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THE terms of the twenty-four United States Senators expire next March.

THE fusionists have carried North Carolina by about 30,000 majority.

It is rumored that William L. Wilson, author of the Wilson tariff bill, will be in the cabinet after March 4th.

THE Populist of Morganton, says that now the solid south is broken they are going to start a national bank. Who ever heard of anybody waiting till they "got broke" to start a bank?

THE Legislature will be in the hands of the fusionists. In the Senate there will be 12 Democrats, 16 Republicans and 22 Populists. The House will stand: 41 Democrats, 32 Republicans and 47 Populists.

GEN. COXLEY, the celebrated crank, received 8,918 votes for Congress in his district. If he had been elected to Congress he could do as he pleased on the grass in Washington without being arrested.

THE Chatham Record is of the opinion that the prejudice against Roman Catholics seems to be subsiding in this State, for at the election last week a Roman Catholic was elected Judge of the Fourth Judicial district. Yes, Mr. W. S. O'B. Robinson, of Goldsboro, who is an Irish Roman Catholic, was elected a Judge of the Superior Court in place of Judge W. R. Allen, who is a Methodist. So far as we can now recall, this is the first instance of the people of North Carolina electing a Roman Catholic to any State office.

The Springs That Move Men.

Prof. Wilson, always sound, well says:

Hard times is an enemy before which no political party in America has made a successful stand in power. This is, and perhaps always will be, a weak point in popular government. When labor is out of employment, when the farm products are low, when our financial system is disorganized, the wisest administration of government and the most wholesome laws do not avail to save a party from temporary and disastrous overthrow. Moreover, the whole teaching of the protective system trains men to depend not on individual effort, the plain virtues of industry, thrift and temperance, for business prosperity and material comfort, but on government aid and laws of Congress.

Commenting upon which the Louisville Courier Journal says:

"This is undoubtedly true, and it is due largely to the teaching of the Republican party. This is true. We can't recall a panic in this country which was not followed by a reverse to the party in power, however little that party may have had to do with it. When the Republican party takes up the reins again it may be able to control legislation, but it will not be able to control the laws of nature and commerce (further than to hamper the latter) and if it shall not be turned out sooner it will be at the first re-appearance of unfavorable business conditions."—Charlotte Observer.

Voted After He Was Dead.

As noted in our last issue, the vote of Number Eleven township, Cleveland county, was thrown out by the board of canvassers on the account of several votes having been cast by proxy. The throwing out of this vote elected the entire Democratic county ticket, except the sheriff. It seems that two men who were sick and unable to get to the polls, and two other men who were dodging revenue officers, sent their votes to the judges sealed in envelopes. These were opened by the judges who deposited the ballots in the proper boxes.

One of the sick men died before the messenger reached the polling place and was a dead man when his ballot was deposited in the boxes.—Rutherfordton Democrat.

THE ONE-OKEES AND OUR EARLY SETTLERS.

The Old Forts of McDowell County.—Heroes of the Cherokee War.

Written by G. W. C. for The Record. We will publish (for the information of those who are not acquainted with the early history of this immediate section of the county), a few letters of General Griffith Rutherford, who perhaps did more to protect the first settlers of this immediate section than any one man. It seems that during the American Revolutionary war, that began in 1775, the Cherokee Indians gave the frontier settlers of Western North Carolina a great deal of trouble by committing murder, thefts, &c.

Previous to the beginning of the war, a treaty or agreement, seems to have been made with them and the white settlers, making the Blue Ridge the dividing line from Watauga county (as it now is) Southwest, to Georgia, or a considerable distance, consequently the section called the foot of the Blue Ridge was the frontier of North Carolina.

The result was, the Indians would from time to time come on the East side of the ridge and commit murder, robbery and plunder the settlers to such an extent, that many took their families and left, while those that stayed were forced to build forts and gather the women and children together and guard them in that way as best they could. For that reason one of the principle forts was located at the head of the Catawba as it was then known, where the town of Old Fort is now located and where General Rutherford camped his command of about 3,000 men for a few days, on his way from Salisbury to the Cherokee Nation in 1776. The next principle fort was Arthur's Fort, (now Col. John Yancey's land in Turkey Cove, McDowell county). A number of smaller forts were located along the foot of the Blue Ridge. One was in Montford's Cove, one on the Hunter place on the Catawba river, &c.

As soon as the war of 1775 began, it is said by history that Englishmen who had been trading with the Cherokee Indians, encouraged them to throw their influence with Great Britain, and for that reason they seem to have disregarded their agreements with the colonies of South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia.

I will from time to time give some of the official letters of General Rutherford, Col. Waighstill Avery, Capt. Moore, Col. McDowell and others who were among the great and patriotic defenders of the early settlers of this part of the State.

The following letter from the manuscript records of Virginia, was written by General Rutherford, commander in chief of the North Carolina forces, to Col. William Christian, commander in chief of the Virginia forces, against the Cherokees:

My Own Home, Rowan Co., N. C. July 5th, 1776.

Col. Christian—Dear sir: By the council of safety of this province, I am directed to march with the brigade of the district of Salisbury under my command, against the Cherokee middle and valley towns, at the same time that you, at the head of your forces, march against the overhills, and the South Carolinians against the upper-towns. I learn that Maj. Williamson has at his camp, within 48 miles of the Cherokee, 1,200 men, and is waiting to be reinforced by Col. Thomas with 300 and Col. Neal with 500.

I expect to rendezvous at the head of the Catawba (now Old Fort) tomorrow two weeks, with 2,000 men, ready to march as soon as your situation and readiness is known to me. As soon as this comes to hand be so kind as to forward immediately an express letting me know when you will be ready to march, so that we may at once unite our forces with the South Carolinians, and by the assistance of Divine Providence, crush that treacherous, barbarous nation of savages, with their white abettors, who, lost to all sense of humanity, honor and principle, mean to extinguish every spark of freedom in these United States.

Applying the bravery of the officers and soldiers of your province in the present struggle for the rights of these States, I am sir, Your most obedient humble servant, GRIFFITH RUTHERFORD.

A Deed of Blood.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Nov. 18.—M. V. Straight, and his wife, have not lived together for the past few weeks on account of domestic difficulties. This morning Mr. Straight sent a note to his wife asking forgiveness and requesting her to take him back. She failed to reply. This angered the husband and he purchased a revolver of five chambers. This afternoon he saw his wife and her sister, Mrs. Mary Whitford, in the business part of the city, and dogged their movements until they were within a hundred feet of their home, when he ran up behind them to within ten feet and emptied the contents of one revolver at them both. He then deliberately drew forth another weapon and fired again at Mrs. Whitford. After firing the last shot he remarked: "I guess I've fixed both of you" and sitting down on a horse block, emptied the other four chambers into his body near the heart. Meanwhile a crowd gathered in the vicinity of the tragedy but no one dared go near him. Straight realized that they were afraid of him and shouted that he would not hurt anyone, and he had killed those he was after. Neighbors then removed all parties to the house. Mrs. Straight was shot three times in the back, Scudled, Mrs. Whitford was shot twice. She is still alive, but sinking rapidly. The murderer was removed to the Arsenal Uden Hospital. He is now unconscious and death is but a question of a few hours. The parties are all well known, respectable citizens of Elmira, and the tragedy has created great excitement.—Charlotte Observer.

KILLED IN A PRIZE FIGHT.

Fitzsimmons Killed Riordan With His Fist.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Nov. 16.—While his sparring partner, were boxing at Jacob's Opera House, in this city, tonight Fitzsimmons caught Riordan with a blow on the point of the jaw and the San Francisco pugilist was knocked out. The blow was a light one, but Riordan had been drinking heavily and did not recover consciousness despite the efforts of the physicians, who gave him hypodermic injections and applied an electric battery. Riordan breathed as if in pain and the only evidence of life about him was twitching of the muscles when the battery was applied. Fitzsimmons and his manager, Capt. Glori, were greatly alarmed when the true condition of Riordan was made known to them. Fitzsimmons gave orders to spare no expense to save the man's life. Fitzsimmons himself was knocked down by Joe Dunfee, the local pugilist who killed Donovan in a fight at Maple Bay about a year ago.

Robert Fitzsimmons was arrested at 3 o'clock at the Vanderbilt House, and is now confined in the police station. The doctors have decided that Riordan is suffering from cerebral hemorrhage and that he is likely to die before morning. Fitzsimmons is almost prostrated by the result. A dozen of the best physicians in the city are attending the injured man.

Terrible Tragedy in Nashville.

On last Wednesday Geo. K. Whitworth, clerk and master of the chancery court at Nashville, Tenn., shot and killed Judge Allison, of the same court, because Allison had borrowed a large amount of money from him, and refused to return it, and besides was going to appoint his son, Young Allison to the position held by Whitworth. Whitworth, after shooting Allison, shot himself. The following is from the Charlotte Observer, concerning it: NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 17.—Geo. K. Whitworth, clerk and master of the Chancery Court, who shot and killed Chancellor Allison on Wednesday last, is still alive, but cannot recover. An ante-mortem statement made by Mr. Whitworth was given to the public today. In this statement Mr. Whitworth says that before Judge Allison's first election as chancellor the latter told him he would not appoint him unless he (Whitworth) would agree to divide the fees of the office. This Whitworth says he agreed to do, and in addition to sums he loaned Allison at different times, amounted to \$20,000. He says he endeavored to get Judge Allison to secure this amount to secure himself and protect his bondsmen, and when he learned that Judge Allison would not agree to a settlement he determined to kill him.

Myers Guilty.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 18.—Wm. J. Myers the boy still in his teens, who was charged with murder of Forrest L. Crowley, was found guilty yesterday afternoon.

The judge's recommendation to mercy, Judge Clark concluded his charge at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

At 4:20 o'clock the jurors filed into the court room and a minute later their verdict was read. Many women were in the court room. When the verdict was announced some of them sobbed. They sympathized with the eighteen-year-old murderer.

The elder Myers quivered as though shaken by a chill when the clerk of the court read: "We the jury find the defendant guilty." The son looked into his father's face and then his eyes seemed to be looking into space. He did not tremble. He seemed prepared for the verdict.

Sisk Not Guilty.

The trial of Henry Clay Sisk for the killing last May of Henry Lane was begun Wednesday morning. Messrs. M. H. Justice, E. J. Justice, R. A. Justice and S. G. Galt appeared for the defense and Solicitor Webb was assisted in the prosecution by Mr. Chas. McKesson, of Morganton.

The evidence went to show that Lane was a powerful man physically and extremely tyrannical. The prisoner was a feeble man and a cripple. Lane, on the day before the killing, had forced him to go with him several miles and carry a large bag of liquor, treating him as a slave. It was also in evidence that Lane had threatened to hang him and had made preparations for that purpose. On the morning of the killing Sisk had resented remarks made about his dead father by Lane and left the house at which they were stopping, carrying his gun. He was followed by Lane, who, he and his witnesses swore, had a pair of steel knuckles and a bottle. The State's witnesses swore that Lane had no knuckles but had a bottle in his left hand. When Lane had very nearly overtaken him, Sisk fired upon him, wounding him so that he died in a few hours.

Judge Winters concluded his charge and the jury retired at seven o'clock, last evening. One man hung out for a verdict of manslaughter until this morning when he decided to join the other eleven and a verdict was returned when court convened and Sisk was discharged.—Rutherfordton Democrat.

Last spring the wife of Steve Miller of Cherokee county, died, leaving with him several small children. Recently he married his mother-in-law, which now makes him his own father-in-law and a grandfather to his own children.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

PARAGRAPHER FOR THE RECORD READERS.

Numerous earthquakes are reported in Italy.

Dr. Jas. McCosh, the noted ex-president of Princeton college, is dead.

In a big fire in New York on the 20th Jaiffy & Co., a dry goods firm, lost \$400,000.

Eighteen miners were killed from the blow-up of a coal mine, near Colliers, W. Va., on Tuesday.

R. B. Hartley killed a hog last week that was not quite 10 months old and that weighed 410 pounds.—Lulu Topic.

A 10-year-old son of Rev. W. S. Bynum, of Lincolnton, died Tuesday from swallowing a pin, says the Charlotte Observer.

Rich Leathers, colored, killed a negro named Seymour Canady, in Durham, last Sunday evening, says the Raleigh News and Observer.

Mrs. Raysor, wife of C. A. Raysor, druggist, at Asheville, who was married a year ago, died Tuesday, leaving a child one week old.

Jacob Harmon, mayor of Lula, Miss., and Henry Lawrence, were killed by John and Bob Boyd, two young men of that place, on the 16th, in a general street row.

North Cove Notes.

The farmers of the Cove have finished gathering corn and sowing grain, and this morning the children all start to school.

Among the visitors to the Cove, are Mrs. Morris Grant to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Robt. McCall, Mrs. Leticia Gibbs, to her mother, Mrs. R. W. Brown.

We were very much pleased to see Mr. Johnnie McCall back in the Cove. Johnnie has been staying with his Aunt, Mrs. Fayette English of Madison, going to school.

Miss Sorrelia McCall, one of the Cove's most charming girls, has gone to Greenlee's to attend school. We shall ever remember old G.—S.

Our Free School commences this morning with Mrs. Theodore Franklin as teacher. Grandma Brown from Marion, is visiting at Mrs. S. E. Conley's. North Cove, Nov. 19th, 1894.

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