

A Glance Over the Whole State

Mr. H. L. Blue, a young broker, of Laurinburg, fell from a second-story window Friday night, while in a somnambulant condition, and was so seriously injured externally that he will probably die. His room-mate, with whom he was sleeping, did not even know that he had left his bed.

"The Mecklenburg Declaration Society" has been organized at Charlotte for the purpose of guaranteeing permanent arrangements for an annual celebration on each 20th of May. An effort is being made to secure President Wilson for the coming 20th.

Rev. C. B. Heller, of Spencer, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church in Salisbury, has been notified that Andrew Carnegie will donate \$600 of a fund of \$1,200 needed for a pipe organ for the new church.

A prize of \$10 is offered to the boy in Wake county schools who proves himself to be the most expert at corn judging. There is also a second prize of \$5. Both of the prizes are offered by the Wake county branch of the American Educational and Co-operative Union and will be given at the corn judging contest held in connection with the Wake county school commencement on April 3. Other counties should follow suit.

The North Carolina Society of Washington City banqueted Friday night, with Prof. J. A. Holmes as toastmaster, and 250 Tar Heels present. Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, of the University of Virginia, formerly of the University of North Carolina; Dr. W. L. Poteat, president of Wake Forest College, and several others were called on by the crowd to entertain the gathering. For the first time ladies were present. Does this latter fact indicate anything?

Mr. John H. Olliver, who was recommended for postmaster at Reidsville, but whom Senator Simmons refused to allow to be appointed, was offered a job in the census department by Senator Overman, but has declined to accept it.

Ezbon McMahan, a student at the Deaf and Dumb School at Morganton, was dangerously hurt Friday morning by falling from a window on the third floor of the main building, a distance of 35 or 40 feet, sustaining fractures in back and arm, with possible internal injuries. It is supposed the boy was walking in his sleep. The night watchman was making his rounds and the boy narrowly missed falling on the watchman's head.

The Statesville Landmark says: As a result of a recent bequest of \$265,000 to the Roman Catholic Church to be used in missionary work, it is announced that approximately \$100,000 will be spent in North Carolina to advance the cause of the Church of Rome.

Mrs. Mary Lance, 80 years old, died Friday morning of pneumonia at her home in Asheville and 14 hours later her son, Levi Lance, aged 40, died in the same house of the same disease. They had been ill less than a week.

Esquire Harvey Garrison, of Mecklenburg county, was 101 years old on the 24th. His centenary last year was formally celebrated.

The fourth annual convention of the Pepsi Cola Bottlers of the United States, was in session for three or four days at New Bern last week and about 200 delegates were in attendance.

Dr. Whitfield Brooks died recently at Lake Toxaway. He had represented Transylvania county in the Legislature, had been chairman of the school board and superintendent of schools. He was the father of 17 children and 16 of these survive.

The Enterprise says that Mrs. Charley Deal, of the vicinity of Mooresville, a native of Missouri, is quite a good shot. Having a guest in her home a few days ago Mrs. Deal entertained her by taking her bird shooting and five birds were bagged.

Cleve Daniels, colored, of Durham county, is given a life sentence for murder in lieu of the death penalty. The Governor thinks Daniel's mind was so beclouded by dope when he committed the crime that he was incapable of the premeditation necessary to constitute first degree murder.

Mr. George W. Watts, the well known business man of Durham, and who has given much to philanthropic causes, is heading a movement to unite all the Sunday School workers of Durham into an inter-denominational association. Mr. Watts is superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School.

The reports show that during the month of December the deputy collectors and special employes under Revenue Agent Thomas H. Vanderford seized and destroyed 82 illicit distilleries in the district, which comprises North and South Carolina. Of this number 55 were taken in North Carolina and 27 in South Carolina.

The Mecklenburg County Commissioners are preparing to build a new jail and they propose to make a court room for criminal court a compartment of the jail. The possibility of having to try cases within the jail got on the nerves of the Charlotte lawyers and by a vote of 35 to 10 they entered protest. They thought holding court in jail would lower the dignity of the court.

The new State building in Raleigh is to be thrown open to the public in a sort of informal reception on the evening of February 2, the day for the opening of the spring term of the Supreme Court. The building will be formally presented by J. A. Long, chairman of the building commission, and Governor Graig will accept it for the State. Supreme Court judges and States officers will also make brief addresses.

Mr. M. L. Shipman, Commissioner of Labor and Printing, is expecting to save more than \$2,000 to the State of North Carolina by an arrangement with the Federal Bureau of the Census. The State takes a census of manufactures every year, the government every five years. Mr. Shipman has persuaded the census director to use a special blank for North Carolina in which will be incorporated questions along the line of the State work. The State census can be compiled then from Uncle Sam's figures.

Mr. J. R. Blair, of Troy, died Monday night from the effects of a paralytic stroke received on Saturday while he was attending to business in the courthouse. The remains were buried at Monroe, where he was reared. Mr. Blair was very well known to all public men throughout the State, having been active in the affairs of the Democratic party for many years, and a member of the State Executive Committee. He served in both houses of the Legislature and enjoyed a considerable degree of personal popularity.

Mr. Ivey Riddick, a popular young man of Raleigh, has accepted a position with the British-American Tobacco Company and left for San Francisco, en route to Shanghai, China, where he will be located.

The Governor has ordered that the term of court beginning in Pitt county on the 16th of March for the trial of civil cases be changed to a criminal term so that the trial of S. M. Pollard for the killing of the chief of police of Farmville may be taken up.

A number of Salisbury business men have determined to organize a boys' school for the city and a committee, consisting of Mayor W. H. Woodson, T. J. Jerome, and George R. Collins, has been named to work out the details. It is the purpose to have the school open for work in September. The committee is negotiating with Dr. Ford, principal of the Alabama State Normal College.

A negro woman, Lizzie Reid, of Greensboro, saved the lives of two white children in a way most heroic. The children were crossing the track in front of a locomotive in the yards. The engineer did not see them. The woman jumped in, picked one child up in her arms, and pushed the other from the track. The little wagon which they had was torn to pieces by the train, showing how imminent was the danger to their lives.

The formation of a Chicago company which intends to drain and develop 230,000 acres of land in Columbus and Brunswick counties in North Carolina has been announced. The name of the company, which has a capitalization of \$375,000, is the North Carolina Company of Illinois. Frank P. Graves, of Chicago, is president of the company, and the land was purchased from the Waccamaw Lumber Company, of Bolton.

Norfleet Lyon, about 30, a farmer well connected, committed suicide in the Neuse Hotel, of Kinston, Monday by taking carbolic acid. He is believed to have swallowed three and a half ounces of the stuff. Lyon had been drinking for several days and probably was despondent. He was found in a room on the second floor at ten o'clock and the body was warm, but when a physician arrived the man was beyond resuscitation. He left no word to explain his motive.

Dr. F. J. Clemenger, of Asheville, will on Saturday sail on steamship George Washington of the North German Lloyd Line for London. Dr. Clemenger expects to spend three months or more following scientific research work at the laboratories of Sir Almoth Wright, of London.

Judge Henry G. Connor, of the United States District Court, has appointed Mr. N. Colin Harding, of Washington, a referee in bankruptcy for seven counties in Eastern North Carolina. These counties are: Hyde, Pitt, Beaufort, Tyrrell, Dare, Washington and Martin.

The Interstate Commerce Commission will hear arguments in the freight rate controversy between North Carolina and Virginia in Washington February 6th. The railroads have asked permission to put into effect the rates agreed upon by the railroads and the North Carolina Legislature. To do so the fourth section, providing that a short haul shall not cost more than a long haul, will be violated. The commission allows such violations every day with good reasons, but the Virginia cities' fight in this case has made the outcome more uncertain than it would otherwise be. Rates from Ohio River crossings, St. Louis, Memphis, Nashville, and Decatur, and Huntsville, Ala., are the particular ones to be heard on the date named.

Seeks to Ship Into Certain Dry Sections.

When the Webb bill went into effect it was found that it became operative to prevent the shipment of liquor from any point into certain localities in this State, for the reason that previous acts of the General Assembly had been passed saying that no liquor should be shipped in. These localities are the counties of Mitchell, Avery, Rutherford, Cherokee, Macon and Jackson and the towns of High Point, Morehead City, Trinity, Jamestown, Guilford College, Friendship and Chapel Hill. The express company has been declining to receive shipments for these points, and certain liquor dealers, sought to get a mandamus from Federal Judge McDowell at Lynchburg, compelling such shipments to be received. The judge declined on the ground of want of jurisdiction, and the case may be taken to a higher court.

British Painter of Oriental Royalty a Visitor.

Mr. R. D. McKenzie, a British painter of Scotch descent, who was born in London, reared in America, largely at Mobile, where he spent much of his childhood, in the home of the Turners, is now visiting Mr. and Mrs. James D. Ireland, his childhood friends, at their place, "Erin Home," near Faison.

So intimate was Mr. McKenzie's understanding of the life and manners of the Rajahs of the Indian provinces and so true was his brush in conveying to canvas the breath of the Orient that when the Indian government sought a painter to commemorate the splendor of the Durbar of 1903 he was the choice.

In executing this commission Mr. McKenzie spent eighteen months in visiting the capital of each native State whose Prince took part in the great triumphal entry to Delhi, drawing from first hand the Prince of each province enthroned on the royal elephant in all his Durbar elegance. The result of his efforts was a great color impression eleven feet high and nineteen feet long.

The Governor has postponed the putting into effect of the freight rates established for the State by the last Legislature, pending further investigation by the Rate Commission. This was done in accordance with the request made on the 23rd by the commission, as follows:

"The special commission ordered to investigate railroad rates has heard testimony for the past ten days, and in that time the railroads have put in their testimony in chief, it became necessary to adjourn the commission in order to allow the Attorney General to prepare his testimony and put it in. We have therefore, adjourned until Tuesday, February the 24th, at twelve o'clock.

"We respectfully request your excellency to postpone the operation of the rates fixed in House bill 452 until March 20, 1914."

Colonel Sanford H. Cohen, manager of the Greater Western North Carolina Agricultural Association, has gone to Southern points, where he will work in the interest of the the "Land of the Sky." He will visit practically all of the resort towns and cities of Florida before returning to Asheville in the hope of attracting tourists who are spending the winter in the extreme South to visit this section of the State. A special effort will be made to induce Easterners who are spending the winter months, in Florida to return to their homes by way of Western North Carolina.