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SHORT ITEMS

WILL BOLL WEEVIL DAMAGE LINCOLN

COUNTY FARMS. Is Question That Many Discuss-Would Tobacco Do As a Substitute for Cotton. The ball weevil pest is agitating the minds of the southern people is advance north, but boll weevil bas reached the North Carolina line, and the southern edge of Gaston county by has already been reached by the weeking and the southern edge of Gaston county by has already been reached by the weeking the minds of the southern people along the south large cotton producing county is not a in the past the force was kept daily on large cotton is produced in this county in considerable quantity, about 5 to 7 thousand bales being the average portion of its time to building an ocyearly yield. Many farmers are wise-ly thinking of other money crops, es-pecially those farmers who produce

portion of its time to building an oc-cassional stretch of new road in some section of the county. The county board has ordered a 2-mile stretch built in North Brook-3-county section which, when completed will give an outlet all the way from Lincolnton to the Burke county line, and leading to Morganton. One town-shin in Burke it is understood is with cotton mainly, and what money crop will best suit Lincoln soil should the weevil make cotton more unprofitable than it is now, is the corp that cotton farmers will be interested in. Will it ship in Burke it is understood is with-out improved road, and if Burke fills in this missing link there will then be tobacco? Tobacco has been grown in Lincoln county-fine tobacco-and there are still to be found a few old tobacco barns about over this county. a much nearer route from Lincolnton Or will it be potatoes. If it be to-bacco then whether the boll weevil visits Lincoln or not the county would

by way of three-county corners to Morganton. Of course when the state highway builds the hardsurface road from Hickory to Morganton and on to Linhave two money crops. At any rate adjoining counties are already antici-pating the probable visit of boll weecolnton there will be another outlet to the north and into the mountain counvil and some farmers are discussing and devising means of giving tobacco a try out. The Shelby Star discussing the boll weevil's anticipated visit says: "Tests at raising tobacco in Cleve-land county will probably be made next way by Measure C. C. and George ties; and then to the south to Gastonia will be another through road con-necting Gastonia, Lincolnton and Newton. The state highway com-mission has not as yet ordered the hardsurface road built across Lincoln

next year by Messrs, C. C. and George Bianton, O. Max Gardner and O. M. Mull in order to determine if a tobac-co crop will be a good substitute for this clime and soil in the event that the boll weevil invades the county to but in all probability this will be built if the state carries out its pro-gram of road building. This stretch across Lincoln is included in the 5such an extent that cotton raising will not be profitable as a money crop. These gentlemen have been in com-four years it is supposed whether Lin-

munication with experienced tobacco coln loans the state the money or not. raisers in central Carolina, having placed advertisements in papers at Oxford and Henderson with a view of pet hardsurfaced roads built immediagetting in touch with one or more men who will come to Cleveland and con-duct experiments with ten acre fields on the three fine farms belonging to Blanton Brothers, Gardner and Mull.

Est conese gentlemen have not closed a Discussing the sandelay road, how-de with an experienced tobacco ever, mentioned above in Burke coun-ower as yet, but expects to hire a ty, and in Lincoln via the three coun-

ROAD INTO WEBB'S DIES IN FLORIDA "Marse Henry" Died at a Hotel in Jacksonville—Was an Editor of the "Old School."

COL. WATTERSON

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 22.-Col. Henry Watterson, known to the Ame-Henry Watterson, known to the Ame-rican people as one of the last surviv-ing members of the old school of jour-nalism, to his friends as "Marse Hen-ry," died early today at a hotel here. Death came peacefully, the venera-ble editor retained consciousness al-most to the end and conversing during his last half hour with his wife, son, and daughter. Col. Watterson came to Jacksonville several weeks sen in ac-Jacksonville several weeks ago in accordance with his annual custom of spending the winter in Florida, us-nally at Fort Myers. He contracted a light cold Tuesday and while seated in a chair yesterday morning soon after breakfast he suffered an acute bronchial attack and was ordered to his bed by his physician. His condition

grew worse during the day and night, and the end came at 6:15 o'clock this morning. The immediate cause of his death, his physician caid, was heart failure superinduced by congestion of the bronchial tubes.

the bronchial tubes. Thus "Marse Henry" passed to "that beautiful shore" where he, last Octo-ber wrote his comrades of the Con-federate army he was sure "the bonnie blue flag will be flying at the fore and the bands will be playing 'Dixie' on parade and the oretty girls will be distributing. "The Chattanooga Rebel' (the newspaper published by him dur.

(the newspaper published by him dur-ing the war between the States) to of ragged red-nosed angles groups who had not forgotten the rebel yell."

BODY OF CLUB MAN FOUND IN MITCHELL

Detective Thinks He Has Solved Mys tery of Death of Club Man

Asheville, Dec. 26.-Mystery which for months, surrounded the disappearance of B. L. Harsell, wealthy club and sportman of New York, who has been mising since last April, is believ-ed to have been solved with the identi-fication of a body found in the woods of Mitchell County, N. C., as that of

the missing clubman, Detective Elmo. W. Brim, of Galax, Va., reports having tracked the club-man over 1,500 miles, 240 of which he made on foot through the Appalachian mountains and claims to have information that Harsell was murdered by parties in the Pigeon Roost Creek sec-tion of Mitchell county. Upon leaving New York Mr. Har-sell announced he would walk from Roanoke, Va., to North Georgia for

ATLANTA CHURCH From Atlanta Journal, Dec. 27th. The members of the West End Pres byterian church, at a meeting Sunday

voted unanimously to invite Dr. Willis S. Wilson, of Lincolnton, N. C., to the pastorate of the West End church. DN Wilson has been a prominent Parham.

figure in Presbyterian circles in North Carolina for a number of years and has filled several important pulpits. He has been pastor of the Lincolnton church for the past six years.

Dr. Wilson was graduated from the Hampden-Sidney college and the Union Theological seminary. Davidson college recently conferred the honorary degree of Bachelor of Divinity on

The West End Presbyterian church has been without a permanent pastor since last June, when Dr. R. F. Fitzpatrick moved to Anderso: S. C., af-ter having served the West End church for four years.

It is anticipated by the membership of the West End Presbyterian church that Dr. Wilson will send his acceptance at an early date and probably will take charge of the church about the middle of January.

DELLINGER-SMITH WEDDING

Gastonia Gazette 27th. Handsomely engraved cards reading as follows were received in the city to-

day: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Franklin Smith announce the marriage of their daughter

Helen

Mr. Floyd Arthur Dellinger on Sunday, December twenty-fifth me thousand nine hundred and

twenty-one Gastonia, North Carolina Mrs. Dellinger is a young lady of exceptional charm of manner and personality. She has been for some time a member of the clerical force of Mat-thews-Belk's. Mr. Dellinger is engaged in the automobile business.

LONG-TILLMAN WEDDING

Miss Bessie Long Becomes Bride of C. Tillman, Goldston. Greensboro News.

A wedding, beautiful in its simplicity, was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Long, on Arilington street, last evening at 6 o'clock when their sister, Miss Bess Long, be-came the bride of W. C. Tillman, of

our part of the country. Goldston. Miss Edna Hager, teacher of Kil-

Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, of Centenary church, pastor of the bride, before a teantiful aftar of forms, palvis a. . tail lian's school has gone home to spend-Miss Mas Bell Sifford of Charloth

Misses Ruth and Tazzie Parham are spending the Christmas holidays with their mother, Mrs. Margaret

NEWS ITEMS

Mr. Loyd Henkle of Rutherford college is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs . M. Henkle.

LOWESVILLE LOCAL

and Chester Dellinger were Charlotte visitors Tuesday, Miss Patsy Lowe of Guilford col-

days at home, Misses Jean Andrews and Iola

White, teachers of the Lowesville knew Debs was passing through, an school left Friday for their homes, none here saw him so far as reported Miss Andrews to Bostle and Miss White to Dallas. Miss Mary Ella Lowe is spending V. Debs, the socialist leader whose V. Debs, the socialist leader whose

he Christmas holidays at home, Mr. Chester Dellinger and Mr. loyd Henkle were Mt, Holly visitors Saturday today direct from the Atlanta

Mrs. Mandy Robinson is visiting her eral penitentlary and called upon on, Mr Bruce Robinson of Lowesville. President Harding and Attorney Messrs. Alby Dellinger and E. M. General Daughtery. Mr. Daughterty said that Deb owe were Charlotte visitors Satur-

Ay. Miss Fannle Edwards is ill with arrippe. came of his own "voilition," while Debs declared his visit to Washing-ton was at the "request" of the atlagrippe. Mr. John Barker and Miss Laura Bryant were happily married Thurs-day afternoon at the Methodist par-

sonage, by Rev. R. K. Brady. A very interesting program was

iven at the Lowesville school house by the primary and intermediate grades Friday morning. They also had a Christmas tree. Miss Tazzie the attorney general declared in a statement that there were no un-Parham made a short talk which was asual circumstances attached to the greatly enjoyed by all. The teachers commutation of the socialist leader's greatly enjoyed by all. The teachers gave the pupils a marshmallow toast.

Mr. Fred Henkle, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Henkle is expected home for a few days during Christmas. Miss Lois Nixon, teacher at Henry

N. C., is spending the Christmas holidays at home. Mr. Freeman Howard was a Lowes-

ville visitor Sunday. Lowesville Dec. 26, 1921.

DAVIDSON, R. F. D. 2 NEWS There was a Christmas tree at Mc-

ean's school last Friday evening. Miss Jannie Beatty, principal of Mc-Lean's school has gone to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beatty of Lu-

Christmas day was a rainy day

The ceremony was performed by

THROUGH CHARLOTTE Calls Upon President and Daughtery Washington, Dec. 27.—Attorney General Daughtery today wrote the attorney general of North Caro-lina asking him to call conferences -Went to Washington Upon "Re-quest," Socialist Says, of state prosecuting attorneys and District Attorneys Linney and Tuck-

EUGENE DEBS PASSES

THROUGH CHARLOTTE

er to secure a more harmonious en-forcement of the prohibition, fuel Eugena V. Debs, former candidate for President on the socialist ticket, and food laws. released from Atlanta federal prison

M. Henkle, Misses Jessie Lowe, Jean Andrews latte that night on his way to Wash-Chicago, Dec. 20 .- Counterfeit internal revenue stamps of a face value of \$3,000,000 and 60,000 counterfeit ington. He was traveling on South ern train No. 38, which passes Charlabels of well known brands of whiskey were seized today by federal Miss Patsy Lowe of Guilford col-lotte about 9 p. m. leaves Atlante at lege is spending the Christmas holi-12:30 p. m., and arrives at Wastingagents in a raid on South State street ton next morning about 9 o'clock, shop. Emil Carlome and his wife, Few, if any, persons in Charlotte owners of the place, were arrested.

Washington, Dec. 26 .-- The reassembling of Congress promises to bring to the forefront the nation-wide problem of the high cost of railroad travel, which adds to the high cost of ten-year prison sentence for viola-tion of the espionage act was comliving. Transportation taxes, to be muted on Christmas day, came here removed at the beginning of the new year, will afford some relief, but both freight and passenger rates are refed garded as demanding the attention of Congress and the Interstate Com-

merce commission. Washington, Dec. 27-The American people spend from seven hundred and fifty million dollars to one billion torney general and that he was given dollars a year to see moving picture a railroad ticket to the capital by the shows, the senate finance committee warden of the penitentiary without hoice of destination, although he was told today in the course of arguents for and against a high tariff on had planned to go immediately to his home at Terre Haute, Ind. After his conference with Debs, foreign made pictures. The investment in the industry totals about

\$250,000,000 and employment is given to about \$250,000 persons.

His appeal having been dismissed by the Supreme court, Young Lee Hallman member of a prominent famsentence, that no advice was offered to Debs nor was any requested, and ily of Marshville, will go to the penithat he hoped Debs would direct his tentiary during the first week in Jantalents to a useful purpose. uary to begin serving the fifteen year No statement was made at the sentence imposed upon him by Judge White House after the conference T. B. Fineley at the August term of there, but upon reaching his hotel Mr. Debs, broke the silence he had guilty of a criminal assault upon Miss guilty of a criminal assault upon Miss maintained from the moment of Louise Tolbirth a Cabarrus county juitting the penitentiary and deschool, teacher. lared he would devote his time to

Cherryville Eagle: - Mr. Lester Houser son of Mr. Luther Houser of he freedom of all prisoners. He ad-led that he had discussed his opinons with President Harding in order Cherryville R-1 arrived here from Califonia last week to spend the holidays hat there might be no misunderwith homefolks. Lester left here three standing as to his principles and wears ago and has made good. This is Debs reached Washington at 9 his first visit back since he left. He 'clock this morning. He left At- will spend about a month here before returning.

anta in a day coach giving the extra fare to Russia relief but about Gastonia. Dec. 27 .--- L. E. 10 o'clock last night accordin,g to Torrence, of Gastonia, route three slaughtered a hog Monday that riends who accompanied him he slaughtered a changed to a sleeper. With him on weighed 545 pounds. The hog is journey were his brother, Theo-Was only 15 mor ore, Miss Celia Rotter, blo i Duroc type. It will be seen that the reedom conferênce. Miss Lucy Rob hog put on more than one pound ins, of the American federation of of meat per day during its life. abor, and a number of newspaper

man who is thoroughly familiar with the best seed for this soil and climate, section ty corner Morganton who has a knowledge of sowing the plant beds, cultivating the plant, cutting, grading and selling. A barn is needed for every eight acres in tobacco so one or two barns will no doubt be

Tobacco was at one time grown in Cleveland but the venture was abandoned because the market went to pieces and was therefore not profitable. Older people will remember the several barns and fields and recall the fact that the Lineberger shop building was erected as a warehouse. The market is and has been very profitable for tobacco growers in the belt and the Shelby men feel that the same results ty by way of Jonas Ridge. The main thing in the way of the State's con-sidering this last named road would will be obtained in Cleveland after our farmers once become accustomed to

tobacco raising. Should the boll weevil swoop down on Cleveland county and do very conbe the privat, road known at Loven's pike If arrangements could be siderable damage to cotton, our farm-

made to present this free of entail-ments to the State there might be a ers would suffer greatly, consequent-ly business would become paralized in chance to put the road across. Going back, however, to the Lin measure until our agriculture could colnton road proposition, we want to keep in maind that this road can be built of the people of Morganton and Lincolnton want it enough to keep hit upon some substitute money crop. These gentlemen feel that tobacco is the next best substitute for cotton and are therefore undertaking the experi-ment, perhaps at a great loss for the pulling for it. It would mean much to both towns, as well as to all this section. A man who has thought about the matter a great deal said to The News-Herald the other day first year in order to make the necesaary experiments by which other farmers will profit. They are to be farmers will profit. They are to be commended for their farsighted polithat this is the logical outlet south-ward for this county. Through Lincy. Their modern methods of farming ave been a source of great stimulus ward for this county. Through Lin-colnton connection can be made with highways to Shelby, Gastonia, Ruth-erfordton, Charlotte, etc. It means so much to us that we cannot afford to sit still and say nothing about it. "On to Lincolnton" should be our sloto agriculture in Cleveland and if they find that tobacco can be grown profita-bly in the event the boll weevil cuts cotton, they will have done a great favor to farming in the county. In the meantime they are securing all the in-formation possible on tobacco culture gan until we get it accomplished.efore they take the first steps on the

beginning of the new year. In the event their tests are success-ful and it is proven that tobacco is profitable in Cleveland, the county Gleveland, Dec. 24.—Three hundred and fifty tenants of a downtown ar-cade building received Christmas presents in the form of rent reductions of ten to fifteen per cent. The reduction is effective January 1 and will conshould have two good money crops, thus becoming one of the richest and most advanced agricultural counties in the South. Cleveland county farmers tinue in force until April 1; when present leases expire. are given up to be among the most SAYS WATSON'S GALLOWS

progressive in the State and Messrs. Blanton, Gardner and Mull are doing ploneer work which swill no doubt

serve as a great blessing to agricul-ture in the year to come.

Hickory, Dec. 26.—Although re-ards aggregating \$175 have been fered for the capture of Charlie

itentiary record, the man with a pen-lerge, according to reports reaching Hickory today. Holton was one of

six prisoners to break away from the state convict camp near Raleigh several weeks ago and it is believed that he and a pal made for his old

where a few nights after

dollars were carried

tered and stamps stolen, and stoffice department had offered

postomet department had offered a reward of \$150 for his capture. The state has offered the usual \$25. Per-ions from Rhodhlas say Helton un-loubtedly is hanging around the vil-age, he having been seen two or bree times recently. He is familiar with compare and the second second

there were several big rob-Loot amounting to several

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BIG REWARD FAILS TO

A. E. F. Officer Declared He Erected It to Unload Gasoline Tanks From The Ballroad Cars. Minneapolis Dec. 19.—William P. Cowes, a local engineer, who served as a major of engineer in the Amer-iran Expenditionary Forces, in a state-ment last night said he recognized a nicture of a 'gollow''' furnished to Senator Thomas Watson in support of the latter's charge of wholeash. BRING MAN BACK TO PEN

Rhodhiss man with a pen-

he purpose of hardening his muscles News-Herald thinks this Morganton and preparing for a big game hunt in a foreign country which he contem-plated with other New York club men. Lincolnton sandelay road is worth the effort, especially if the state car le was to write his brother each 30 be induced to take it over and keep it up, and this would be an advantage to hoth counties. The M rganton Newsdays of his whereabouts, and after Herald says: While in Raleigh last week Morstarted. ganton men talked to Road Commissiener McBee of the proposed Lin-coluton road and found him very fa-

ONLY A LOADING CRANE

Detectives arrived here about sixweeks ago and began work upon the new clue which led them over Mount vorable to the proposition He prom-ised to make a further investigation ditchell, highest peak east of the Rockies, through the mountainous secof the route and to make an effort to put it on the list of Highways to be constructed by the State. He also promised to give consideration to the road from Morganton to Avery countions of Yancey county and into a re-mote section of Mitchell, where the body was found.

JUDGE WEBB WOULD HAVE THE YOUNG TO SEE BAD CASE

Thinks the Shame of it Would Do Them Good and Show Danger In Such Life.

Following the evidence and argu-Following the evidence and argu-ment of lawyers speaking in regard to clemency for the defendant in a particular sordid case in Guilford Superior court, Judge James L. Webb, presiding, spoke briefly but not the less convincingly concerning the im-morality and the connection between it and automobile "joy" rides and oth-er things he considers demoralizing for the young for the young.

The case was the state vs. John T Marshburn, a married man, charged with seduction. Marshburn pleaded guilty to violation of the law against rostitution and was sentenced to six nonths on the roads. Several witnesses took the stand

all of them, with the exception of the father of the chief prosecuting wit-

ness, Edith Stanley, being young peo-pls. Three of them, including Miss Stanley are girls. The evidence, while contradictory in some respect, was alibe in that it showed Marshburn had left his wife and children and gone with the girl to Durham, where they stayed about three weeks, living as man a wife. There was a split

the testimony as to whether Miss Stanley had been told that Marshirn was a married man; she stating that she had told Miss Stanley who said in reply that she didn't care. Judge Webb expressed the wish that all the boys and girls in North Carolina at about the age of 15 could see had tuck the age of 15 could

see just such case as had been laid bare in all its details, just once; com in, hear the evidence and see the prin-

cipals paying the penalty of having their shame put before all who might see, and then go back home. The judge thought that it would have a powerful effect for good on the lives of the young second

Senator Thomas Watson in support of the latter's charge of wholesale exe-rutions in the American Expedition Force, as that of a crane he had con-structed while in France. "We had to have some means, of unloading onsolve tanks from taxs," said Mr. Cowles. "I constructed this beam by means of which the tanks were lifted from the cars by a rope and deposited on a platform. I recommised the crane at once when I saw it in the paper, which called it a 'rallows." The struc-ture was ten by eight feet and stood across the road from the depot at Gievees, south of our office.

Gievres, south of our office. "I think Senator Watson's charge, will be traced down to incidents of this kind. The judge advocate gen-eral said there were eleven hancings in France and I think that it will be that each day may bring so The bas offered the usual \$25. Per-from Rhodhiss say Helton un-tedly is hanging around the vil-he having been seen two or is of half a dozen miles and has rouble in keeping out of the the streets and has rouble in keeping out of the the streets and than a civic court of justice." ugly

athedral candles. To the strains of her people. the Lohengrin wedding march little Misses Ruth Clapp and Elizabeth Goodman entered from the reception

hall, holding white chrysanthemums age, by Rev. R. K. Brady. and wide satin ribbon to form the asile to the unattended. The ring ceremony more than a month had elapsed and no of the Methodist Episcopal church Hager.

word had been received a hunt was was used. The home was beautifully decorated and in the dining room where an ice course was served, a color scheme of white and pink was artistically carent, has been sick for several days ried out with chrysanthemums and but is lots better.

Mrs. Tillman has made her home in the city for the past two years being a popular trained nurse, and has

a wide circle of friends who will regret that her marriage will take her away from Greensboro. Mr. Tillman is prosperous young farmer of Golds- of resentment and protest sweeping make their home.

PREACHING TIME CHANGED Rev. J. A. Snow will preach at Ami-Baptist church on the third Sunday 3 p. m. instead of the second Sun day. This change is made so as not to

conflict with the preaching at Ore authorities. Debs was a dangerous Bank church.

preach at Amity the second Sunday in many January at 11 a. m. All are cordially and it is right that he should be con invited to come out at these appoint- fined. It was a "owerful demonstra ments.

The members of Amity church are especially asked to come out at both presidental candidate and slapped him of these meetings as there is important business to transact.

TEN TROOP "A" BOYS WERE TRIED BY COURT MARTIAL

Thursday night, ten members of the Lincolnton cavalry were hailed before a Court Martial and tried for violating the 61st article of war, failure to attend drills when ordered. In all of him by a full and free pardon that he the cases a fine was imposed upon the has done no wrong, then indeed will member and i one instance a non com there be occasion for righteous indigwas reduced to a 'buck.' The reason of this Court Martial was because of

the fact that the drill attendance was falling below that required by War Department, The Officers takng a great interest in the boys and are striving to make the troop the best in the Old North State and this will easily be accomplished if every member of the troop does his duty.

NORTH BROOK 11 REEPSVILLE 10

The statement published in the last issue of the Lincoln County News re-fering to the boy's basket ball game between Reepsville and North Brook was wrong. The score was 11 to 10 in favor of North Brook instead of 18 to 10 as was reported.

RURAL CARRIERS THANK PATRONS.

We, The rural carriers at Lincoln on desire to extend our thanks to the patrons of our routes for the nice cake ruits, and other good things received

during the holidays We assure you these gifts were very much appreciated and we will endeavwishing you a happy and prosper-ous New Year. W. M. Yoder,

D. A. Seagle Claude Warlick, J. D. Mitchum, R. A. McNeeley, H. G. Crowell

Miss Sarah Bryant and Mr. John Barker were united in marriage Wednesday the 21st., at Lowesville parson nen.

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NEGRO GOVERNOR DEAD

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There was preaching at Mother's Chapel Sunday evening by Rev. Ira

Miss Alma Womack and Mr. Jim Dellinger were to see Miss Maude Jones Sunday night. Mr. Eanis Hager, our superintend-

Brown Eyes.

DEBS

A correspondent in today's Gazette endants said he showed a slight rally waxes somewhat ireful over the Debs ifter strong restoratives had been adepisode. There will be no doubt a wave ninistered. Mr. Bickett served one term as ton, where the young couple will the country from shore to shore at th overnor and two terms as attorney clemency granted the socialist leader. Most of this protest will come from eneral of North Carolina. former soldiers and others who were zealous in their country's behalf in the days of war. And it is perhaps right that loyal patriotic citizens should feel aggrieved at this apparent flaunt of power in the hands of the Federal man when we were at war with Ger-Also Rev. Claude Abernethy will many. He was the direct cause of seditious acts and utterances

> her room, fell across the bed and tion of the majesty of the law that nailed this arch traitor and socialist apsed physician was summoned and an examination revealed no outward signs behind the bars. of life, but he soon developed a slight

However, it must be remembered h pulse, and the former governor began those who are prone to rage that Debs breathing perceptibly, after half an has not been pardoned. His sentence our. has only been commuted. His offense His entire right side is paralyzed. against the government has not been Physicians tonight were skeptical of condoned. He is still without the rights any real gain in strength except through the use of stimulants. His of citizenship. Should he be restored to the full estate of a citizen of the Uni preathing was regular, but heavily labored. His pulse was weak and uncertain. As soon as the news of the former governor's illness became known, Fornation .--- Gastonia Gazette. mer Secretary of the Navy and Mrs.

CLERGY ORGANIZE TO

HONOR WOODROW WILSON

New York, Dec . 18. - Leading Mr. Bickett was elected attorney clergymen of many denomination eneral of North Carolina in 1908 and and from all parts of the country have accepted membership on the church committee of the Woodrow as governor by Cameron Morrison, Wilson foundation according to last January.

plans announced here today for the cooperation of the churches in a national movement to raise a fund LOUISIANA'S FORMER of \$1,000,000 or more to endow awards for meriorious service democracy, public welfare, liberal thought or peace though justice." Pickney Benton Stewart Pinchback thought or peace though justice." The head of the committee, is an-Dies in Washington at Age of 84.

nounced from the headquarters of executive director, is Dr. Frederick Lynch, secretary of the Church Washington, Dec. 21.-Pinckney Benton Stewart Pinchback, negro governor of Louisiana from December 6 1872, to January 18, 1873, died here tonight. He was 84 years old and had Peace union.

DIAMOND AND RUBLES BURIED IN BLACK BREAD

ago, the former governor has practic-ed law here. Death came after a lin-Berlin, Dec. 23 .- Russian smugglers are taxing the resources of the cus gering illness toms officials and guards on Ger-He succeeded to governorship from many's eastern frontiers. Large quantilies of precious stones and gold rubles recently have been taken from shabby looking individuals seeking

was discovered to be filled with gold

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 24.-Thirty-six persons, two white men and 34 THOS. BICKET IS UNCONSCIOUS negroes, were killed and more than 100 injured in a tornado which struck FROM STROKE OF PARALYSIS Crittenden county, Ark., late yesterday and dipped into Quitman, Coaho Raleigh, Dec. 27 .- Former Governor

ma, Carroll, Leflore and Yazoo coun-Fhomas Walter Bickett, 52 years of age, suffered a stroke of paralysis at ties in northern Missessippi early today before passing to the southwest, leaving in its wake a trail of wreckhis home here this evening and his condition was such at 10 o'clock that ed farm buildings. his physicians entertained but slight nope for his recovery. The former governor has been un-

In a recent issue The Washington Evening Star comments on the robpery of an eccentric herb doctor at Delta, Ohio, of \$29,000 which he carried in a pocketbook in preference to investing in government securities or depositing his money in a bank. This sum represented his lifetime savings.

Seemingly in the best of health and Raleigh, Dec. 26 .- R. H. Hamilton, spirits, Governor Bickett prepared 30 years old, railroad section foreman. supper for Mrs. Bickett, who was conwas shot and killed in his automobile ined to her room by illness. He had on a highway one mile from Raleigh aten his supper and returned to Mrs. shortly after 8 o'clock tonight as he Bickett's room and was sitting beside was driving into the city, with Miss her bed when he suffered a violent Irene Guess, a young woman of Ralheadache. A few moments later he went to his room to lie down. eigh. According to Miss Guess, two negroes, whom she is unable to de-Within five minutes Mrs. Bickett scribe, fired three shots into the car neard him scream that his head was just after it had passed them on the almost killing me." He returned to road.

> The Christmas business everywhere showed big improvement over last year. In spite of everything, we have turned the corner. We can face the New Year with confidence and prudence.

Cherryville Eagle:-Mr. Chester Black left lest week for Townsand, Ga where he has a contract to survey drainage district of 18,000 acres. His canal will be cut through this vast area, most of it swamp land, which will be reclaimed. Mr. Black has surveyed within the last year or so drainage districts in North Carolina and Georgia reclaiming about 100,000 acres. Josephus Daniels, with numerous oth-

Asheville, Dec. 26 .--- Not one of the near a thousand veterans of the World War at Oteen hospital where they are waging the battle for restored health served two terms, retiring in 1917 to failed to receive an abundant supply become governor. He was succeeded of seasonable delicacies, several individual gifts and good cheer in un-measurable quantities, during the Christmas season.

Thomas Wells, Jr., some 12 years go married Stasia Welch, ago known in Youngstown, Ohio, as "The most beautiful girl in town." There were marital disagreements. Tom went to war-and was forgotten. With the war over the young million-sire returned and decided to lead a quiet life, his better half refused, so Tom Wells got himself a divorce, Eight days after he got his divorce he was married to Marian Povie, Red Until his retirement several years Cross nurse. But wife number one could not get along on \$300 monthly allowance, so she went back into court and the court of appeals reversed the decision leaving him with two legal WIVES.

Lieutenant-governor as a result of the impeachment of Governor Warmoth. He also had served as state senator, Washington, Dec. 22. - Federai nvestigation of retail prices charged One of the smugglers had a black bread sandwich studded with dia-monds, valued at millions of marks Another had a large diamond buried in the heel of his boot. Yet another was munching a loaf of bread, which was discovered to be filled with gold as delegate at large to many republi Surviving him are a widow and two sons. Burial will be in New Orleans. tail prices in differentiation data on re-