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From the Madison Herald.

Attorney C. O. McMichael, of Wentworth, has purchased an automobile. Mr. G. W. Long has purchased the farm of Mr. Robert Fuqua, near Independence. The price paid was something over \$24,000.

Mr. Epson Wilson was brought home Monday night from the hospital at Danville where he went recently to undergo an operation. He stood the operation very well indeed, we are glad to state, and it is hoped has been greatly relieved.

The school commissioners Tuesday night awarded the contract for building the new graded school building in this district to Mr. J. M. Hopper, Leakesville. The contract price was \$90,000, this amount covering only the building, the school board is to furnish the school material. The total cost of the building is to be about \$100,000.

Following a spell of measles, Mrs. H. W. Martin died rather suddenly at her home near Prestonville last Friday night. She was recovering nicely from the attack of measles, it was supposed, when her sudden death came as a great shock to her family and friends. She was 53 years of age and was the late Joseph Griffin.

She was a kind-hearted, Christian woman, well liked by all who knew her. Her husband, who is one of the well-known citizens of that section, she survived by a large family.

South Carolina Raised Millionaires.

A summary of the enforcement of the Federal law shows the following signatures to his petition: The Governor of North Carolina, the Lieutenant Governor, seven other State officers, three judges of the Supreme Court, nine judges of the Superior Court, 19 solicitors, 19 presidential electors, 37 out of 49 delegates to the National Democratic Convention, 41 of 47 Democratic State Senators, 90 of the Democratic members of the House, 53 of the 60 members of the Democratic State Committee including the chairman and the secretary, 85 of the 100 Democratic clerks of the Superior Court, 69 of the 81 Democratic sheriffs, 70 of the 81 Democratic registrars of deeds, 64 of 74 Democratic county treasurers, 68 of the 79 Democratic chairmen of boards of commissioners.

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Senator Simmons and Overman, within the next week or 10 days, it is thought, will descend upon the White House and the Treasury Department and lay these endorsements before President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo, and then await the final result. —Washington Dispatch to The Greensboro News.

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Two Boys Killed While Burglaring Store.

Greenville, S. C., April 6.—Upon breaking into the basement of a fashionable dry goods store shortly after 2 o'clock Sunday morning Leonard Smith, 17 years old, member of a prominent and wealthy family, and his 20-year old companion, Rawley Martin, engaged in a pistol battle with three policemen, who had concealed themselves in the store in anticipation of a burglary, with the result that the young men were shot to death and one of the policemen severely wounded.

As soon as they had entered the store, it was testified to at the coroner's inquest, the boys placed masks over their faces; took out their revolvers and held them in shooting positions, and, flashing their pocket lanterns, advanced toward the stair case leading to the second floor. As they drew opposite the counter behind which the policemen were concealed, Policeman Mayfield arose and called to the boys: "Hold up your hands, boys." Without answering the challenge, it was testified the boys opened fire. They fired two shots, it was testified, and then the three policemen, realizing their danger, opened fire. A total of fifteen shots were fired. An examination of the revolvers showed young Smith had fired once, Martin twice and the policeman twelve times together.

Watts' Endorsement For Collector.

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Charlotte's Experience With the Webb Law.

The combination of Federal Webb law and State search and seizure act seems to have put a crimp in the industry technically known as blind-tigering in Charlotte.

Throughout Saturday and throughout Sunday not a single arrest was made for intoxication and for the first time in many months, perhaps for the first time in many years, the Monday morning docket of the recorder's court will be unspotted by any charge of drunkenness against any person.

None But Denatured Hatpins.

Trenton, N. J., April 5.—The new hatpin law went into effect today after Gov. Fielder had signed it. Under its provisions all hatpins or other devices of apparel capable of inflicting lacerations upon the flesh of another person must be provided with tips or guards.

The law provides for a fine of from \$5 to \$20, half the fine to go to the complainant. Women wearing hatpins are subject to its provisions.

North Carolina Sunday School Convention.

The program for the North Carolina Sunday School Convention to be held in Greensboro, April 22-24, is nearing completion, and promises to be one of much interest and helpfulness.

Three speakers of international reputation have been booked for this Convention in addition to the splendid array of home talent to be used. A large, new warehouse with a seating capacity of three thousand has been secured for the regular sessions and a large platform will be built to seat a chorus choir of three hundred voices.

Messrs. Tullar and Merodith, the well-known music composers and publishers of New York City, will have charge of the music, which insures life to this department.

Who are delegates? The counties can send two delegates for each township in the county, though they do not need to be elected by townships, but can come from any part of the county that seems most convenient.

Each Sunday School of all denominations can send two delegates. They can be pastors and superintendents, or two others, volunteering, elected, or appointed, and should more desire to come from larger schools they will be taken care of as long as there is room. Colleges and High Schools can send two for every fifty students.

All who expect to attend should send their names to the North Carolina Sunday School Association, or to C. C. McLean, Chairman of Committee on Entertainment, Greensboro, N. C., that homes may be provided as early as possible.

Judge Carter on the Pistol Toter and Blind Tiger.

The carrying of pistols does more, in my judgment, to make us lawless than anything I know. It causes more trouble along with blind tiger liquor and the remedy for this lawlessness is a quick and public conscience that will punish these violators.

If a man puts a pistol in his pocket and keeps it there long he will shoot sometimes. That's what he puts it there for. It would be foolish to say that a man puts a pistol in his pocket without expecting sometime to use it against his fellowman. And the man who carries a pistol long enough soon loses his courage and his virtue. I don't believe any man ever carries a pistol twelve months without becoming a coward, and a coward is much more dangerous than a brave man. The coward will shoot when the danger is fanciful. The brave man will wait until it is real.

Stripling's Son Unable to Secure Employment.

Atlanta, April 4.—"It's a hard world, and Atlanta is a hard hearted city," said William Stripling, son of the convicted former Danville police chief, this morning, after he had hunted in vain for two days for some way to earn a living.

The young man, who is only seventeen years of age, made no effort to conceal the fact that he was the son of Thomas Edgar Stripling, the "Jean Valjean of Georgia." As a consequence, he says, nobody seems to want to give him employment.

He has been seeking work for two days, and has even asked the Associated Charities to assist him in finding something to do.

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The New Tariff Bill Presented.

Washington, April 7.—Removal of all tariff from many articles of food and clothing; broad reductions in the rates of duty on all necessities of life; an increase of tariff on many luxuries; and a new income tax that would touch the pocket of every American citizen whose net income exceeds \$4,000, are the striking features of the new Democratic tariff revision bill, presented today to the House. Sugar would be free of duty in 1916, the bill proposing an immediate 25 per cent. reduction and the removal of the remaining duty in 1916.

Raw wool would be made free at once, with a correspondingly heavy reduction in the tariff on all woolen goods.

FREE LIST.

All these other articles are put on the free list, namely: Meats, flour, bread, boots and shoes, lumber, iron ore, milk and cream, coal, harness, saddlery, potatoes, salt, swine corn, cornmeal, cotton bagging, agricultural implements, leather, wood pulp, Bibles, printing paper not worth more than 2 1/2 cents per pound, typewriters, sewing machines, typesetting machines, cash registers, steel rails, fence wire, cotton ties, nails, hoop and bandiron, fish, sulphur, soda, tanning materials, acetic and sulphuric acids, borax, lumber products, including broom handles, clapboards, huts for wheels, pats, laths, pickets, staves, shingles.

Three principal items are taken from the free list and taxed: Rough and uncut diamonds and precious stones, furs, coal tar products, 10 per cent; volatile oils, 20 per cent; spices from 1 cent to 2 cents per pound.

Free Hookworm Treatment for Rockingham County.

On yesterday the Board of County Commissioners accepted the proposition of the State Board of Health and arranged to have a six weeks' campaign for the free examination and free treatment of hookworm disease. One day each week the hookworm specialists will be at each of the following places: Reidsville, Ruffin, Spray, Madison and Bethel's Cross Roads. No charge will be made for examinations, or for the treatment. Every one should take advantage of the work while it is going on. Stokes county has already had the work and over three thousand people were examined. The work has been provided for in Forsyth county and the dispensaries begin operation Friday.

This work has been conducted already in 65 counties, is now in operation in five counties, and several counties are on the waiting list along with Rockingham.

The State spends approximately three dollars in the county for every one spent by the county. Since the hookworm campaign began about three years ago 123,650 persons have been treated, and 216,016 persons examined in the State. It should result in much good in our county.

An Unusual Announcement.

This brief announcement appeared in the Sanford Express the other day: "At the earnest solicitation of many friends, I have decided not to be a candidate for postmaster." This is signed "J. U. Gunter." This good old world has been standing a long time, but this is about the first announcement of the kind ever made. The best part of it is that Mr. Gunter does not appear to be joking; he simply makes a statement of fact, no doubt having it in mind to become a candidate. Had he left the word "not" out, it would have been in the usual form. All candidates run for office at the solicitation of friends. Sometimes, fearing the public might doubt such assertions, the aspirant gets up a petition, but in these days little reliance is placed in such papers. Ten men out of twelve will sign a petition in order to either "stand in" with the candidate, or to get rid of his importunities. Mr. Gunter should be made postmaster of his town inlander. He is honest at least. —Greensboro Record.

Reidsville's Laurels.

Reidsville sent out a dispatch to the State papers claiming the honor for having drawn the first blood under the search and seizure law. It is not unusual for Reidsville to carry off the honors for the sale of whiskey, according to her court records. —Thomasville Davidsonian.

First Democratic Congress Since 1895 Convenes.

Washington, April 7.—Congress opening in extraordinary session today under Democratic domination, was endeavored by the activities of a healthy youth, the Progressive organization in the House, and an invasion of petition-bearing suffragettes. But even these novelties were overshadowed by preparations for the event of tomorrow when President Wilson will deliver his tariff message by word of mouth to the nation's lawmakers.

Victor Mordock, leader of the new Progressive party in the lower branch, aided by his small band of followers, attracted unusual interest, and at the very outset stirred up a fight over the seating of Representative H. Olin Young, of Michigan. The heralding of the coming of the President of the United States, however, was the principal subject of official and unofficial discussion. The senate hesitated when a resolution, adopted previously by the House providing for a joint session tomorrow to listen to President Wilson, was presented for its consideration. It was a stunning proposal. Not in the life time of any veteran statesman present had such a thing even been considered. History, they supposed, had closed on that custom a century and more ago. First an effort was made to have the resolution lie over under the rule but Vice President Marshall ruled it was a resolution of the highest privilege.

Before it was adopted Senator Williams, of Mississippi, deprecated the President's decision to enter the halls of Congress and speak his mind to "the people's representatives." He expressed the hope that such an event never would occur again in the administration. He doubted the wisdom of the move, averring that it could not aid in bringing about the legislation for which the people were clamoring.

In the House the resolution was adopted without debate as soon as Majority Leader Underwood introduced it. There plans for the President's welcome took on a gala aspect. Members scrambled for the special tickets to the galleries which were issued for tomorrow, the occasion being looked forward to as an epochal event in the history of the administration. Organization of both houses was partly concluded today, the Senate having little to do but make time. Speaker Clark was re-elected over James B. Mann (Republican) and Victor Mordock (Progressive), and other officers of the House were also re-elected.

TAR HEEL CRANK IN THE GALLERY.

Just as the Senate was taking a recess until 2 o'clock, a man who said his name was George Clemmer, of Monroe, N. C., arose in his seat in the men's gallery and demanded of Vice President Marshall that he be recognized. Clemmer, who appeared to be about 25 years of age, said that he was the "herald of the Prince of Peace." He said he had odds giving himself this designation. He was taken to the office of the captain of police where he was interrogated. He is locked up as a harmless crank. Clemmer said to newspaper men: "I have a message from Jesus to deliver. I have to deliver it, if I die." Asked what it was, he refused to say. Clemmer told Captain McGraw that he was an evangelist of the Methodist Church, South. He seemed inoffensive enough, but was turned over to the Sixth street police station.

An Old Bible.

Spencer, April 5.—A Bible published in England in 1821 is in possession of W. H. Walker, of Spencer. The book has been in the Walker family for nearly 600 years, and was brought to America more than 100 years ago by John Walker, grandfather of W. H. Walker. The book is well preserved, is clearly legible. It is prized very highly. So far as is known this is the oldest Bible in North Carolina.

Mr. Bryce, the British Ambassador, tells a brief story to illustrate the exalted opinion that he thinks Americans generally have of their national flag. It was in a schoolroom, and during a review of history since the creation. "Who was the first man?" the examining teacher asked. "Washington," hastily replied a bright boy, quoting a familiar slogan. "First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen." "Wrong," Adam said. "O," the pupil said, talking

Taxing Savings.

The State of Virginia seems to be up against some of the same inequalities in her tax levy system that we of North Carolina are afflicted with. Discussing one phase of the situation The Richmond Times-Dispatch says: "Savings bank deposits ought not to be taxed directly. The present tax system in that respect as in many others, is defective. To tax the savings of the individual is to penalize thrift and really to impair the banking business. It tends to further concealment of subjects of taxation."

Discussing the matter further our contemporary cites the experience of the State of Connecticut which imposes a tax upon the banks and exempts depositors from taxation upon their deposits. The rate is one-fourth of one per cent, and in fixing it the Legislature sought to make the burden of taxation distinctly less than that borne by individuals or other financial institutions. Compared with the rate of one per cent laid down upon the stock of other financial corporations, the rate of savings banks is most reasonable, as it is in comparison with the rate of four mills, which individuals pay upon bonds and like investments.

In North Carolina the State tax is one per cent, on savings and other bank deposits, upon cash in hand, bonds and other securities all of which must be returned at their full value, causing the owner to pay three to five times as much tax as the owner of other classes of personal property and upon realty. If instead of our system all property were assessed at its real value and the tax rate reduced to one-fourth what it is now, the owners of money, bonds, etc., would not attempt to evade the taxes and the aggregate from this source would be greater than it is at present. And if the savings banks were required to pay a small tax on savings deposits and the depositors were untaxed, somewhat after the manner of the building and loan stock, the State would get just as much tax in the long run and the savings banks would have their deposits vastly increased. —Charlotte Observer.

Why to Stir the Soil in Dry Weather.

All moisture in the soil is conveyed through tubes, canals, or capillaries. The closer-grained soil holds moisture more readily than the coarser and lumpy soil. By making a fine mulch or blanket to cover the more compact soil below it prevents the moisture from passing off through the small hair-like capillaries of the finer soil below. If you let this loose blanket or mulch stay undisturbed for some time, it has a tendency to crust and form capillaries with the bottom soil and let the moisture to pass out. Therefore, you have to stir the mulch again and break up the newly formed capillaries and continue to do so as long as the dry weather lasts. —G. W. Scally, Fairplay, Ark.

Maj. Stedman Confers With Simmons and Overman.

Washington, April 7.—Congressman Stedman held a conference with Senators Simmons and Overman this evening with regard to recommending postmasters for appointment in his district, and within the next few days he probably will announce the names of the successful candidates at Winston-Salem, Mt. Airy, Elkin, Chapel Hill, Elon College, Madison, Leakesville, Burlington, Spray, Roxboro, Oxford, Reidsville, East Durham and West Durham.

Simpson-King.

Dr. Hannibal N. Simpson, a popular and successful physician, of Stoneville, N. C., and Miss Elizabeth King, the attractive daughter of Mr. Joseph W. King, of Spencer, were married last Tuesday afternoon at Broad St. Hotel. Rev. T. J. Glenn, of the Stoneville Christian church, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson left on the N. & W. train for Stoneville. —Henry County Bulletin.

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