

FARM DEMONSTRATION NOTES

(W. L. Smarr) Dr. Charles Walter, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture is expected to arrive in the county January 31 to apply the tuberculin test to the cows of some of the people of Reepsville.

Miss Dorothy Yount, of Henry, the girl of this county who has a national reputation as a member of the Boys and Girls Poultry Club, made an average profit of sixty six dollars and forty two cents (\$66.42) per month on her birds from January 1st 1920 to January 1st 1921. Her record will appear in a later issue of this paper.

Mr. T. A. Warwick of Reepsville has recently completed the erection of a modern poultry house. According to present indications, a large acreage will be sown in clover this spring. Many farmers who have never sown clover are seeking advice on the growing of this crop.

There is probably a place for sweet clover on your farm. If you are not familiar with this clover-investigate. What about old bossy? Have you a nice pasture for her? If not, inquire about orchard grass, red top (Herd Grass) Blue Grass, Japan Clover, etc. for a grass mixture.

The orchard should be wormed, pruned, and sprayed. There is no work that will pay you as great a profit as the time and expense of the proper care of your orchard. Ask those who are pruning, worming, and spraying. Plans for an All the Year Round Garden. Bulletins giving instructions for making hot beds, sowing and varieties of vegetables to plant, fertilization, cultivation, etc., may be had upon application. Every farmer should have a hot bed and they are inexpensive.

200 PERSONS CONTROL 15 BILLION IN U. S. Fifty American Families Own More Than \$100,000,000 Each.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 20.—Fifty families in the United States control more than \$100,000,000 each; 100 families control more than \$50,000,000 each and 50 families control more than \$10,000,000 each.

John D. Rockefeller's estate is now between \$3,000,000,000 and \$5,000,000,000. Two hundred persons in the United States control \$15,000,000,000. These startling figures on the concentration of wealth in the United States were obtained from Henry H. Klein, deputy commissioner of accounts of New York City, and a deep student of economic affairs.

FARMER WANTS TWO WIVES A farmer residing near Denver has written to Gov. O. H. Stroupe, urging the chief executive of Colorado to permit farmers having two wives. His letter follows: "I am a farmer seven miles south of Denver. You are a good state Governor, and I offer you something to help the farmers.

"Let city men have one while the farmer two wives. You see, one could help the other, and a farmer could more surely raise boys to work the farm and not need to hire at high wages. Then the farmers could sell crops cheap and make money, and living in cities would be cheaper, and many young men would leave cities to be on the farm and have two wives.

"You would be a greater man than Lincoln if you can get the United States to let all the farmers have two wives. A farmer could offer marry two sisters, or good ones." "GEORGE SMITH"

BANK CASHIER IS TIED UP AND BANK ROBBED OF \$2,000 Swain, Ga., Jan. 27.—Three unmasked men robbed the bank of Swain here last yesterday of cash estimated at \$2,000 and fled in an automobile in which an accomplice waited. The men entered the bank shortly before the closing hour and when only one customer and F. F. Dows, cashier, were present. One of the men asked for a blank note and wrote on that while Dows waited on the customer. As the latter left, one bandit presented the note to the cashier and another pointed a pistol at him. Dows said. Dows was bound and tied to a chair and the bandits proceeded to rob his cash drawer but made no attempt to enter the vault. They left the cashier tied to the chair and headed toward Buford, the automobile leaving plain tracks in the snow which officers started to follow within a few minutes.

PUPPY ON CAKE OF ICE IN HUDSON RESCUED BY A BOAT New York, Jan. 27.—A yelping puppy on a cake of ice floating down the Hudson river today halted the Fort Lee ferry boat Edgewater in mid-stream while a rescue was effected. After Capt. James Brannigan maneuvered his craft alongside the cake, First Mate Gerard Barry descended a ladder hung over the rail. The ladder broke, Barry plunged into the stream and resuscitated with the puppy in his arms. Hauled aboard Barry descended into the engine room with his new pet, which he promptly named Ice.

"DO IT NOW"

Manufacturers Record. "Whatever thy hand findeth to do do it with all thy might," is the doctrine which needs to be preached today with all the emphasis in the nation's power. Because disaster has overtaken many, because the nation's buying power has been greatly decreased by reason of the rapid deflation in products and in employment we cannot afford to sit down and fold our hands, for that would only mean stagnation, and stagnation means death. If your plant needs new equipment or extension, and the money is available, DO IT NOW, and be ready for the next wave of activity, which will come as surely as the sun floods the earth with brightness after the clouds have disappeared. If your town or county needs municipal buildings, schools or enlarged water works or sewage systems, if highway works and street construction need to be done, then do your utmost to see that these things are DONE NOW. Labor is seeking employment, manufactured products are available for all classes of construction work and at prices which, we believe, are below prices that will prevail in the not-distant future. Whenever the tide of business turns, as turn it will as surely as flood follows ebb tide, prices will advance and labor will once more be well employed at good wages. Today is the accepted time for entering upon a vigorous, aggressive campaign for all highway and municipal construction work, for putting manufacturing plants into better physical shape and equipping with needed machinery rather than wait until the rush of new work in the future makes all of these things more difficult and costly.

ODD PANTHER FAD DRIVES MEN MAD

Men From Maine to Argentina Are Appearing on the Scene (By Gus Travis in Charlotte Observer) In every single hotel lobby there is talk of some strange hobby which they call the "Panther" craze. They say it leads a thousand ways any kind of sport that's known. The lovers of this fad have grown until we hear the whole darn town is trying to chase the "Panther" down. Now here's the tale that came to us that started all this "Panther" fus. In Providence township, so it seems, the folks have nightly heard loud screams and seen some weird and gruesome shape which they say is neither ape, bear, hare, cow, dog, hog, steer, deer or any other kind of beast they've ever seen here in the east. They nightly do a hunting garment and vainly try to catch the varmint. They see his tracks and hear his cry, but they can't find him. They chase and come back to their hunting beds. Now every day it has appeared that there is something very weird about this funny chasing stunt the people call the "Panther" hunt. The throngs pile out of snow and church to join in this mysterious search, and though each time they always fall they go back next night on its trail. Through the woods they slowly stalk, and when they come back from their walk we always see a wholesale snarl and find they walk in zigzag style! Yes sir, folks, there's something queer about this story that we hear! There's something strange and very odd out there on that rural soil! Half the town set out today to find the "Panther" hunt. People are coming throughout the state are coming to participate. Men from Georgia, South Carolina, Ireland, England, France and China, Argentina and Mexico and New York state and Idaho are coming down with queer expressions to join these strange "Panther" sessions! And what is odd, from facts we get—they haven't caught the "Panther" yet! They're certainly mixed up on the name concerned in this wild "Panther" game! If we should get down to brass tacks and dish out several direct facts we'd no doubt find that in this case the object of each "Panther" chase is really some "Blind" Tiger's lair that nestles in the bushes there! So come on folks! Don't be outdone! Go on home and get your gun! Call it baboon, ape or rabbit—but come on—get the "Panther" habit!

NEGRO HELD ON SUSPICION OF HAVING COMMITTED ASSAULT ON GROVES WOMEN CLEARED

Gastonia Gazette, 27th. Will Robinson, the negro held since Monday by the local police department on the suspicion that he was the perpetrator of the criminal assault early Sunday morning on a woman of the Groves section and also of several housewives in the Loxay village Saturday night, was released this morning. Chief Orr ordered his release on receipt of a letter from Chief of Police S. M. Henry, of Cowpens, S. C., who confirmed Robinson's story that he spent Sunday and Sunday night in Cowpens. Chief Henry obtained convicting evidence that Robinson was actually there at the time he claimed, this of course establishing an alibi that cleared him of all suspicion of being connected with the crimes committed here. The police department is still making every effort to apprehend the party or parties who perpetrated the crimes of Saturday and Sunday nights.

EDMUND BIGHAM CHARGED WITH MURDER BY CORONER

Florence, S. C., Jan. 27.—Edmund D. Bigham, held in jail here since shortly after members of his family were found shot to death at Pamlico, was formally charged with their murder here tonight by a coroner's jury. The verdict followed a fortnight's investigation by county officials and a hearing today at Pamlico to which 30 witnesses were summoned, including Edmund Bigham's wife, and oldest daughter Louise, aged 15. Those whom Edmund Bigham is charged with having killed were his mother, Mrs. M. M. Bigham; his brother, L. S. Bigham; his sister, Mrs. Maggie Black, and her two adopted children, three and six years old.

THE LEGISLATURE

N. C. GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION'S BILL PRESENTED

Raleigh, Jan. 27.—The road bill agreed upon by the North Carolina Good Roads Association, but varying a great deal from Governor Morrison's plan, started in the house today. The measure was introduced by Representative Rufe Doughton, of Allegheny, and Tobe Connor, of Wilson. One thousand copies of the bill were ordered printed for distribution.

State construction with federal aid is specified in the Doughton-Connor measure with state maintenance, and the bill provides for the state to "take over" approximately 5,000 miles of said-clay and gravel roads for maintenance at once. No ad valorem state tax is to be levied under the proposed law, but the bonds are to be issued and sold and the franchise, automobile and gasoline taxes collected by the state are to be used in paying the interest on the bonds and for maintenance.

Construction of the roads is to be started simultaneously in each of the nine highway districts under the supervision of the state highway commission, which is to serve as at present. Each district will be allotted its proportionate part of money for road construction and maintenance in the counties on the basis of population, area and mileage. In addition to the proposal to connect the county seat sites, the bill also defines certain "principal towns and cities" that are to be connected with hard-surfaced roads.

It is said at the capitol that the Doughton-Connor bill is the revamped measure originally drafted by committees representing the North Carolina Good Roads Association, the Citizens' Highway Association, of which Herlot Clarkson, of Charlotte, was chairman. The house, after an hour's debate Thursday, passed the committee substitute of the Varsler bill, after amending it, allowing additional time in the collection of taxes. The amendment as submitted by Representative Brown, of Pitt county, extends the time of collection of all taxes to May 1, 1921, without the payment of a penalty.

GOVERNOR MORRISON'S BOLDNESS CHALLENGES ADMIRATION

Raleigh, Jan. 28.—Indirectly stepping into the widening breach between youth and the old guard, Governor Morrison today flung the progressive banner farther than any other executive in a generation has dared to do. Lawmakers and politicians generally hesitate to appraise the far-reaching recommendations in the second message of the governor to the general assembly. Never with more eloquence or conviction has he called upon the hosts of democracy from the stump than he appealed to Carolina patriots today. He asked the general assembly to enact revolutionary legislation in order that he may, by the exercise of power, run the office to which he was elected.

He asked for the grant of authority to make over the various boards appointed to direct the affairs of the state institutions, and he pointed the lawmakers to sources of revenue great enough to carry his program forward. Boldness Wins Admiration With boldness that has won the admiration of republicans and democrats he attacked an accepted form of general taxation, recommended that the general assembly not consider the action of the state budget committee as binding, and urged the establishment of two new branches of the state government—a department of taxation and revenue and a department of banking.

The following bills passed the required reading in the house at Friday morning's session: Amending the charter of the town of Mt. Holly. Amending the duties of auditor of Cleveland county. Prescribing the duties of auditor of Cleveland County. Amending the law relating to pay of officers of Catawba County. There will be a public hearing on road legislation before the committee on roads and turnpikes February 3.

McSwain of Cleveland—Authorize town of Shelby to issue school bonds. Gaston of Gaston—Amending the charter of the town of Belmont. Woltz of Gaston—Authorizing issuance of school bonds in South Gastonia district. Woltz of Gaston—Issue school bonds in Victory school district. Woltz of Gaston—Change district and authorize sale of school bonds in town of Belmont. The house also passed the Taylor bill to lessen the crime of lynching providing for the removal to another county of a prisoner held on a charge of lynching without presence of the prisoner in the court room. Two thousand copies of Governor Morrison's inaugural address were ordered printed for distribution.

Proposed legislation in the House and Senate Thursday: Long of Alamance—To give free tuition to every boy and girl in North Carolina by the university. A petition from the Kiwanis club of Gastonia, relative to the orthopaedic hospital. A petition from 1,400 girls of North Carolina college for women asking that the legislature approve recommendations for permanent improvement suggested by the president of the institution. In the senate the Bowie bill abolishing the office of county treasurer of

Ashe county revoked the first party claim of the year when Senator Robinson thought he should be allowed to fill out the term of office for which he was elected before the election bill became effective.

ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL WILL NOT BE NEGLECTED

Raleigh, Jan. 28.—Former Lieut. Governor O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, appearing before the joint appropriations committee of the general assembly tonight, made a vigorous and successful appeal for the Orthopaedic hospital at Gastonia. The committee will recommend the passage of the Carpenter-Woltz bill carrying \$125,000 for improvement and maintenance for the crippled children's home. The budget commission omitted to provide for this institution because it expected private philanthropy to shoulder the burden.

Governor Gardner came here in behalf of the citizens of Gastonia and the friends of the institution. He personally appealed to members of the committee and tonight went before the joint meeting and presented the case with characteristic eloquence. MR. DUKE FAVORS GOOD ROADS POLICY

Raleigh, Jan. 27.—Hearty endorsement of Governor Morrison's stand on roads came last afternoon from James Buchanan Duke, head of the powerful Duke interests in North Carolina, when newspapermen approached the state's senior captain of finance for some expressions on state matters. Mr. Duke's chief of staff, Zeb V. Taylor, of Charlotte, wouldn't let the scribes draw the power magnate's words and there should not be more gracious economists have been placed upon Mr. Morrison since the inaugural train came from him.

"I don't think it is necessary to do more than build the main avenue of travel right now," Mr. Duke said to the reporters, who called on him in his private car, "Doria," late today. "The roads are all gone in a little while and the wind blow the top soil off. "The state ought to build roads so they will last 100 years," continued Mr. Duke. "They ought to build them from six to eight inches thick and cover with asphalt. There is less upkeep to be encountered on real substantial roads and in the end they will pay. It is better to build 100 miles right than to build 1,000 miles wrong."

"I think," said he, "the counties ought to provide the maintenance funds and that the administration ought to be by the state. The counties would function as treasury agents and there should not be any waste of funds in operation. "Fifty millions of dollars, do not amount to anything in North Carolina," Mr. Duke said, with a wave of the hand. "If the state goes to work and spends the money properly, it isn't the amount that matters. "The expenditure of \$25,000,000 on Western North Carolina roads," Mr. Duke said to the press representatives, "would make this section of the state the summer playground for all the South, a part of the West and a part of the North. He praised the taxation policy of the state and bespoke for it great things during the Morrison regime."

LEGISLATOR AND PAY

Representative Hicks has put in a bill to increase the pay of members of the Legislature from \$4 to \$8 a day. There is horse-sense back of that movement. The \$4-a-day legislator is more of a patriot than statesman. He is serving his State for the honor there is in it. Certainly he is not commercializing on the occupation. It takes the closest sort of saying-existing, we might better say—to come out even at the end of the legislative term, and as a matter of fact, it costs some legislators more than they get. A set salary of eight dollars a day might prove of attraction to talent and serve to draw a larger sprinkling of higher quality men to Raleigh. Indifferent pay is conducive to indifferent service, while on the contrary, better pay is an appeal to better service. An eight-dollar Legislature would cost the State more than a four-dollar Legislature, but it might prove worth more in the character of the work it would perform for the State. Anyway, good or bad, a legislator ought to be worth more than \$4 a day to the State.—Charlotte Observer.

UNDERTAKER OFFICE PRODUCED SMILES

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Checking up today on liquor they seized at the undertaker's parlors of Jackson and Harris, prohibition enforcement agent listed nearly 100 gallons of various kinds of liquor. Smiles instead of tears were on the faces of visitors in the undertakers, neighbors noticed, and a squad of prohibition agents arrived suddenly. In a purple casket, lined with light gray satin, three dozen quarts of light Scotch whiskey reposed; more whiskey was found in a body basket while the casket cupboards lining the rear room of the establishment were loaded with cases of whiskey, the agents said. Sam Harris, one of the partners, was arrested.

CONVENTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Board of Trustees of the Anti-Saloon League has called a Convention for Law Enforcement to meet in Greensboro, North Carolina, February second and third. Officers and citizens who believe in the slogan "Blind Tigers Must Go" are urged to attend this convention and take part in its discussions. The purpose of this convention is to kindle in the minds of true and patriotic citizens a reverence for the law, to generate throughout the state a spirit of law-enforcement that will not tolerate the lawless liquor traffic, and bring about full cooperation between citizens and officers in the enforcement of law.

THE ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL AT GASTONIA

Speaking of the North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital at Gastonia, a State Institution with nine Trustees, appointed by the Governor of the State, the Governor himself being the Ex-Officio Chairman of said Board of Trustees, R. B. Babington, who is one of the Trustees and President of the Institution, today gave out the following information relative to the Orthopaedic Hospital. "Yes, we were disappointed beyond expression that no provision at all was recommended by the Budget Commission, in its report to the General Assembly, for the completion and maintenance of this State Institution. We had every reasonable to believe that the State would take care of its own creation, to some extent, at least, not however to the detriment of any other worthy institution. "The cornerstone was laid, and the Institution was accepted by the Governor May 8th, 1920, in the presence of four to six thousand people amid the most auspicious surroundings. Those present said the Governor made the best and most touching speech of his life. With his eyes moist with tears, the Governor stooped down and kissed a crippled club footed boy five years old, (there were twelve crippled and crooked children nestled at his feet) held him in his arms and said, "It is worth more than all the money in the world to be able to make such as he able to run and jump and play as other boys. North Carolina proposes to see that all these unfortunate children are cared for and that their crooked, twisted bodies and limbs are made straight because they are wards of the State and the State should give them an equal opportunity along with the healthy children of the State without handicap. Seventy years ago there was not a humane institution in the State. We maintained courthouses, jails and poor houses, but nothing for God and humanity. "Oh! You ask me about Mr. Seely's Hospital at Asheville. It will be alright when it is built. I understand it has not even been started yet. I mean that no work on it has not been begun, up to this date. "But Mr. Seely is going to build an Orthopaedic Hospital. It will be a great blessing to humanity, and it is so generous and big for him to do so out of his own pocket, even if he can afford it. Not many Seelys in North Carolina. I wrote and told him that I honored him for his humane impulses, and would aid and assist in any way that I could, should he ever have a chance to serve. Mr. Seely replied as follows: "Mr. R. B. Babington, Pres., North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital, Gastonia, N. C. Dear Sir: "I just received your letter and the newspaper clipping regarding the work you are doing there. I did not hear of your work until after I had gotten started with the plans to build the hospital here. Of course, I could hardly change my plans now, and I don't believe that will be necessary. For there are some two thousand crippled children in the United States under fourteen years of age, according to the census, and there must be in the neighborhood of three or four thousand in this State alone. I have already made plans to take care of children from Tennessee and other States in this section, and as I intend to operate it entirely at my own expense, and build out of my own pocket, I am sure you will not feel that I am going to conflict with your work in any way whatsoever. I am very much surprised that you haven't the funds, for I had supposed that everything was assured. I hope however, at some future time to have a visit with you, and we surely will try to co-operate with you in any way we can after we are both in operation. Very respectfully yours, F. L. Seely, President."

The Seely Hospital at Grove Park, when built, will have 25 to 50 beds, and as stated, "will take care of children from Tennessee and other States in this section." With the large number of crippled children in all States, North Carolina won't be able to get many in there. The North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital, with 50 to 60 beds and a Clinic in connection, to be held one day each week for "outside" patients who live within 50 miles of the Institution who can be brought every week, or every two weeks, as the case may require, for re-adjustment of casts and braces, will give us a capacity of over one hundred little patients per day. We have this proposition figured to a fine analysis, and if the State and the people want it worked out quickly we guarantee that experts will do the work to the entire satisfaction of every right thinking person who has a heart for humanity that is helpless and neglected. "In one or two years, if we are given a reasonable chance, we will be putting 50 to 100 absolutely worthless, neglected children of today on their feet so that they will be of service to mankind and the State, earning their own bread and becoming tax payers. "We need \$100,000.00 to complete the plans and \$37,000.00 for running expenses, per year. I feel sure the General Assembly will not turn these poor crippled children down. What do you think about it? Write to your representative what you and your Women's Clubs, the Rotary, the Kiwanis Club, and Chamber of Commerce and all other good people want, and it will be done for the saving of the crippled children of Sound Minds, of the State and Nation. "The Institution is one of the best of like character in the United States, of latest design, and convenience, fire proof, situated on a beautiful grove, well watered and with an elevation of over 1,000 feet. It is two miles east of Gastonia on a beautiful drive, and is so planned for additional wards to be added at a very nominal cost to the

State, because the Administration building and apparatus will already have been provided. "The State accepted and has contributed \$40,000.00 to date. Nine thousand people have given \$45,000.00. We have economically spent this \$85,000.00 and have a plant deeded to the State worth today \$125,000.00. We need, and must have, \$100,000.00 to complete the buildings under construction and \$37,000.00 per year for maintenance, and we are asking the great rich State of North Carolina to do this just thing for her "Tiny Tims," if you, who reads this, get busy and help. The State provides for her blind, deaf, and dumb children, God bless them. Had you thought there are more crippled children in North Carolina than there are of either blind or deaf children? I am told this is a fact. We have three to five thousand crippled children in North Carolina under 16 years old. Do you know of a place in North Carolina where one of them can get treatment and schooling while convalescing? The answer is No. There is no such place. Why not? No one has ever taken it upon themselves to provide such an Institution. Let's do it. It costs money. They are worth it. The childhood of North Carolina is the hope of the Church and the State, if our boys and girls are not given the opportunity of higher education and equal privileges with children of other States. North Carolina will remain near the foot of the list in matters of humane advantages to its youth. "Issue sufficient bonds to do this big thing, as well as to build good roads to ride over with ease and speed and to save cost of wear and tear to vehicles and teams. "Write Governor Morrison. He has the vision."

OFFICER BLUE DIES OF WOUNDS His Assailant, T. R. Clayton, Will Probably Die. Fayetteville.—Special to The Observer, Jan. 28.—Deputy Sheriff M. N. Blue was shot and killed by Thomas R. Clayton, of New York, formerly a soldier at Camp Bragg; Clayton was perhaps the man commanded by Blue, and Deputy W. O. Patrick was shot through the thigh, here early this afternoon when the officers attempted to arrest the ex-soldier on a warrant sworn out by A. A. Lindsey, into whose house Clayton forced himself at the point of a pistol last night. The tragedy arose from Clayton's attentions to Lindsey's daughter. The warrant, charging assault with a deadly weapon, was sworn out this morning by Lindsey, who pointed out the former soldier to the officers just as Clayton was leaving his daughter at the corner of Burgess and Old streets. While Deputy Blue was reading the warrant, Clayton drew an automatic pistol from his coat pocket and started shooting. Blue fell, shot twice through the stomach, but raised himself on his elbow and shot Clayton through the lung after the desperate man had wounded Deputy Patrick. The latter officer's life was probably saved by Blue's courageous action. All three men were carried to the Cumberland General Hospital, nearby, where Blue died this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Clayton is seriously wounded and it is thought that he may die. Lindsey declared today that he had received a threatening letter from Clayton after putting a stop to correspondence between the man and his daughter. The ex-soldier Wednesday night returned to Fayetteville from New York where he has been working as a lineman since his discharge from the army. He went to Lindsey's house on Haymont last night and on being refused entrance by the girl's father drew a pistol and threatened Lindsey's life. Clayton was stationed at Camp Bragg for about a year after the return of his regiment from overseas. He had a bad record here. Blue and Patrick are the fourth officers from Sheriff McGeachy's office to be shot down in the discharge of their duty within the past eight months. Deputies W. J. Moore and H. C. Butler having been killed by the negro George Hobbs, in May. Mr. Blue leaves a wife and an eight year old son.

CONDENSED NEWS

Marion, Ohio Jan. 26.—Two bandits early this morning entered the office of the county treasurer here, knocked Treasurer Harry Forrey unconscious and made off with \$14,000 which he had taken out of the vault for change during the day. Chapel Hill, Jan. 26.—Greetings and congratulation on his 96th birthday were sent to Dr. A. B. Hawkins, of Raleigh, the oldest living graduate of the University of North Carolina, by President Harry Woodburn Chase and by the faculty on behalf of the university of sending your hearty congratulations on this 96 anniversary of your birth," wrote Dr. Chase. "In you, our oldest alumnus, the university has a peculiar pride, and she wishes you many happy years to come."

Washington, Jan. 27.—Acting Treasurer Allen announced today that a total of \$13,883,819.826.36 2-3 in cash and securities was found in the treasury as a result of the count necessitated by the resignation of John Burke as treasury. This total is about \$10,000,000,000 greater than usual and is accounted for by approximately that amount of notes deposited by foreign government for war loans. Annual agricultural appropriation bill passes the house with a total of about \$83,500,000. Champ Clark wants to know why republican members of Congress give Dr. Campbell financial aid in his contest against Congressman Doughton, when they will themselves decide the outcome of the case.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The Fordney emergency tariff bill was theoretically before the senate today but was discussed only in a speech by Senator Simmons, Democrat, North Carolina, and in a brief debate on sugar items. Speeches were so far ahead at one time that Senator McCumber, Republican, North Dakota, declared the senators discussed "everything from negroes to battleships" and asked why the tariff should not be taken up. Hendersonville, Jan. 28.—Hendersonville and Henderson county were wrestling beneath 18 inches of snow last night. The snow continued falling until yesterday about noon. This is the heaviest snowfall that even the "oldest inhabitant" can remember. Traffic is at a standstill and there is no business at all. The snow began falling Tuesday night and continued at intervals until yesterday. It has not begun to melt yet.

A. C. Albright, of Roanoke, Va., a "dissatisfied stockholder," is the man who started the federal probe into the Wizard Automobile company which has bought six officers and directors of the company into court charged with using the mails to defraud. This was the sworn testimony of H. B. Farrington, one of the postal inspectors who worked up the government's case, during the second day of the hearing before United States Commissioner J. W. Cobb, in Charlotte Friday. A woman about 50 years old, apparently Mrs. J. M. Williams, is found dead in a Charlotte hotel.

WANTS TO FIGHT JOE LYNCH

New Orleans, La., Jan. 27.—On his return home from England today, where he defeated Jimmy Wilder, the English champion, Pete Herman declared the only fight he was interested in now was a return match with Joe Lynch, who took the bantam championship from him just before he sailed for England. OPERATOR WHO FLASHED NEWS OF MAINE DISASTER IS DEAD Fort Myers, Fla., Jan. 24.—George R. Shultz, who is a cable operator in charge of the station at Punta Rasa, in this state received and transmitted to the overland wires to Washington the first news of the sinking of the battle ship Maine in Havana harbor February 15, 1898, died today at his home here at the age of 80 years.

SUMNERS HAS PLAN TO STOP THE CRIME WAVE

Washington, Jan. 15.—Dishonorably for persons convicted of committing crimes by the use of weapons was proposed today by Representative Sumners, of Texas, as a means of checking the present day crime wave. Mr. Sumners, for many years a prosecuting attorney and former president of the District and County Attorneys' association of Texas, said action was necessary to make human life more secure. "When the offense is committed with fire arms used on the person," he said in his statement, "it should be possible to inflict the death penalty."

LIVING COST REDUCED BUT STILL VERY HIGH

New York, Jan. 15.—The cost of living decreased 5.8 per cent in the four months for last July to November, and the decline was brought about by drops in the average prices of a number of important food and clothing articles so great as to offset current increases in many other items, the national industrial conference board reported today. This four months' decrease, however, left the cost of living higher than in July, 1914, immediately before the war, by the following percentages: Clothing 128, fuel and light 100, food 93, sundries 92, and shelter 66.

BODIES OF TWO WYATT BOYS NOT RECOVERED

Asheville, Jan. 24.—All efforts to locate the bodies of the two small Wyatt boys, drowned in the French river near Marshall last Friday, have proven fruitless. The boys, aged 7 and 9 had cut the rope on a small boat tied to the shore and drifted into the current, when the boat capsized and they were drowned. Fair weather in the Carolinas follows the snow and sleet storm that held away Wednesday, day and night, and Thursday morning.