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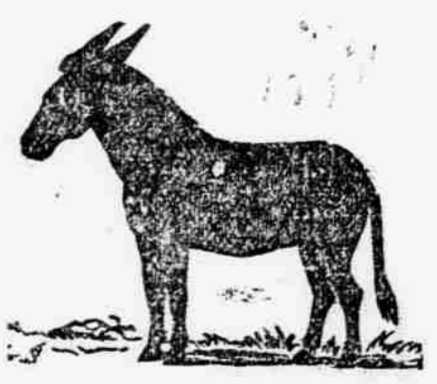
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**Negro Burglar Is Captured**  
Special to The News.  
Asheville, N. C., Feb. 27.—Word was received from Waynesville last Tuesday that early in the morning the house of Mr. Charles Lee, in North Waynesville, was entered by a negro burglar. He entered the room where little Maude Lee was sleeping. She immediately awoke and seeing the negro by her bedside, screamed. Her screams awoke her father and other occupants of the house, who immediately gave chase to the negro, who had dashed through a window and dropped to the ground.  
A light snow had fallen, and the man was tracked to Clyde, 7 miles distant. A telephone message was sent from that point to Canton, instructing the chief of police to arrest the negro if he reached that place, and on the arrival of Mr. Lee and others at Canton, the negro was found locked up, he having arrived at Canton, shortly after the telephone message had been received.  
The negro, whose name is Alex. Gambell, was taken back to Waynesville and identified by Maude Lee. He is now in jail at that place, and as the penalty for housebreaking in this state is death, and it is not unlikely that Gambell will hang for his crime.  
There have been a number of burglaries in and around Waynesville of late, and the intruder has always managed to escape. It is now thought that most of the burglaries have been the work of this negro.

**Discuss Wages With Miners**  
Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 27.—Coal operators of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, composing the central competitive field, assembled in conference today with the national officers of the United Mine Workers of America and the district officers of the same territory to decide whether a joint conference of miners and operators shall be called to re-establish the interstate wage agreement.  
The wage agreement which has been in force for three years past will expire by limitation the first of April. Efforts to bring about its renewal have so far been unsuccessful. When the joint conference met here the latter part of January it found it impossible to accomplish any definite results. The miners were inclined to hold out for an increase in wages and several important modifications in the conditions of labor. The operators, on the other hand, contended that the prevailing depression in all lines of industry and the decreased earnings of the mining companies rendered it impossible to grant an increase in wages. The operators hinted, moreover, that present conditions would justify a cut rather than an advance in wages. In this frame of mind the operators and miners adjourned the conference without coming to any understanding.  
Since the January conference adjourned the operators and miners of the several states have discussed the question and in most instances have practically agreed to make some mutual concessions. As a consequence there is an improved prospect for a re-establishment of the joint relations that have existed during the past three years. The wage scale conference will in all probability be called to assemble next month, either in this city or in Chicago.

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Seats will be on sale Tuesday at Hawley's for the engagement of Jan Kubelik, the world's greatest violinist, who will be heard in concert at the Academy of Music Thursday night of next week.  
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**BRITT WILL NOT RUN FOR CONGRESS**  
Asheville, N. C., Feb. 27.—James J. Britt, of Asheville, who a week ago was nominated by a faction of the republican party of this, the tenth district, as the republican candidate for congress, at a "largely attended and enthusiastic mass meeting," and who formally accepted the nomination, after having previously declined it, yesterday made the announcement that he had decided, in the interest of harmony, to withdraw his name and he would not be a candidate for congress.  
The withdrawal of Mr. Britt leaves the field to John E. Grant, of Henderson county, the only avowed candidate.  
This is practically a victory for the "insurgents," and peace and harmony now prevails.  
Mr. Grant, it is now believed, will be the nominee of the republican party of this district, to oppose Congressman Crawford at the polls next November.  
Since the nomination of Mr. Britt by the "regulars" there has been much friction and bitter feeling in the republican ranks, the "insurgents" declaring that star chamber methods were used for the nomination of Mr. Britt and the prospects were good for a very bitter factional fight. Several "peace" conferences were held, but without apparent result, until Mr. Britt formally announced that he had determined, in the interest of harmony, not to allow his name to be brought before the republican congressional convention, to be held in this city March 14th, as a candidate for congress.  
The republican county convention, which will select delegates to the congressional convention will be held in Asheville Saturday, February 29th. It is almost a certainty that this convention will endorse Secretary Taft for the presidency. As will the congressional convention which convenes in Asheville March 14th. It is conceded that T. F. Roland and Charles French Toms, will be named as delegates to the national republican convention at Chicago.

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