina vote? Three hundred and sixty pupils from ninety North Carolina high schools will debate this question on Friday, February 21, under the auspices of the High School Debating Union of North Carolina, the organization instituted by the Dialectic and Philanthropic Literary Societies of the University of North Carolina. Each of these ninety schools has been placed in a triangular with two other schools, and each school puts out two teams—one affirmative and the other negative—for the preliminaries on the date above mentioned. Every school that wins both of its debates will send its teams to Chapel Hill for the final contest for the Aycock Memorial Cup, which contest will come two weeks later: March 7. Increasingly the State-wide interest in the debating union is the fact that the query to be discussed, "Woman Suffrage," is a popular one. For quite a number of schools girls, some of them ardent suffragettes, will debate; namely, the schools of Salisbury, Lenoir, Smithfield, Pikesville, Chapel Hill and Graham, will have girls representing their respective schools.

A Large Tobacco Grower.

Mr. J. P. Slawter, who lives some eight miles northeast of Pinnacle, N. C., and some thirty miles from Winston-Salem, is a champion among tobacco growers. He was in the city the past week with his last 940 pounds which brought him a total of \$451, or nearly an average of 50 cents per pound. For 30 years Mr. Slawter has been growing tobacco and this year from his own effort and those of his tenants sold some \$5,438 worth of the weed, or some 16,000 pounds at about thirty-five cents a pound.—Union Republican.

Mr. Boyte Fell Dead in Church.

Mr. J. P. Boyte, one of the oldest men in the county, fell dead in North Monroe Methodist Church Sunday morning during the sermon. Another old citizen of that community, Mr. William Privett, died of heart disease about a year ago while on his way from the same church, and Mr. Boyte was walking by his side at the time and took him into his daughter's where his own body was carried Sunday.—Marshville Home.

Twenty-Eight Mules Burned to Death in Fire at Fayetteville.

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 13.—Twenty-eight mules and horses perished in flames which early this morning destroyed a small barn belonging to C. L. Beville, called "The Mule King of the South," and livery stables and the adjoining home of J. F. West. Twelve horses were rescued from Mr. West's stable and all animals lost were Mr. Beville's. This value, with the barn, was about \$7,500, uninsured. Only one mule among twenty-nine animals in this stable could be removed from the terrifying flames, and it was so badly burned that it must die.

Thinks Webb Bill Will Help Blockade Distilleries.

Greensboro Record.]

We have no desire to say or do anything that will in the least interfere with the final passage of the Webb bill to prohibit the shipment of liquor into dry territory, but if we wanted to run a blockade distillery we should favor the measure. Where there is a demand there is almost sure to be a supply. The demand would be so great that more risks would be taken. The profit would also be greater, for competition would practically be at an end. Still, there are thousands of men who want jobs, even if it means hunting for blockade stills, and they should be able to put them out of business.

Democrats Want Products of Their States Protected.

Union Republican.]

The citrus fruit growers of Florida do not mince matters. They say that if the Democrats, at their special session of Congress, reduce the tariff on their products, they will not only oppose any Senator or Congressman who favors it, but will leave the Democratic party and Florida will soon become a Republican State. Louisiana is about the same way on sugar. Southern Democrats will soon begin to vote as they pray if the new administration carries out the pledges of its Baltimore platform.

Move on Now!

Says a policeman to a street crowd, and whacks heads if it don't. "Move on now," says the big, harsh, unsmiling pile to bowel congestion and suffering follows. Dr. King's New Life Pills don't bulldoze the bowels. They gently persuade them to right action, and health follows. Twenty-five cents at all druggists.

There's a BULL DOG Gasoline Engine For Every Farm Need—1 1/2 to 12 H. P. Includes image of a bulldog engine and text describing its features and availability from The Fairbanks Co., Baltimore, Md.

Sensational Piano Sales Dependable pianos are never sold at the ridiculously low figures quoted by houses abusing public confidence by sensational advertising statements. Includes text about piano quality and contact information for Darnell & Thomas, Raleigh, N.C.

THE MOVING SALE BRINGS CROWDS Our store has begun its stupendous MOVING SALE with a rush. The almost unheard of prices which we announced have certainly met with general favor; and we are glad that our customers and friends are taking advantage of the opportunities which we are offering. Includes text about the moving sale and contact information for Hunter-Rand Company, Raleigh, N.C.