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A SNAKE STORY.

Large Black Snake Found With Three Chickens Held Fast in His Coils.

Saturday night Mr. G. W. Petrea, who lives on North Spring street, was aroused from his slumbers in the wee sma' hours by noises emanating from his chicken house, indicating that some midnight prowler was disturbing the peace and quiet of his fowls. Arming himself to do battle with whatever intruder might be upon the scene, Mr. Petrea hurried to the place from whence came the troubled squawks of his feathered birds.

Approaching the hen house quietly but courageously and ready to pounce upon and apprehend a possible chicken thief Mr. Petrea was disappointed in seeing no sign of any intruder. The noise from the inside continued, but by this time in a more subdued voice. A close inspection of the property revealed no sign of a chicken thief. A light was then procured and a survey made of the interior but still the cause of the noise was not found. Mr. Petrea had about decided that it was a false alarm when he glanced upon three frying size birds standing close together, fopping their wings and making strenuous efforts to free themselves as if they might be fastened in a steel trap. The light was then focused in the direction of the three fowls and they were found to be securely fastened in the coils of a big king snake and held there with a steel like grip.

An effort was made to frighten the snake that he might release his prisoners, but to no avail. Seeing that something must be done immediately Mr. Petrea secured several pieces of cord wood and an axe handle and made one last effort to heed the distressing cries of the unfortunate chicks. A springing process was resorted to, the two pieces of wood being run back between the coils of the snake and pulled back in opposite directions. Finally the strain began to tell and slowly the snake began to release his death like hold, but not until the life of one of the chicks was extinct and the other two had fallen from exhaustion.

The snake was then beat into insensibility and hung upon a tree, where it died sometime during the morning hours. But it has not rained yet.

Six Robbers at One Haul Pulled.

Monroe, July 24.—The members of an organized gang of store robbers have been caught in Buford township, Union county, by Constable Thomas Starnes. The party consisted of five white men and one negro.

Stores in that community have broken into within the last six months and officers found about \$200 worth of missing goods from different stores secreted under a counter in a store of Jeff Starnes.

The following were arrested: Jeff Starnes (white), Jim Richardson, (white, a school teacher), Everett Melton (white), Ford Hinson (negro); another white man named Staek, said to be a member of the gang, is still at large.

At a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Helm today, all the defendants were bound over to the next criminal term of Superior Court which convenes Monday.

Woman in the Case May Tell Who Killed Wife of Beattie.

Richmond, Va., July 24.—The most important development today in the Beattie murder case was an indication on the part of Beulah Binford, the woman with whom Henry C. Beattie was infatuated, that she has decided to turn against her erstwhile admirer. Miss Binford, who is in jail as a witness in default of \$1,000 bond, sent for Detective Scherer. A conference followed between the Binford girl, the detective and the Commonwealth's attorney, Mr. Wendenburg, and it is understood that she made admissions which strengthen the theory of the Commonwealth's representatives that Beattie alone sent his wife to her death on the lonely Midlothian turnpike.

Texas Vote for Liquor by a Very Small Majority.

Dallas, Texas, July 24.—The anti-prohibition election held in Texas Saturday stands at 6,104, a figure too large to be overcome by the unreported vote, according to figures compiled by the Dallas News.

The total vote to date is: Against the amendment 234,101. For the amendment 227,997.

The new figures indicate that the final count will show the majority against prohibition to be in excess of 6,000.

Problem of the Rural Churches.

Columbus, O., July 25.—To discuss the problem of country churches and to find a remedy for the deserted pulpits which are said to be rapidly increasing in rural communities throughout the country is the object of a four days' conference which was begun today at the Ohio College of Agriculture. Plans to arouse the farmers and their families to a more active interest in church work will be considered.

ABOUT A NEW DEPOT.

Correspondent Wants to Know "How Come" Thomasville Gets One Before Concord.

A Concord correspondent of the Charlotte News has the following: "The agitation for a new depot in Concord has not cooled off in the least. Feeling has been greatly incensed against the Southern railroad in the last few weeks because of the announcement that a new depot built of pressed brick, tile roof, steam heat, etc., will be erected at Thomasville. It is a well known fact that Thomasville is a town of a little more than one-third the population of Concord, and turns into the treasury of the Southern a great deal less revenue, yet the Southern chooses to give that place a new, modern depot in preference to this city.

"For a number of years the people of this city have been praying that the Southern would build at this point a new up-to-date station with all the modern conveniences such as the public and the citizenship of the town demands, yet in every instance the railroad authorities have turned a deaf ear to the pleadings of the people. This city is not by any means jealous of the good fortune that has befallen the good people of the thriving little town of Thomasville, but they would like very much indeed to know how they succeeded in getting the Southern in a notion to build.

"The fact that the long strip of double track from beyond Greensboro to Charlotte has a gap in it beginning at the Buffalo Mills in this city and located about one mile north of the present passenger station, and extending some six or eight miles south of the city to Coddle creek, has been at least encouraging to the populace here. It is thought that it may mean that the Southern is thinking of erecting, in the not distant future, a new depot near the Buffalo Mills, and that when that is done, the track of the Southern will be changed altogether, and that a new line will be built straight from the Buffalo Mills to Coddle creek, thus avoiding the long curve that is in the present strip. When all this is done the double track will be laid. All this, of course, entire speculation, but there is hope that the Southern is planning something that will relieve the congested and most unpleasant conditions at Concord's passenger depot."

Senator Bob Taylor Thinks Simmons Came Out Best.

Washington, July 24.—Another man who heard Senator Simmons' speech on reciprocity a few days ago, and who does not believe that the Senator was "grilled" as stated in some of the State papers, is Senator "Bob" Taylor, of Tennessee. In conversation with the News correspondent today, Senator Taylor said: "It was a great speech. While I did not agree with Senator Simmons in his contentions, I was greatly impressed with the power and ability with which he sustained himself and the conspicuous credit with which he held his own against some of the ablest Senators in the Senate who interrupted him."

Senator "Bob" added that Senator Simmons "is not only a man of great ability, but I regard him absolutely sincere and true to his convictions on public questions."

And this is only one of the many similar expressions the writer has heard during the past few days. Senators and congressmen who do not agree with Mr. Simmons are prompt to acknowledge that he made a great speech.

Taft Will Sign Bill Wednesday.

Washington, July 24.—The reciprocal trade agreement between the United States and Canada, embodied in the reciprocity bill that proved a storm center in the two sessions of congress, passed the senate without amendment late Saturday by a vote of 53 to 27. A majority of Republicans voted against it. Of 53 votes for it, 32 were Democratic and 21 Republicans; and of the 27 against, 24 were Republicans and three Democrats.

This action settled the whole Canadian reciprocity question so far as Congress is concerned, and save for executive approval and the Canadian parliament's ratification made the pact the law of the land. President will affix his signature to the bill Wednesday.

Beattie Taking it Easy.

Richmond, July 24.—"This is what comes of mixing with a woman," said Henry C. Beattie, Jr., in the county jail today. He is spending his time smoking cigarettes, strumming on a guitar and reading the newspaper accounts of the case. Beulah Binford occupies a nearby cell and the two exchange messages.

Attention, Veterans.

The annual meeting of Camp No. 212 for the election of officers and such other business as may come before the body, will be held on Tuesday in August, being the 8th.

H. B. PARKS, Com.

Camp No. 212 U. C. V.

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DANIELS REPLIES TO GOVERNOR KITCHIN.

Editor of the Democratic Organ Says Governor Was Caught "Asleep at the Switch."

Raleigh, July 24.—Josephus Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, the recognized Democratic organ in North Carolina, paid his respects to Governor Kitchin, the Democratic chief executive of the Old North State, in his paper Sunday morning in no uncertain terms. The eight columns editorial that Mr. Daniels devoted to his party's Governor was in rebuttal to Governor Kitchin's reply to his critics, published in the State papers Sunday. In the course of Mr. Daniels' eight columns of denunciation of the Governor he says that Governor Kitchin has "been asleep at the switch"; that the governor has done "nothing" in regard to anti-trust legislation and that if the Governor's attitude after election had been known before election anti-trust men in North Carolina would not have supported him. The editor of the organ, in fact, charges that the Governor has betrayed his friends and has failed to fulfill his pre-election pledges. In the outset the News and Observer says:

"The people of North Carolina in 1907 began the fight to end trust robbery when Speaker Justice secured the passage of the Reid anti-trust bill through the house, and it was emasculated in the Senate. The next year W. W. Kitchin, then Representative in Congress from the Fifth district, asked for the nomination for Governor, commended the fight of Speaker Justice and Senator Reid, and gave the pledge that if elected, 'the human beings back of the trust will be made to know that it is better to obey the law than to violate it * * * that is they hold the law in contempt and break it at will, they will be put behind prison bars.'

"That was the promise that gave Mr. Kitchin the governorship. Aside from recommendations in messages, the Governor has done nothing, the trusts have run rough-shod over the people, he has approved the ineffective Blow-Bassett substitute, and devoted a hundred times as much time to criticizing those anti-trust men who denounced that worthless law as to trying to end trust robbery in the State.

Kitchin's Campaign Speeches.

Referring to the heated campaign in 1908, when Mr. Kitchin defeated Mr. Craig and Mr. Horne for the gubernatorial nomination and Governor Kitchin's promises to the people the News and Observer says:

"The people of North Carolina will not soon forget the campaign for the gubernatorial nomination for governor in 1908. Mr. Kitchin was then a member of Congress from the fifth district. He had in his speeches in his district severely and properly denounced the robbery of the tobacco farmers by the tobacco trust, and, in conjunction with Mr. Moon, of Tennessee, had led a vigorous fight against the subsidy to the Southern railway. Soon after he announced his candidacy, Mr. Kitchin declared on every stump that because he had opposed the Southern Railway company's subsidy and had denounced the robbery of the farmers by the tobacco trust, that these two organizations were trying to prevent his nomination for governor, and he made his appeal chiefly to the people of the State for the nomination because, as he said in his Raleigh speech, the American Tobacco Company and the Southern Railway were opposed to him because he 'would not acquiesce in their iniquities,' and because they knew if he was elected 'these trust humans would be put behind prison bars.' This whole paper could be filled with extracts from his speeches along the same line."

Following up this line of thought, Mr. Daniels' asks what the Governor has accomplished and answering says "Nothing. Simply nothing."

To Those Who Want Their Addresses Changed.

If you want the address of your Tribune or Times changed from one place to another, please write a postal card (a letter is not necessary) to the paper you take, as follows: "Please change my address from— to—." This will be all that is necessary. Do not, under any circumstances, "send word" to have your address changed, or write to some one here to attend to the matter. Send your postal card request direct to this office.

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KANNAPOLIS NEWS.

Y. M. C. A. Meeting Grows in Interest—Mrs. Stack's Death—Operated On For Appendicitis—Personal.

The meeting at the Y. M. C. A. seems to grow in interest, Mr. Alton has gotten the entire community to thinking seriously; he raises the standard of religion high and shows that he gospel is reasonable, and practicable, and it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that will believe. The meetings are well attended and the audience is attentive. Christian people seem to be aroused. A number of persons have been awakened and a goodly number have professed faith in Jesus Christ and will there are others who are interested. The singing, conducted by Mr. Harrison, has been inspiring, although the selections have all been old ones, they seem to please the audience. The services yesterday were especially interesting, Mr. Alton preached both morning and evening to a packed house and had his subject well arranged, dwelling mostly upon God's love to the human race. We would like to quote some of his sayings, but we are afraid we would get them bungled up, so Mr. Alton would not know them himself, but many of the thoughts he presented gave the truth in an entirely original manner and were plain and forceful. The meeting in the afternoon for men and boys was largely attended, about 250 seats being occupied. The subject of the sermon was, "What We Owe to Others." After this service an artist from Mr. T. C. Newman's studio in Concord, took a picture of the audience in the auditorium and all about the steps in front of the building. The meeting will continue a few days yet.

Thursday night Mrs. Carrie Staek, wife of Mr. J. J. Staek, died of peritonitis, after an illness of only a few days. Mrs. Staek was in her 29th year, and leaves her husband and three children. The remains were interred Friday evening in the cemetery, in Concord. Services were conducted by Rev. W. L. Hutchins, of Concord. The following out of town relatives were present: Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Skidmore, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Redwine, of Meadenville, and Mrs. Adeline Staek, also of Meadenville, and Mr. John Mills, a brother of the deceased, of Rock Hill, S. C. Mrs. Staek before marriage was Miss Carrie Mills and had a number of relatives in Concord. Although she had only lived about a year in Kannapolis she had made many friends who valued her as a neighbor and feel their own loss, therefore, know how to sympathize with the bereaved husband. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family in this sad providence.

Mr. T. C. Gilliam took his little 6-year-old son to a hospital in Charlotte last week, where the little one was successfully operated upon for appendicitis. Mr. Gilliam is with the little fellow, and we understand that he is getting along all right and will soon be home again.

Rev. W. A. Hough, of Cornelius, will preach to the Baptist congregation next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. N. A. Gregg, formerly of Roanoke Rapids, has accepted the position of overseer of weaving in the Cannon mill, succeeding Mr. G. D. McIntosh, who has resigned and has moved to Ocala, Fla., where he will engage in truck farming. Mr. Gregg comes well recommended and has been received by our people with open arms.

Mrs. J. P. Moore has returned home from a visit to her son, Mr. T. B. Moore, and family in Durham. Her granddaughter, Miss Mabel Moore, came home with her, and will spend a few weeks here.

Miss Bettie Gaston, of Stanley, Gaston county, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. L. Saunders, a few days returned home Saturday. Mrs. Saunders and her smallest child, accompanied her home to visit Mrs. Saunders' father, Mr. J. C. Gaston, and will also visit relatives and friends in Shelby and of West City. Mr. Saunders has his two oldest sons, Masters Robert and William, to keep him company until the return of his better half.

There will be four or five of the Kannapolis Y. M. C. A. boys at the Charlotte Industrial Institute next term. Dr. Baldwin will stop here on his way from the Lake Geneva Summer School and confer with them.

Miss Daisy Sapp, of Concord, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Scarborough Sunday.

Misses Zula and Hattie Clayton, of Concord, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wright, of H. Kannapolis, N. C., July 24, 1911.

Texas Farmers' Congress

College Station, Texas, July 25.—Members of the State organizations of cotton growers, corn growers, swine breeders, dairymen, fruit growers and other agricultural bodies rounded up in force here today for the annual session of the Texas Farmers' Congress, with which they are affiliated. More than 500 papers and addresses are to be presented during the three days' session.

THE CINCO BALL TEAM.

To Play Three Games Each at Fort Mill and Rock Hill.

The Cinco baseball team left last night for Fort Mill, S. C., where they will play a series of three games. They will go from there to Rock Hill and play three games. The team has been greatly strengthened by Irby, the crack second baseman and slugger of Kannapolis. Bell and Cline will do the twirling, the former opening the series this afternoon. The following players are on the trip: O. Sappenfield, L. Sappenfield, Grier, Barrier, Cline, Bell, Norman, Irby, Dusenbery, Patterson and Wood and Manager Ray Bell.

The batting averages of the Cinco team have been compiled and are as follows:

	G.	R.	A.B.	H.	S.B.	P.
Cannon	3	2	15	6	0	.400
Sappenfield, L.	11	9	44	14	6	.319
Patterson, F.	7	8	30	9	3	.300
Wood	6	1	20	6	0	.300
Norman	6	3	23	6	2	.261
Grier	13	7	45	11	4	.245
Cline	6	2	21	5	0	.238
Sappenfield, O.	10	11	37	8	6	.217
Barrier	3	2	10	2	0	.200
Dusenbery	4	3	19	3	0	.160
Clark	5	6	23	3	2	.131
Bell	6	2	18	1	3	.056
Wadsworth	8	1	25	0	2	.000

Asheville's Concrete Hotel Rapidly Nearing Completion.

Asheville special, 24th. Such rapid progress is being made on the completion of the concrete hotel in the center of the town that all sides of the "skeleton," with the exception of the two floors, which will be encased in white marble, are practically enclosed. The outside walls, the exception of the fronts, are of concrete blocks and Saturday before the day's work ended the blocks had been laid on two sides to the top of the ninth floor. The top of the building will be converted into a roof garden and an auditorium with a seating capacity of 500. It is expected that the lower floor of the building, which, when complete, will represent an outlay of approximately \$250,000, will be complete and ready for occupancy by the first of the year.

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Messrs. C. M. and LeRoy Ivey have returned from Monroe, where they spent the day with their sister, Mrs. Vann Sikes.

Mr. Fred Correll arrived last night from Hendersonville, being summoned home on account of the illness of his mother.

Rev. W. P. McGhee left yesterday for Norwood to attend the district conference. He went by private conveyance.

Mrs. J. C. Gibson and Mrs. J. L. Brown and children will leave tomorrow for Yadkin county to visit relatives.

Miss Agnes Howie and Patterson, William and Margaret Ritchie are among the guests at Misenheimer Springs.

Miss Laura Ridenhour has returned from Durham, where she has been visiting Miss Mary Freeman for several weeks.

Misses Mabel Hurt and Jenn Coltrane and Dr. Dolly Varden, of Atlanta, are spending the day in Charlotte.

Mrs. W. T. Linker and daughter, Miss Bertha Linker, have returned from Bessemer City, where they have been visiting Mrs. J. P. Hornbuckle.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Rogers, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. J. M. Burrage, have returned to their home in Winston-Salem.

Mr. J. H. Wooley and Misses Quinn Goodson, Vera, Ruth and Melissa Tucker, of Salisbury, are visitors in the city today, traveling in a "Stoddard-Dayton."

Mr. B. A. Klutz, of Charlotte, left today for a trip of a month or six weeks in the west. He will take in the Yellowstone Park and other places on the trip.

Mr. E. Sauvain will leave Sunday for Birmingham to begin his work as secretary and treasurer of the Thompson cotton mill, which is located about ten miles from Birmingham.

Charlotte Observer: Miss Jenn Coltrane of Concord and guest, Miss Mabel Hurt of Atlanta, Ga., will arrive in the city in a few days to visit Mrs. Thomas C. Guthrie at her home in Dilworth.

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SENATOR SIMMONS' VOTE.

Coterie in Saddle Against Should Remember How Other Democratic Senators Voted.

To the Editor of The Observer: The coterie who are in the saddle against Mr. Simmons make much of his vote for a duty on lumber, overlooking the fact that Senators Gore, Newland and every other Democratic Senator, except Smith, Clark and Money, likewise voted for a tax on lumber. If it was a political sin on one to vote for a duty on lumber, it was a sin in all.

A favorite attack is to figure up that Aldrich voted the same way with Mr. Simmons fourteen times, drawing all sorts of conclusions from those figures.

Aldrich did vote for the amendment to the constitution providing for the income tax; Against a proposed tax of 10 cents a pound on tea; and on various other propositions—just as Mr. Simmons voted, and as the Democrats of North Carolina would approve. Many other Democratic Senators voted with Mr. Simmons on all questions.

Aldrich and Simmons (and other Democrats) voted together for a small tax on iron ore; a tax on coal; for a tax on Quebracho. All of these taxes were a reduction from the former law. They are revenue duties.

With regard to coal, the tax does not affect the East, for our imports of coal go to Idaho, Montana, Alaska, and Hawaii, alone. Boston, however, get some scale for gas. We export to Canada 7,000,000 tons of coal and import 1,300,000 tons. Both countries have revenue duties; and under "Reciprocity," the reciprocal duty is fixed at 45 cents a ton.