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The Illinois Senate is equally divided between Democrats and Republicans, while a Bull Moose senator can cast the deciding vote.

Secretary Josephus Daniels will get \$12,500 in the compromise of the Wake Water Company action. It is 16 2-3 per cent of the amount sued for.

The State colony at Gardner, Mass., has a modern Rip Van Winkle who has been asleep for ten months. He knows nothing of the present war and physicians claim he may sleep for years.

Statewide prohibition carried in Colorado in the recent election by a majority of 11,572, according to the official canvass compiled last Friday. The vote for the measure was 129,589 and against 118,017.

If some men can't get fame one way they are perfectly satisfied to get it some other way. In order to prove to the world that he is its champion pie eater, a New Jersey man has eaten 5,000 pies in four months.

Eleven hunters dead and twelve wounded is the toll of this year's hunting season in Minnesota. The period is only 20 days. The number of deer and moose killed is the largest in the records of the game warden's department.

At Afton, Oklahoma, an officer saw a man with a heavy grip. Thinking the man a bootlegger, the officer forced him to open the case. As he did so about a hundred snakes wriggled out. The officer is, according to reports, still shaky.

Commissioner Young says it's the business of the insurance companies to pay the war revenue tax on insurance policies issued in the future, and the public is notified not to pay this tax, as the insurance companies are liable for it.

Maj. W. W. Wood has resigned as stamp deputy of Greensboro and W. I. Underwood, editor of The Patriot, has been elected commissioner to succeed him. Greensboro sells about \$7,000 in tobacco stamps and to this is now added the war revenue stamps.

In the opinion of the leaders of both parties this session of Congress will be devoted largely to the appropriation measures, and it will keep both houses working full time in order to dispose of them by the time Congress automatically ends on March 4.

The income tax law caused the deduction of a total of \$16,000 from the salaries of Representatives in Congress for the current year. The deductions were made in the checks issued by the sergeant at arms to the personnel of the House. The money will be turned back into the treasury.

Salisbury is setting the pace on weights and measures. Coal sold in that place must be weighed and passed on by the city and a policeman is empowered to see that it is done. What a lopping off there would be in weights in many towns were this law in force.

The total production of cotton in the United States for the season of 1914-1915 will amount to 15,966,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight. The stipulated production in North Carolina is 950,000 bales and in South Carolina 1,500,000. Texas leads in production with 4,560,000 and Georgia is second with 2,650,000.

Though to be without precedent is the remarkable case of Mrs. A. M. Snyder, of Mendota, Ill., who gave birth to children five weeks and one day apart. The baby, a five-pound boy was born the latter part of October. The second child, born last week, weighed seven pounds, and also is a boy. Both infants and the mother are doing well. Surgeons say there is no case on record which approaches this.

Promissory notes for money borrowed or owing are invalid now unless stamped with internal revenue stamps at the rate of 1 cent for each \$100 or fractional part of \$100.

There are being mailed from the office of the Secretary of State revised lists of automobile owners in all the counties of the State as licensed for the current year, the number in the State being 14,700. The fiscal year for the automobile licenses runs from June to June, so that this is a mid-year list and is for the information of county officers and automobile dealers.

In his famous Boston speech, Henry W. Grady expresses himself thus of our goodly Southland: "A perfect climate, above a fertile soil, yields to the husbandman every product of the temperate zone. There by night the cotton whitens beneath the stars, and day by day the wheat locks the sunshine in its bended sheaf. In the same field the clover steals the fragrance of the wind and the tobacco catches the quick aroma of the rains."

Farmers always plant safely when they produce something to eat. If they all grow tobacco they will find out by sad experience that the demand for tobacco next year will be about like that for cotton—overwhelmed by over production. There is a demand in North Carolina for \$20,000,000 worth of food and feed stuffs. It is a wise farmer who produces that for which there is a large home demand. Next year the world, including ourselves, will need more of bread and meat than it will of tobacco.

Business is once more finding itself on firm ground. When the very foundations of finance and commerce rocked four months ago in the economic convulsions attending the outbreak of the war in Europe it was difficult to believe that a sure footing would be recovered in anything like the comparatively brief interval which has since elapsed. The banking and business community, however, kept its head despite the difficulty of keeping its feet, and as a result almost normal conditions have been restored.—New York Sun.

If a member of your family died, would you print the obituary on a bill board? If your wife entertained, would you send an account of it to the theatre programme man? If you were to enlarge your business, would you advertise it in a hotel register? If you were going to have a wedding in your family, would you get out a handbill? You would send such items to a newspaper, wouldn't you? Then why don't you put your advertisements in a newspaper? Every man who uses a billboard is adding to nature's faking. The newspapers build your town.

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot thinks the Atlanta Constitution is "too sweeping in its assertion when it declares that 'the United States, with the possible exception of China, is the only country on the face of the globe, which cut off entirely from the rest of the globe could be self-sustaining for an indefinite period.' Well, we might manage to make a good living and go on living off each other, as we do when a high Republican tariff shuts us in from a large part of the trade of the world, but even then, isn't it true that most of our boasted prosperity comes from our financial and trade relations with the world?"

In the rounding up of the compilations for the forthcoming biennial report by State Department of Education, it develops that the rural school library movement has reached such proportions that there are now in the State 13,579 original libraries and 1,490 supplemental. Of this number 102 original and 98 supplemental libraries have only been recently issued in the completion of the fiscal year of the department, November 30. In these libraries the State invests \$10 each, the county and the community \$10 each, making \$30 for each original library and for the supplemental libraries the investment is \$5 each for State, county and community. This makes an investment of above \$407,100 in original libraries and \$22,450 in supplemental libraries.

One negro was killed and three others injured while unloading a car load of poles at Graham last week. While at work one of the supports that held the timbers on the cars gave way and they were caught beneath the logs. The injured were placed in the hospital here and are recovering. They are Henry Boyd, Murray Counts and Jeff McLennon.

Mr. W. S. Stevens, who is known throughout the length and breadth of the county as "Judge" Stevens, was sworn in for the seventh time as Clerk of the Superior Court of Johnston county. He has already served in this office for twenty-four years. He is regarded as one of the best and most efficient clerks in the State. He keeps the office in such condition that almost every grand jury calls especial attention to it. He has such a hold on the people of the county that he had no opposition whatever this year, either in the Democratic primary or the general election.—Smithfield Herald.

MUST PAY FOR THE PAPER
Judge George Thomas of Columbus, Neb., recently decided that if a man accepted a paper that is sent him he must pay for it. The decision was rendered in the case brought by the Columbus (Neb.) Telegram against a man for \$2.35. The Telegram had been sent to the man's home and he had accepted the paper. When called upon to pay for it he refused and suit was brought. When Judge Thomas heard the evidence he instructed the jury to bring in a verdict for the Telegram. Judge Thomas ruled that the old common law principle that what a man received and used he was bound to pay for applied in this instance.

IN A DILEMMA
From a well known travelling sales man, who represents a wholesale house which deals exclusively in fine white cotton goods and linens, we learn that one of the big problems his house now faces is that of obtaining its lines of goods. Its two sources of supply have been practically cut off—the American manufacturers having gotten cold feet and quit business, while the European manufacturers, who have been selling immense quantities of these goods in this country, have been knocked out by the war. American manufacturers of cheaper grades of cotton goods haven't the nerve and the money to put in the machinery to produce the finer grades, the available supply of which is now said to be rapidly diminishing.—Wilmington Star.

WORKED ONLY FIVE MONTHS IN ELEVEN

A farmer in this county was notified recently that he must pay off a land mortgage. He came to a Smithfield attorney to see if he could get the mortgage transferred. In conversation about the matter the farmer admitted that he had not worked over five months this year to December 1st. The attorney told him that was a poor way to pay off debts. Most people work very well and some of them work so much they make life a burden by so doing, but it must be admitted that some do lose lots of valuable time. Every man should want to accumulate something, and to do this is necessary to make time count. Farming requires twelve months work every year, and those who lose too much time may expect to fail. For some time it has been almost impossible to get any work done and one reason for this is that so many people will not stick to work. Times would be better now if certain people had placed more value on time and not lost so much of it.—Smithfield Herald.

NO MERRY WIDOWS IN CHINA

There are no merry widows in China. When a Chinese husband dies his widow is despised by every member of her family as a woman who has incurred the wrath of the gods. This and other conditions among Chinese women was described by Miss HieDing Lin at a meeting of the Woman's Trade Union League in Schiller Hall. Miss Lin is a senior medical student at the University of Illinois.

"Widows are not the only sufferers in China," she said. "After a formal introduction it is customary for one to ask 'May I know your honorable age?' in order to determine the correct form of address. 'An older person is addressed by one form of 'you,' while a person younger than oneself is addressed by another form. 'The teachings of Confucius were blamed for the condition of Chinese women. 'Ignorance is woman's virtue,' is a teaching of Confucius which every man bears in mind," said Miss Lin. "The chief vices of women, according to Confucius, are that they eat and talk too much and fail to obey their mothers-in-law. 'Only when a woman becomes a mother-in-law does she obtain complete liberty.'"

Miss Lin added that in China it is commonly believed women have no souls.—Chicago Paper.

MOTHER MARY

Looming large upon the Christmas horizon is the figure of Mother Mary. She embodies that mother-love which, until her Son was born, was earth's loftiest ideal and example of unselfish love. What sacrifices mothers are making the world around to create Christmas happiness for others. Let us lay a Christmas wreath of red, for love, and of green, for memory, upon the name of motherhood today.

"CHARIKTER" GOOD

A homesteader of Roundup, Mont., who signs himself W. H. B., has written to County Judge Rothberger asking him to "hunt up" Mrs. Grace Parker, who recently obtained a divorce in the County Court. W. H. B. is lonesome and wants a wife. His letter follows: "Judge Rothberger: 'Dear Sir: Judge, do you think you could have time to hunt up the laidie just divorced by the name of Mrs. Grace Parker and have her wright me with a vue to a nother step in matarmonial life. My age is forty-one, high 5 feet 4 inches. Just proved up on a one-quarter section here. Can send good referance to charikter.'"

EIGHT SETS OF TWINS
The wife of West Graves, a negro of Caswell county, has just presented her husband with the eighth consecutive set of twins. The young couple have been married about 13 years, the knot having been tied by Squire Mitchell when he was justice of the peace. A remarkable circumstance thereof is the fact that in each set of twins was a boy and a girl. There are eight children living, one of each set having died.

BEING ABLE TO GIVE
The gift of being able to give is rich Christmas largeness. Some one unknown to us has put it into verse "Look on all His gifts around thee—gifts that make it joy to live; Best of all, O royal kindness He has given the power to give, He has filled thy hands with blessings, which He bids thee scatter wide; Calls thee friend, and not His servant, friend to labor at his side"

THANKS—WHEN WE GET IT
We modestly suggest That Christmas draws near, And a little will pay For this paper a year. If you send it in time You perhaps will decree That we-uns and ours Shall partake of tur-kee. We give you our thanks And this gentle hint, For that little you send Direct from your mint.

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