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## GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

There were four deaths and a score of prostrations from heat in Chicago Thursday. The temperature was 92 in the evening.

A hot wave is sweeping from the Rooky Mountains to the Atlantic coast. Cooler weather is promised and we hope it will soon come.

The West Virginia legislature is in special session in response to a call of Gov. Glasscock, who seeks the passage of a primary law.

A petition for the admission of Hawaii as a state, has been received at Washington by the Senate from the Hawaiian legislature. It was referred to the committee on territories.

The United Confederate Veteran's Association, which was in session at Little Rock, Ark., last week, decided to hold its next annual session at Macon, Ga., next year.

Former Congressman W. B. Baker, of Maryland, known as the father of the rural free delivery system, died last week. He was 71 years old, and had served two terms in Congress as a republican.

The appointment of former Governor Ansel, of South Carolina, to succeed Federal Judge Brawley, resigned, is being urged upon President Taft by the representatives of South Carolina. The president is considering several candidates.

In response to a query regarding the presidential candidacy, Gov. Wilson, of New Jersey, who is touring the west and who made a speech at Portland, Oregon, said: "I shall certainly not seek the nomination, but no man is too big to refuse it."

Henry L. Stimson, of New York, was last week confirmed by the Senate to be Secretary of War to succeed Jacob M. Dickinson. Stimson was the republican nominee for governor of New York in the last campaign.

The silvery tones of a graphophone led Frank Kuróski, a young man of Chicopee, Mass., to seek an introduction to the young woman who sang for the records. She proved to be Miss Jennie Cezuski, and licenses were soon issued and they were married last Friday.

The Queen Victoria Memorial was unveiled in London last week. The beautiful monument is in front of Buckingham Palace, and work has been done on it for the last nine years. An imposing military display in connection with the unveiling ceremonies was rehearsed five months by the troops taking part.

Texas has a number of laws relative to card playing that have attracted wide attention. One of these makes it an offense to play cards on the train. The state has also some stringent laws against gambling. Joe Purvis, from Tarrant county, thought that the law prohibited one from playing cards in one's own home and, for the amusement of it, betting on a game. This case was carried into the courts and thence to the court of criminal appeals, where it was decided that it was no violation. So under this ruling "penny ante" and a "ten cent limit" in private homes are no longer offenses.

## GOOD SCHOOLSTAND ROADS.

No county in the State has made better progress in schools than Wilkes and we are still going forward along this line. We have been backward in building roads, but we believe that the county is going to do something for better roads. The Concord Times, in writing along these lines, says:

"There has been very noticeable increase in sentiment during the past year or two, and especially during the past few months for better and longer term schools and better roads in this section, and for the matter of the state. The people have begun to realize something of the real value of good roads and of good schools.

Good roads easily double the value of farming lands. This has been demonstrated in every place in which modern high ways have been built. And not only do the good roads double the market price of lands, but they greatly increase the value of the products of the soil. In remote sections the transportation of the product to market is quite a considerable expense. In fact, many farm products for which there is a market never reach market for the simple reason that the transportation is so great that they are not marketed at all.

Schools stand for an intelligent citizenship, progressiveness and happy homes. Good schools linked with good roads and improved and intelligent farming methods will stop the immigration of the boys and girls of the rural sections to the cities and nothing else will stop them"

## NOT DOING THEIR DUTY.

Moonshining is flourishing to a greater extent in North Carolina now than in most any other State in the Union, according to Commissioner of Internal Revenue, R. E. Cabell. In a letter to a North Carolina congressman who was seeking information along this line, Mr. Cabell said:

"It is a matter of common knowledge that illicit manufacture and sale of distilled spirits is distressingly prevalent throughout the greater portion of the State of North Carolina. The internal revenue force is not very large in numbers. We have the largest force of officers assigned in the Asheville district than is appointed in any district in the United States, and the records will show that a surprisingly large number of illicit plants are captured every year.

The records, of course, would show that there are also many men captured and tried, with not a few convictions. Were our revenue force ten times as large as it is, it would be impossible to entirely break up the practice complained of.

"I am informed that the State laws of North Carolina are very drastic relative to the manufacture and sale of distilled spirits, but it appears that the State officers do very little to prevent or punish for the violations of this law, though I suspect that there are one hundred State officers to every one internal revenue officer."

The men we most admire are the men who influence us most. It is therefore all important that our homage be given to men who in character and ability rank high among their fellows.

## HOME, SWEET HOME.

Home! What a hallowed name! How full of enchantment and how dear to the heart Home is the magic circle within which the weariest spirit finds refuge. The word home touches every fiber of the soul. Ask the lonely wanderer who plods along his way, bent with the weight of age and white the frost of years, "What is home?" He will say it is a green spot in memory, a center about which the fondest recollections of his grief-oppressed heart cling with all the tenderness of youth's first love Home has an influence which is stronger than death. It is law to our hearts and binds us with a spell which neither time nor change can break. Nor merely friends and kindred render that home so dear, but the very hills and streams throw a charm around the place of one's nativity. It is no wonder that grand harps are turned to sing of "Home sweet home." No songs are sweeter than those we heard among the boughs that shade our parents' dwelling, when some evening hour found us gay as the bird that warbles o'er us. We may wander away and mingle with the world's strife, from new associations and fancy we have we have forgotten the land of our birth; but as we listen, perhaps, to those summer winds, the remembrances of other days come over the soul and fancy bears us back to childhood days and home! We may find climes as beautiful and friends as dear, but they will not usurp the place of "Home sweet home."—Florence Morehouse.

## TO CHANGE INAUGURATION DAY.

Washington, May 18.—A revised draft of the proposed constitutional amendment, changing the date of the presidential inauguration to the last Thursday in April providing for the convening of Congress the second Tuesday of each January, and eliminating the biennial short session of that body was presented to the House today by Chairman Henry of the Committee on Rules. The new resolution is the result of prolonged conferences to reach a satisfactory solution of the inauguration problem. The Henry resolution besides extending the terms of the president and vice-president from March 4 to the last Thursday in April, and making their terms begin and end on that date in the future, changes the session of Congress so that the newly elected Congress will convene in January immediately after election instead of the following December. Congress thereafter would sit in long session each year, the inauguration of a president taking place without the breaking of the session. It also empowers Congress to designate a successor to the President-elect between the time when the vote is officially canvassed in February, and the time of inauguration, if both the President and vice-president should die during that period.

Attorney S. O. Williams, of Yadkinville, was here last week on business.

The Southern Baptist Convention was in session at Jacksonville, Fla., last week.

Doubtless God is good, and the world is all right, but don't try to prove it by a man when he is plowing in a new ground.

## STATE NEWS ITEMS.

The 95th session of the Diocese of the North Carolina Episcopal church, was in session at Rocky Mt. last week.

John Laws, aged 87 years, and, who has, for the past 61 years, been register of deeds in Orange county, is the father of a baby girl which arrived at the Laws home last week.

J. F. Ludwick, the Salisbury alderman, who was arrested in Mooresville a few days ago for selling liquor, was given a trial in Mooresville last week and was bound to court in a \$500 bond.

Postoffice inspector Leonard arrested Robert Glassbrooks at Chase City, Va., last week, who is charged with having set fire to the postoffice at Granite Falls several weeks ago. He is now in jail at Lenoir awaiting trial.

The State building commission, which met in Raleigh Friday, purchased a site on which the new \$250,000 State administration building, which was provided for by the last Legislature, will be erected. The price paid for the property is \$45,000, the purchase being from the Grimes estate.

Charged with violating the laws governing the social clubs in North Carolina, ten Salisbury men were arrested last Thursday by Sheriff McKinzie. Every social or drinking club in the city was visited by the officers and the wholesale arrests created considerable stir for a time. Other arrests, it is claimed, will follow.

The Supreme court has granted a new trial to Bill Baldwin, of Watauga county, who killed policeman Miller at Blowing Rock about a year ago. In the first trial Baldwin was convicted of murder in the first degree, but got a rehearing and the next trial was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to eight months in the penitentiary.

The newly organized North Carolina Alumni Association of Washington City makes its entrance into the ranks of capital city organizations with a banquet on October 12, at which the president of the State University of North Carolina, the alma mater of the new society, Dr. F. P. Venable, and the president of the University of Virginia, Dr. E. A. Alderman, will be speakers guests. This banquet will mark the one hundred and sixteenth anniversary of the founding of our State University.

A dispatch from Raleigh says that advices from all parts of the state to the Corporation Commission are to the effect that very good progress is being made by the local tax assessors and listers. There are being sent out to all the county seats now from the office of the commission bill posters with dates and places left blank for advertising under the new state machinery act the dates and places where the property owners can have their last opportunity to list taxes and save the penalties prescribed for such failure. The law requires that these notices must be posted ten days before the listing actually closes and may be anytime from June 10 to 20. Thereafter the tax assessments and lists will be made up for the review by the county boards of equalization.

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