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MR. SPENCER INDICTED.

Federal Grand Jury at Salisbury Charges Charlotte Postmaster With Detaining Mail Matter in His Office.

The grand jury in the United States district court at Salisbury yesterday returned a true bill of indictment, containing eighteen separate counts, against Mr. John B. Spence, postmaster at Charlotte, charging him with detaining mail matter in his office. It is understood that the specific charges are that in October, 1908, Mr. Spence held up and refused to allow to go through the mails two separate issues of the Bessemer City Messenger, a newspaper edited and published at Bessemer City by John A. Smith, who was then the Republican nominee for Congress in the Ninth Congressional district. It is alleged that newspaper was mailed at Bessemer City and was received at the Charlotte office, where it was detained and ultimately destroyed, by the direction of Mr. Spence.

It will be recalled that Mr. Spence appeared before a Federal grand jury at Wilkesboro, a few months ago, and gave testimony against Mr. John A. Smith, which resulted in a true bill of indictment being returned against Mr. Smith, charging him with soliciting funds in a public building, for political purposes. The trial of Mr. Smith was scheduled to come off at the recent term of Federal court, in this city, but was continued till the April term of next year. It is now understood that the defense desired a continuance of the case in order that a thorough investigation of the charges against Mr. Spence might be made.

When the matter alleged against Mr. Spence was brought to the personal attention of Attorney General Wickens, that official immediately ordered Mr. Henry M. O'Blens of the Department of Justice to investigate and submit his report to District Attorney Holton. It is known that Mr. O'Blens spent several days in this vicinity and interviewed many witnesses recently. His report was made to District Attorney Holton last Monday and witnesses were sent before the grand jury yesterday, with the result as above stated. The case will probably be tried in Charlotte at the April term.

The charge against the Charlotte postmaster is a very serious one if sustained and the case, as well as that against Mr. Smith, will be followed with interest. In the estimation of the average citizen, however, both charges are regarded as political maneuvers on the part of hostile factions, one crowd seeking to embarrass one leader, and the other crowd trying to do likewise. It is hardly thought that anything will materialize from either case.

Petition Signers And Law Enforcement.

Durham Sun. A "prominent" white citizen of the bustling little metropolis of Hickory in the western part of the state was sentenced to a term on the county roads by Judge Russell of the Hickory Recorder's court some time ago on the charge of whiskey retailing. The courage of the court officer, and the police department of Hickory in bringing to justice the prominent offender has received the hearty commendation of the press of the entire state. No sooner was the sentence passed, however, than a number of misguided citizens, including a minister of one of the churches, with good intentions, started a petition to have the judgment suspended. All went well until the promoters of the petition tackled Colonel Howard Banks, the editor of the Hickory Democrat. In him they have struck something of a stump. Here is the way he states his position:

"The editor of the Democrat has been appealed to by several of the finest men in the community to sign a petition for changing the road sentence against Mr. A. H. Parker to one of suspension of judgment during good behavior. The basis of the appeal is that mercy which a Christian man ought to show. Even though such a splendid Christian man as Rev. Harte is leading in this effort, we cannot conscientiously sign it. We are told that Mr. Parker is deeply penitent, and therefore should be forgiven. We feel that genuine penitence would lead a man to say: 'My sentence is just, let me serve it out and then see what a different man I will be.' We regret to have to take a stand against so many splendid people, but we feel that we must do so as a protest against the modern laxness in exacting the penalty for crime. Nature punishes. God punishes. Man must punish if he would have good government."

Synod Date Changed.

Charlotte, Oct. 17.—A called meeting of the Presbyterian synod of North Carolina, which was held here today, voted unanimously in favor of change of date for holding the annual meeting of synod. The standing rules for the opening synod was set aside and the time was fixed for Tuesday, November 7, at 8 p. m., instead of Tuesday, October 24. The change was made on account of the fact that the date first set conflicted with the Mecklenburg county fair and it would be more difficult to secure entertainment for synod than two weeks later.

TO USE TISSUES OF DEAD.

Experiments in Transplantation at Hopkins Successful.

Baltimore Sun. Taking the lead of American medical institutions, Johns Hopkins Hospital is to install in its clinics the extensive transplantation of animal tissue from one body to another—something that has been the dream of surgeons for centuries. Experiments in this direction have been made for years, and the method has been used with success in several European institutions, but, following a series of experiments by Hopkins physicians, the Baltimore institution is ready to save the life of a patient by the use of part of the body of another—either living or dead—or, if a human cannot be found, tissue from an animal may be grafted with success on the body of a person.

The most striking feature of the method is that living material taken from one patient may be stored away and kept until there is need for its use in an operation on another. It has been found that tissue from a dog, stored away in an ice chest for eight days, grew successfully when grafted on the leg of a cat. In other experiments the material was kept 50 days and grew when transplanted to another body. Much human material, gotten in operations, is now thrown away. This will now be kept for use in the operating room. In 62 experiments on dogs the Hopkins physician transplanted parts of the bodies from one animal to another, and to animals of another kind, with remarkable success.

Many deaths occur annually from the disintegration or collapse of diseased blood vessels. Many legs and arms, containing good blood vessels are cut off every year. The economy is to use them for patients suffering from artery and vein trouble. Skin obtained in operations will be stored away for the first patient who comes along with a bad burn. The blood vessels and tissues obtained from animals have been used successfully on humans. It is said that cancer may be vanquished by cutting away the affected part and placing in its place good flesh from another body. The transplantation of muscles and bones, it is said, will be a common operation in the future.

Two-Million-Dollar Temple.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 18.—To the many memorable events which cluster about the making of the nation's capital must be added one other, the laying of the cornerstone of the \$2,000,000 Scottish Rite Temple with solemn Masonic ceremonies this afternoon. The occasion was made notable by the presence of the entire Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons of the Southern jurisdiction, together with large delegations of the membership of the order from Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey and the District of Columbia. Five thousand participated in the big parade through the city to the 16th and S streets, Northwest, where the new temple is to be erected and where the ceremonies of the day were held.

The ceremonies opened with an invocation by Rev. William T. Snyder, chaplain of the Supreme Council. James D. Richardson, of Tennessee, Sovereign Grand Commander of Scottish Rite Masons for the Southern jurisdiction, delivered the opening address, after which John Russell Pope, the architect of the temple, delivered the Masonic implements appropriate to the occasion to the grand master. The Masonic rite of laying the cornerstones was then performed according to ancient usage by Grand Master J. Claude Keiper, of the District of Columbia. Rev. Richard Pardee Williams, canon of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul, pronounced the benediction. The musical features of the programs were furnished by the Scottish Rite Choir of St. Louis, Mo.

Suffragists Gather in Louisville.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 18.—Prominent woman suffragists are already arriving in considerable numbers and committee meetings are being held in preparation for the annual convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association, which will be formally opened here tomorrow. The convention this year promises to be the most notable in the history of the equal rights movement. A fine array of talent has been engaged to address the various meetings, consisting of prominent men and women who have become famous for their devotion and labor along different lines of human activity. The indications are that every state will be represented at the convention.

Missionaries Flew From City of Han Yang.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 17.—The situation in Han Yang, Hopen Province, where the Chinese revolutionists have already captured the government garrison, has become so threatening that the missionaries attached to the stations of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, have been obliged to leave the city. The news of the missionaries' withdrawal from Han Yang was received in a cablegram from Shanghai, received today at the headquarters of the society, in this city.

Tonight—Beulah Buck Quartet, at Central School Auditorium.

KITCHEN SHOWER.

At Residence of Mr. H. A. Petrea in Honor of Mr. Frank Petrea and Miss Cornelia Mills, Bride and Groom-to-be.

Notwithstanding the showers of last evening when the natural elements were so profusely, another shower, more in touch with human hearts, was enacted when Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Petrea, at their pleasant home at No. 25 Meadow street, gave a "kitchen shower" in honor of the bride and groom-to-be, Miss Cornelia Odell Mills and Mr. Frank Keller Petrea. The happy party of invited friends were received at the door by Misses Minnie Udley and Katie Suther. The handsome decorations consisted of beautiful blendings of roses, honeysuckle and ferns. The prevailing color of the parlor was white and the dining room pink. The tables sparkled with lighted candles when pink lemons and other good things were graciously served by Misses Ida Suther and Myrtle Petrea.

The social features of the evening were enhanced by an exciting contest of answering a list of queries over a penny, the prize, a beautiful china cake plate, was won by Miss Annie Petrea who in turn completed the programme by presenting it to the blushing bride-to-be.

The climax of the enjoyments was reached in the overwhelming load of kitchen utensils showered upon the happy couple. Upon opening the bundles, it was interesting when discovered that there was only one article duplicated and one friend did not know what the other was contributing.

The happy couple company dispersed at a late hour feeling that the joy and pleasure of the occasion were mutual with the "two hearts that beat as one."

Football Notes.

Yale has made the best showing among the eastern teams so far this season.

Walter Suggden, Harvard's old center, is officiating in football games in the middle west.

Captain Bob Fisher, of Harvard, kicked eight goals from touchdowns last season and made no misses.

The Syracuse team will again take a western trip, meeting St. Louis University at St. Louis on Thanksgiving Day.

The Harvard substitutes and second team have been putting up a great game against the Harvard first-string men.

Pennsylvania's backfield is very fast and is as good as when Bill Holtenbach and Andy Smith were in the combination.

The Brown University team will be very light this year, with probably not more than two men weighing more than 180 pounds.

The Army and Navy will meet this year on November 25, conflicting with the Yale-Harvard date. The Cadets and Middies have agreed to play on Nov. 30 in 1912.

When the Harvard and Princeton teams meet at Princeton on Nov. 4, the soccer teams from the same universities will meet in a morning match also at Princeton.

Johns Hopkins hold the honor of being the first team to cross the Navy's goal this season. During the entire season of 1910 Annapolis was not scored on.

North Carolina Synod.

Presbyterian Standard. It has been said repeatedly that the Synod of North Carolina compares favorably at least with the best in its activity, enterprise, well conceived schemes, and inspiring resolves. It is not the largest, but there is only one larger, yet, the percentage of its possible roll at its meetings shows a surpassing average attendance. It is a really great body. The large number of average and over average ministers at work in its Presbyteries is notable. It has 208 ministers at work in its Presbyteries. It gave to Foreign Missions last year \$72,207, leading all other synods in this great work.

Its energetic and aggressive Home Mission work has for years arrested the attention of outsiders and proved to be a source of encouragement and inspiration when its workers report at its meetings what they have done in the field during the year and the prospects that appeal more and more for men and money.

Man Who Held Up Southern Train in Georgia, Overpowered Guard.

Milledgeville, Ga., Oct. 17.—William (Old Bill) Minor and two other prisoners at the state farm here overpowered a guard this morning and escaped. Up to the middle of the afternoon they had not been captured although a posse with dogs were on their trail. Minor, with Tom Moore, serving a life sentence for killing his brother, and John Watts, in for 20 years for murder, gagged a guard named Bloodworth, secured his revolver and took to the woods.

Minor was the leader of the gang which on the night of February 18 held up a Southern railway train at Gainesville, Ga., blew the express safe and got a considerable sum of money. He was captured and given 20 years. He was wanted in Washington state and British Columbia for train hold-ups.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here And Elsewhere Who Come And Go.

Miss Lou King, of Kingwood, is visiting Mrs. Elam King.

Miss Lucy Poisson, of Wilmington, is visiting Miss Edna Correll.

Miss Helen Breen, of Charlotte, is the guest of Mrs. Plato Durham.

Mr. C. M. Cox, of Greensboro, spent yesterday in the city with relatives.

Mrs. W. F. Goodman is visiting her niece, Mrs. W. M. Robbins, in North Charlotte.

Miss Frances Craig, of Columbia, Tenn., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. P. Allison.

Mrs. E. H. Lawrence and little daughter have returned from a visit to relatives in Hickory.

Mrs. W. T. Klutta has returned to her home in Salisbury, after visiting her mother, Mrs. W. G. Boyd.

Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Pemberton left this morning for Charlotte to attend the McClintock-Blake wedding.

Messdames A. E. Lents, C. L. Smith, E. J. Braswell and Miss Margaret Lents spent yesterday in Charlotte.

Mr. M. F. Teeter went to Salisbury today to arrange for an auction sale of horses he will hold there in a few days.

Mrs. Milam Lents, of Stony Point, and Mrs. C. D. Overcash, of No. 4 township, are visiting Mrs. J. C. Smith.

Mrs. Paul B. Means has returned from Providence, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Kimball.

Mrs. Nicholas Sloan, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sims, has returned to her home in Charlotte.

Mr. Robert Graeber, of the department of agriculture, spent last night in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Graeber.

Rev. D. C. Cox, Rev. W. H. Causey and Dr. M. A. Foll, of Mount Pleasant, have gone to Hickory to attend the Potomac Synod.

Rev. S. C. Caldwell has gone to Smyrna, D. C., to attend a meeting of the Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Gales Pickard, who have been visiting Mrs. Pickard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sims, have returned to their home in Danville.

Mrs. S. A. Wolff left this morning for Dallas to attend the Bulwinkle-Lewis wedding. Prof. Wolff will go to Dallas tomorrow. He will play the wedding march at the wedding.

Misses Beulah Buck, Harriett Jones, Marjorie Paddock and Mrs. Charlotte Harmon, of the Beulah Buck Quartet, arrived this afternoon and are stopping at the St. Cloud.

Mr. F. L. Smith has gone to Raleigh to attend the State Fair. Mr. Smith is a member of the Harmon reception committee, of which General Julian S. Carr is chairman. Mr. J. B. Sherrill is also a member of the committee, but could not attend on account of illness.

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PLAN TO RAISE PRICE OF COTTON.

Fayetteville Wants People to Buy Each a Bale of Cotton and Keep It.

Fayetteville, Oct. 17.—The Fayetteville chamber of commerce is the originator of a plan to elevate the price of cotton to a figure allowing a fair remuneration to the producer. This plan is contained in an resolution passed by the chamber of commerce urging each citizen of Fayetteville, merchant or clerk, manufacturer or mechanic, tradesman and professional man, who can by any possible means do so to buy at least one bale of cotton on the Fayetteville market and as long as he is able to do without the funds invested in it to let that bale stand before his door as a sign of his friendly cooperation with the producer of the South's greatest crop.

It is estimated that if southern towns and cities generally would adopt this plan at least 3,000,000 bales would be bought by individuals who are not cotton buyers and that probably half of this amount would be held until spring. This, it is pointed out by the chamber of commerce, would not only appreciably increase the price of the fleecy staple, but would bring about a new era of increased good feeling and cooperation between the town and the country.

"The cause of the farmers," says the chamber of commerce, "is the cause of all," when the farmer suffers the whole country suffers. The merchants and business men generally are taking hold of the matter heartily and confidentially believe the far-reaching plan of the chamber of commerce will be successful."

Judson Harmon is the Guest of Old North State.

News and Observer. Governor Judson Harmon, of Ohio, is the guest of North Carolina, and with him is Hon. A. P. Sandies, commissioner of Agriculture of Ohio. They arrived in the city from Asheville yesterday morning at 10:40 and were escorted to the Executive Mansion, where Governor and Mrs. Kitchin acted as host and hostess at luncheon.

Yesterday afternoon Governor Harmon and Mr. Sandies visited the State Fair, returning at 8:30 o'clock to the Executive office, in the state capitol building where an informal reception was given.

Last night at the dedicatory exercises at the Raleigh Auditorium Governor Harmon occupied a seat on the stage beside Governor Kitchin. Today at noon he will address the people of North Carolina at the State Fair grounds.

The Girls As They Were.

Stirling, Kan., Journal. Backward, turn backward, O Time in your flight, and give us a maiden dressed proper and right. We are so weary of switches and rats, Billie Burke clusters and peach-basket hats, wads of jute hair in a horrible pile, stacked on their heads to the height of a mile. Something is wrong with the maids, we fear. Give us the girls as they used to appear. Give us the girls who one knew of yore, whose curls didn't come from a hair-dressing store. Maidens who dressed with a sensible view. And just as Dame Nature intended them to. Give us a girl with a figure her own and fashioned divinely by Nature alone. Feminine style's getting fiercer each year—oh, give us the girls as they used to appear.

Attention Veterans.

The time for the payment of our annual dues which is 15 cents per capita, is now at hand. Please pay the same to the undersigned or W. M. Weddington, H. B. PARKS, Com., Camp No. 212 U. C. V.

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DISSOLUTION A BLUFF?

Attorney Generals of Three States Will Meet in New York Thursday to Make Careful Examination of the Plans of the American Tobacco Company.

Raleigh, Oct. 17.—T. W. Bickett, Attorney General of North Carolina, announced tonight that he and the Attorney Generals of Virginia and South Carolina have agreed to go to New York Thursday of this week for a careful examination of the plan of dissolution of the American Tobacco Company, as filed there under the order of the United States Supreme Court with a view to determining whether or not they will file protests and resist the confirmation of the plan, their protests, if made, to be in the interest of the tobacco planters of the three states, which constitute the bright tobacco belt of the United States. Mr. Bickett says they do not know yet whether they will fight the plan or not, this depending entirely upon what their inspection of the details of the plan develops.

If as newspaper reports state some days ago, the plan merely contemplated the separation of the trust into four or five divisions with the same interests controlling all, they will certainly resist the plan as amounting to no dissolution at all. Attorney General Bickett and Governor Kitchin have been conferring for several days as to this course and the Governor is co-operating in the movement.

How to Select a Jury.

The Statesville Landmark and the Charlotte Observer are justly alarmed by "the wave of murder which is sweeping over North Carolina." After deprecating the mushy gush that goes in the guise of mercy now-a-days the Landmark says:

"The first effort, we believe, should be directed to securing a change in the law which permits counsel for the defense of capital cases to select the jury. Numerous attempts have been made in this direction, all of which have failed because lawyers in the legislature would not permit the bills to pass. If anything is to be accomplished we should begin now to agitate the question and urge the people to see to it that candidates for the legislature next year, whether lawyers or laymen, are pledged to this reform and pledged in no uncertain terms. The people can force the change if they will, and it should be the purpose of the newspapers, the preachers and all those who recognize the seriousness of the situation, to constantly urge upon the people the importance of the change.

Tonight—Central School Auditorium.

SHOOTS BROTHER'S HEAD OFF.

Rufus And Epsy Brown, Colored, of No. 3 Township, Become Engaged in a Scuffle Over the Possession of a Shotgun When it is Discharged And Kills the Former.

Rufus Brown, 18-year-old son of Tom Brown, colored, of No. 3 township, was shot and instantly killed yesterday while he was trying to take a shotgun from his brother, Epsy Brown, 12 years of age. The two boys were at home yesterday morning together with a number of smaller children, when Epsy picked up a gun and was handling it around in the house. Rufus made an effort to take boys was at a cotton gin nearby when gun was discharged and the load struck the older brother full in the forehead, literally blowing the top of his head off. The father of the two boys was at a cotton gin nearby when the tragedy occurred and only the smaller children witnessed the shooting. Mr. J. R. Ross, our correspondent from No. 3 township, said that he secured the above facts from Squire Hamilton, who investigated the affair, and there is no doubt but that he killing was entirely accidental.

What the Good Women Have Done.

Greensboro Record.

Persistence seldom fails. We all remember when the efforts of the Women's Christian Temperance Union were made fun of; we called them poor, misguided, but earnest Christian women, the somewhat general idea being that the leaders needed a guardian. Discouragements were met on every hand, enough and more to have sent the organization adrift years ago but it was just like a woman to hold on and they held. They met defeat hundreds of times, but came back again stronger than ever until at the present time the organization is more powerful than ever before. Not only this, but its efforts have been crowned with success in that prohibition is effective in more cities, towns and localities as well as states than ever. All of which shows what persistence will do. These thoughts are suggested by the annual convention which met in Greensboro yesterday and will be in session until Wednesday night. An earnest, consecrated body of Christian women are in attendance and their deliberations will of course be productive of further good.

Join the good people who have signified their interest in the Lyceum Course for Concord. It is all for Concord's best interest. Second attraction of course tonight at Central School Auditorium—50c admission for a grown-up, for a fine concert.

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