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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

A child was recently born in Reidsville which has six hands.

A case of smallpox has developed near Lincolnton, in a thickly settled district.

Mr. F. A. Palmer, a wealthy New Yorker, has contributed \$20,000 to the endowment fund of Elon College.

A little girl, Mabel Ferrell, two years and two months old, was burned to death at the home of her parents, near McCollers, Wake county, Wednesday.

Murphy Scout: We understand that there is an abundance of wheat, corn and roughness in the country. Some claim we have more than we have had in many years.

This State has chartered the William Whitman Textile company, of Asheville, capital \$75,000, to make cotton, woolen and jute goods. The owners are from Rhode Island, Alabama and Asheville.

It is said that a suit will be instituted against the Southern Railway for killing Mrs. Wilson Wednesday. It is said the headlight was not in working order, and for that reason it is supposed she did not see the train.

Newbern Journal: Clarence Wallace, the negro who killed his wife in this city last December, came down from Dover, where he has been hiding, and sending word to the police here, gave himself up Tuesday night, and is now in close confinement.

Stanley Enterprise: We are reliably informed that the Whitney Reduction company will soon make a survey from Albemarle to the Narrows near Palmerville for building their line of railway to tap the Southern at this place.

Washington Gazette-Messenger: Mr. John Elks, of Grimesland, who was in town Wednesday morning, tells us that he bagged on Monday six wild turkeys, one gobbler and five hens, at one shot. Mr. Elks is one of Grimesland's most progressive farmers. Who can beat this record?

Judge Robinson at Goldsboro rendered a decision in favor of Mrs. Faircloth in the matter of the will of the late Chief Justice Faircloth and orders that she receive of E. B. Borden, executor, \$18,342.77 with interest. This was the amount of her maiden property. There will be an appeal.

Capt. N. G. Phillips, a leading citizen of Graham county, sent the Raleigh News-Observer this message: "The last negro in this county formally left the county last Saturday and we have not a single negro in the county now." It is the only county in the State that numbers no negro among its inhabitants.

It comes from a reliable source that the S. A. L. railroad will build a road from Morganton to Lincolnton. The object of this road will be to get into the coal fields of Tennessee, and at an early date the road will be extended from Morganton to Tennessee, passing through an hitherto section of country which has felt the need of a railroad.

The North Carolina league of professional baseball clubs has been established. Mr. Purkin Buxton, of Raleigh, was elected president of the organization; Mr. C. L. Stevens, of Newbern, vice-president, and Mr. Irwin T. Jones, of Raleigh, secretary and treasurer. The league is to be a six-club league. Raleigh, Wilmington, Charlotte, Durham, Newbern and probably Greensboro will compose the league.

Will Kelly, White, aged 25, was found dead Tuesday morning in the yard of the widow of Dr. Hunt, just across the Davis line in Yadkin county, thirteen miles west of Locksville. Deceased had one bullet hole in the back of his head and two in the shoulders. Will Martin, who has fled the country, with officers in pursuit, is charged with the killing on account of some family trouble.

While superintending the cutting of timber on his farm near Roper Thursday morning Thos. L. Tarkenton was struck by a falling limb, receiving a wound from which he died in two hours. He was one of the most successful young farmers in the county, which he represented in the legislature of 1899. He leaves a wife and large family of young children and numerous relatives. Mr. Tarkenton was highly respected and his death was a great shock to the community.

The officers at Greensboro Thursday morning arrested and jailed Jim Simmons, a negro charged with removing and burying the body of a dead infant without a permit. It is said that the mother of the dead baby was a young white woman who went to the home of Simmons a month ago to be confined. The woman has disappeared. Simmons contends that he is innocent of any intent to violate the law, saying he only followed the directions of the physician who attended the baby during its illness. According to the negro's story, the doctor told him to take the body off to some spot in the woods and bury it without saying anything to anyone about it. The matter will be tried and thoroughly investigated in court.

GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Three corpses, probably of sailors, lost in Sunday's storm were recovered Thursday on the Long Island coast.

An explosion in a candy factory at Royster, Pa., occurred Wednesday, killing four persons and injuring two others.

India is threatened with another famine. The area affected is practically the same that has been ravaged for the past two years.

The 'Varsity flat building in Chicago, near the University building, was destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon. The loss was \$160,000.

The house of representatives of Columbia, S. C., on Wednesday killed the bill to prohibit young children from working in the cotton factories in that state.

Armstrong Henley was hanged at Erwin, Tenn., Thursday afternoon. He was convicted of assault and murder of his six-year-old step daughter last spring.

The four-masted schooner Orlando V. Wooten, ashore at Diamond Shoals, near Cape Hatteras, has been abandoned by the Merritt and Chapman tug, being found to be waterlogged.

Politicians in Washington are discussing the reports that Hanna is to be the head of the department of commerce and labor should the Nelson bill creating the department become law, which is probable.

At Cleveland, O., Wednesday, Joseph Pratt, Ida Pratt, William Bousara and Catherine Anderson, all under 25 years of age, were captured by the local police in the act of counterfeiting half dollars and dollars.

The British government has decided to abandon its intention of fortifying or garrisoning the colony of Wei Hai Wei, China, will withdraw all its troops from the place and will transfer its control to the civil authorities.

Orders have been issued by the navy department for the final trial of the battleship Illinois now at Newport News, under orders to proceed to New York to participate in the ceremonies attending the reception of Prince Henry of Prussia.

A special dispatch from St. Petersburg says: Thirty-eight guards murdered 112 female convicts who escaped in the sensational jail delivery at the prison for females at Smolensk in the leaders' revolt. Two of the women were serving terms of imprisonment for theft.

A New York special says: Forty-six prisoners of the Federal government were taken from Sing Sing prison Thursday and under guard of sixteen deputy marshals started for Atlanta, Ga., where they will finish their several terms in the new government prison recently built there.

A special from Yokohama says: Four officers and seven men of the detachment of 210 Japanese infantry previously reported to have been frozen to death on the northern end of Hondo Island have been found in various stages of exhaustion. Forty corpses have also been found.

E. F. Schuler and G. H. Schuler, president and secretary-treasurer of the Alabama Steel and Wire company, who operate a two million dollar steel rod, wire and nail mill at Enley, Ala., were Wednesday ordered to jail for five days and to pay a fine of \$50 each for contempt of the city court.

A strong flow of natural gas was struck in Winchester, Tenn., Wednesday night. The gushers were with difficulty controlled. It ignited and it took the fire department to check the flames. This last gusher was struck at a depth of 175 feet. The gusher is sufficient to supply the city of Chattanooga.

A Cleveland, O., man who had stolen five cents worth of coal was arrested the other day and fined \$5 and costs, or \$10.85. He declined to pay the fine, on the ground that it was unjust, and when his wife paid it he refused to leave the jail. The turnkey was bound to eject him and he vowed he would return at the first opportunity.

Eulis Whitaker, colored, charged with the murder of John Doster three weeks ago, was taken from jail at Lynchburg, Va., Thursday night and hanged by a mob. Whitaker's case was called in court Wednesday and continued. During the night the mob appeared and securing possession of the negro hurried him to the court yard, where he was hanged.

Mrs. Mary Cobb, who lives ten miles east of Flora, Ind., celebrated her ninety-sixth birthday anniversary on Monday. She is a daughter of the Revolution and the great-grandmother of William J. Bryan. Her father was Stephen Gano, who served in the Revolution, and she is a granddaughter of the Rev. John Gano, the "fighting chaplain" of Revolutionary times. Her first husband, Louis H. Bryan, served in the second war with Great Britain, and also in the Mexican war.

A special from Fernandina, Fla., says: At 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon the jury in the Lohsbull embezzlement case

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after being out two hours, brought in a verdict of not guilty. The case has been the most memorable in the history of the state, having consumed over eighteen days. Col. Luenbill was formerly agent of the Seaboard Air Line, and was charged with embezzling large sums of the company's money. He has been prominent in financial and political circles for several years.

Because her 17-year-old daughter, Mamie, by strategy, Wednesday, eloped to North Carolina and married Frank Howell, Mrs. R. C. Barrett, of Franklin, Va., was stricken with heart trouble and there is very little hope of her recovery. The bridegroom is believed to have consumption and is not expected to live long. Knowing his condition Mamie's parents sought an alienation of her affections by promising her a home wedding if she would not wed till summer. Mamie would not wait. She visited a married sister and the lover met her by appointment.

A special from Sofia, Bulgaria, says: M. Kamtcheff, the minister of public instruction, was assassinated today in his study, by a Macedonian who pretended he wanted to present a petition. The assassin subsequently committed suicide by shooting himself. M. Kamtcheff's assassin, who had been a student at the University of Sofia, was appointed to a position at the capital he had threatened to murder M. Kamtcheff. The police knew of the man's threats and were also aware that there were doubts as to his sanity, but they allowed him to secure a private audience of M. Kamtcheff and the minister's murder followed.

A special from Butler, Pa., says: Realizing that she has ruined her husband, Mrs. Soffel, who aided the Biddle brothers in their recent escape from jail, which led to such fatal results, does not wish to bring further disgrace and humiliation upon him. She now desires a change of venue when she faces justice. In tears and with piteous pleading she made this request to Assistant District Attorney John S. Robb, Jr., of Allegheny county, in the hospital here Wednesday. She said she would go anywhere to have the punishment meted out to her for her disgraceful crime. She is willing to meet any fate the law may place upon her, but does not want the punishment administered in the court house across the street from her old home. She begged in the name of her husband, who is Mr. Robb's friend, and told him that her husband was in no way to blame for her shameful conduct.

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