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## THE GROUND HOG SEES HIS SHADOW.

Six More Weeks of Winter Weather According to the Popular Superstition.

This is Ground-Hog Day. This is Candlemas day; and on Candlemas day, if the sun appear, there'll be two winters in the year.

Candlemas day, in popular parlance, is nothing more nor less than "ground-hog day"; "ground-hog day" from the ranges of Hudson Bay to the pines of Carolina and from New England to California. According to the popular fable if Br'er Arctomys Monax, the ground-hog, creeps out of his hole between sunrise and high noon this day and sees its shadow outlined by the sunshine, the little animal promptly stamps back into its aperture and there remains for six weeks more. But if he fails to see his shadow, according to popular tradition, it is a sure sign that winter is practically over and there will be an early spring. As this is one of the "sunshiniest" days we have had this winter, the animal certainly saw his shadow, and hence "there'll be two winters this year."

There is some dispute as to the origin of Candlemas day, but most authorities are agreed that this ecclesiastical festival was instituted by Pope Gelasius in the year of 492 in commemoration of the presentation of Christ in the temple and of the purification of the Virgin Mary. February denotes purification and in this month the Romans performed the ceremony of purification of the people. When the church changed this feast of Prosperine, as it was called by the Romans, it retained the procession feature and associated the occasion with the purification of the Virgin.

The festival is celebrated throughout the Christian world annually on February 2, and derives its name from the fact that in the Roman Catholic churches candles are blessed on this day and carried in procession in commemoration of the words of Simeon spoken of the infant Christ, "A Light to Lighten the Gentiles."

### Ita as Wonderful as Ever.

Ita gave two performances here yesterday, one in the afternoon and one at night. As we were not present at the afternoon performance we will pass it by. But, from the expression of those who were there, she certainly had the feminine portion of Concord in a bewitched state.

She continued her performance at the regular hour last night. The audience was possibly the largest that has greeted her yet. She continued her wonderful work of telling people what they held in their hands, answering questions, giving descriptions of things and performing remarkable mental feats. While engaged in describing the articles during the first part of the evening the performance was somewhat marred by the abrupt and oftentimes harsh language her manager used toward her when she would make a bad break on describing something. Her remarkable ability to answer the questions propounded to her in the last part of the bill kept the audience guessing and when the curtain fell for the last time she was as mysterious as ever.

The vaudeville sketches that are put on each evening are clever and form an entertaining feature to the evening's entertainment.

### What Wilson and Harvey Wrote to Each Other.

Harvey to Wilson: Whatever little hurt I may have felt is eliminated by your gracious words.

There is no particle of personal rancor or resentment left in me. I have been actuated solely by the belief that I was rendering a distinct public service.

The real point at the time of our interview was one of fact and business.

### Wilson to Harvey:

Forgive me and forget my manners. My mind is a one-track road.

I am ashamed of myself—for there is nothing I am more ashamed of than hurting a sincere friend.

You have proved yourself very big. I have admired you for the independence and unhesitating courage of your course.

President Finley, of the Southern Railway Company, announced Wednesday that, as a means of supplementing extensive work being done by the company for the advancement of agriculture in the territory traversed by its lines south of the Potomac and Ohio rivers and east of the Mississippi, it has been decided to inaugurate Southern Railway scholarships in the State Agricultural College in each State traversed by the lines of the company.

## SOON TO TRY KIMMEL CASE.

Famous Case to Be Tried in St. Louis Next Week.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 1.—Attorneys for both sides are busy at work preparing for the trial of the famous Kimmel case, which is set to begin in the United States court in this city next Tuesday. The trial is expected to attract wide attention on account of the many strange features that the case presents.

The case to be tried is the suit brought by the receiver of the Farmers' State Bank of Arkansas City, Kas., against a New York insurance company to recover the amount of an insurance policy held by George A. Kimmel, who was cashier of the bank at the time of his mysterious disappearance in 1898 and was heavily indebted to the institution. The whole case hinges on the question of whether Kimmel is living or dead. This will be the third time that the suit has been tried. At the first trial a verdict for \$8,000 was returned in favor of the plaintiff, but it was reversed by the court of appeals. On the second trial the jury disagreed.

The insurance company claims a man known as Andrew J. White is in reality the missing Kimmel. When first discovered this man was serving a term at the Matteawan Asylum for the criminal insane. At that time he gave a number of startling facts about himself purporting to prove that he was Kimmel and upon his release from prison a year or so ago he went to Niles, Mich., where Kimmel was born and raised and endeavored to establish his identity as the missing man. Many old-time residents of Niles declared that the man was George A. Kimmel whom they had known intimately. On the other hand, Mrs. Julia E. Kimmel, the mother, and Mrs. Edna K. Bonsett, the sister, after studying the ex-convict carefully, denounced the man as an imposter.

At the approaching trial the attorneys for the receiver of the Arkansas City bank will seek to disprove the claim of the insurance company that White and Kimmel are one and the same man by the testimony of witnesses who knew Kimmel and by the statement of John Boone Swinney, a New Mexico ranchman, who declares he saw Kimmel killed in an Oregon forest, August 14, 1898, which STATE NEWS, N. N. N. N. N.

J. B. Brown, of Salisbury, was arrested last week on the charge of deserting the regular army. Brown says that he has his discharge papers and does not understand the arrest.

It is announced that the executive committee is quietly looking for a site with a view of moving Rutherford College within the next 18 months. It is at present situated a mile and a half from Connelly Springs, halfway between Hickory and Morganton. It is half a century old.

Mrs. Eliza Wooten Sanderlin, widow of former State Auditor George W. Sanderlin, died Tuesday night at the home of her son-in-law, Postmaster Willis Briggs, in Raleigh.

North Carolina loses 6,000 lives annually from consumption. This means a total annual loss in cold dollars and cents, from their productive value alone, of not less than 30,000,000, estimating a human life at \$5,000.

### Wilson Speaks in Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 1.—Four thousand people, including members of the general assembly and big delegations from Woodrow Wilson clubs in Richmond, Staunton and Charlottesville, gave Gov. Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey a tremendous demonstration when he delivered an address on "The Democratic Opportunity," at the city auditorium tonight. A large part of the audience had expected to hear some reference to the Harvey-Watterson-Wilson incident, but the Governor passed it over in dignified silence.

There was vociferous applause when he declared that he was not an insurgent, but an organization man, adding that a party's success is impossible without organization. "The difference between organization and a machine," he said, "is that organization is the systematic co-operation of men for a common purpose, while a machine is the systematic co-operation of men for a private purpose."

### Death of Little Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gattis.

A message was received here yesterday announcing the death in Charlotte of little T. J. Gattis, Jr., aged 14 months, which occurred at 2:45 o'clock. He was taken ill Wednesday afternoon of central pneumonia. Every specialist in the city was called into consultation but all efforts were fruitless. Mrs. Gattis was before marriage Miss Mayfield Cole, of Concord. Mr. and Mrs. Gattis have the sympathy of many Concord friends in their sorrow.

## COURT ADJOURNS.

Mr. Dayvault Awarded Damages for Injury to Stock—Other Cases.

Cabarrus Superior Court adjourned this morning. All the cases that were not tried were continued until next term and there will be no court next week.

Three cases of J. F. Dayvault & Co., against the Southern Railway were tried and the jury returned verdicts in favor of the plaintiff. The cases were for damages to stock in shipment here and the jury awarded the plaintiff the sums of \$210.24, \$40 and \$20. The defendant gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court. In the case of W. A. Joyner vs. J. A. Skipwith & Co., the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant. This suit was for the recovery of the value of a bale of cotton a tenant on Mr. Joyner's farm sold the defendant company. Mr. Joyner alleged that he had a claim on the cotton at the time. The tenant testified, however, that he had permission to sell.

The case of Viola Simpson vs. the Gibson Manufacturing Co., was compromised by the defendant paying the sum of \$500 and cost. The plaintiff alleged that she was injured while at work for the company.

A compromise was reached in the case of Lillie May Noles vs. the Southern Railway by the defendant paying her the sum of \$100. The plaintiff was a young girl and she was suing for damages for being put off the train at Harrisburg, when her proper destination was Newells.

## WOMEN RIOT FOR EGGS.

Pull Hair and Tear Clothes for a Chance to Bid on Fresh Hen Fruit.

Superior, Wis., Feb. 1.—The high price of eggs has caused such a scarcity here that a decision to auction off seven dozen absolutely fresh eggs caused such a scramble of women to gaze on really fresh eggs that many of them in the riot suffered pulled hair, torn clothing and bruises.

Some even climbed to the window of the building, where the eggs were being sold, in order to gaze upon really fresh hen fruit.

The eggs auctioned were those laid during the poultry show just closed, and sales of a dozen eggs at a time brought such prices that it was finally decided to auction off the remainder in lots of three. Those who were outbid were allowed to gaze upon the eggs before they left the building.

## R. F. D. Carriers Under Civil Service.

An executive order, dated Dec. 11, 1911, has been sent to all Postoffice officials, which places Rural Mail Carriers under Civil Service, which means that upon appointment no inquiry shall be made as to political or religious opinions or affiliations and that such appointees shall take no active part in politics. Regarding the latter, the order reads:

"Persons employed as rural carriers, while retaining the right to vote opinions privately on all political subjects, shall take no active part in political management or in political campaigns. Any rural carrier taking such part shall be removed from the service or otherwise disciplined, recommendations as to the penalty to be imposed in each case to be made by the civil service commission."

## Mr. V. L. Norman Bankrupt.

Mr. V. L. Norman, formerly proprietor of the St. Cloud hotel here, and for the past several months proprietor of the Blue Ridge Inn at Hendersonville, was adjudged a bankrupt in the United States Court at Greensboro yesterday afternoon. Mr. Norman was well known here where he lived for several years, being proprietor of the Hotel Normandy for some time, which was later consolidated with the St. Cloud. His family now resides here. In the petition filed his indebtedness was given at \$3,600 but the exact amount of his assets was not given. The matter was referred to W. S. O'B Robinson, referee in bankruptcy at Charlotte.

## Honor Roll Harrisburg School.

The following are on the honor roll of Harrisburg school for January: James Alexander, Margaret Alexander, Kathleen Alexander, Morris Auten, Taylor Auten, Rob Cope, John Davis, Martha Davis, Edith Gore, Jimmy Gure, Annie Lee Morrison, Evelyn Morrison, Ruth Morrison, J. Hugh Taylor, G.

## Harmon in Maryland.

Hammon, 183; Wilson, 164; Clark, 118; Bryan, 16; Wilson or Harmon, 10; Wilson or Clark, 5; Harmon or Clark, 4.

This is the poll of twenty-three counties in the State of Maryland taken by The Baltimore Sun, for the purpose of showing the drift of political sentiment in that State.

Mr. Harry Melchor, of Mooresville, is a visitor in the city.

## SAYS BRYAN IS MUCH STRONGER THAN WILSON.

Congressman Doughton Says Wilson Can't Poll One-Third as Many Votes as Bryan.

Mr. Parker R. Anderson, Washington correspondent of the Greensboro News, sends the following to that paper under date of February 1: "Woodrow Wilson, if nominated for the Presidency, could not poll one third as many votes as William J. Bryan," said Representative Robert L. Doughton, of the Eighth North Carolina district, at his office in the house office building today. "I have not said who I shall be for for the nomination," continued Mr. Doughton, "but whoever the Democrats nominate that man will have to declare for the Sherwood pension bill. Speaker Clark may have injured his cause for the nomination by voting for the bill, but in my opinion if he is nominated this one thing will get him a lot of votes, and any man we nominate who declares against the Norwood pension bill will just as surely be defeated."

"I am against the pension bill and voted against it in the house. But I have not lost sight of the fact that it is going to play a great part in national politics this fall. Oscar Underwood, of Alabama, in my opinion, measures up to every requirement for the Democratic nomination, but his vote against the Sherwood bill has lost him any chance of being elected, should he be nominated."

And there are other Democrats in the house who think just as Mr. Doughton does. They realize that Woodrow Wilson is too much of a theorist, has too many Bryan policies, and has made too many attacks on organized labor to become President. It is true that Mr. Wilson has a publicity bureau that is hard to beat. He has selected some of the most aggressive newspaper men in the country to run his publicity campaign. He maintains offices in New York and Washington and has representatives who receive high salaries to get his campaign documents in the daily papers. Conservative people here are beginning to ask how a poor school teacher got such enormous sums to foster these bureaus.

## Scarlet Fever.

Dr. H. D. Stewart, health officer of Union county, has the following in the Monroe Enquirer regarding scarlet fever:

The scarlet fever age is 5 to 12 years. The susceptibility lessens under five and over twelve.

Cold is synergistic or favors the development and action of scarlet fever and other contagious diseases. Heat is antagonistic and hinders the development and action of contagious diseases. Hence they naturally abate or become milder in warm weather. Keep your patient protected from cold and from the heavy winter diet.

Period of incubation of scarlet fever is one to sixteen days.

The danger is to the kidneys, the lungs and the blood.

## The Big Sale of Cannon & Fetzter Co. Continues.

The big semi-annual sale at the Cannon & Fetzter Co.'s, which began January 20th, will continue till Saturday night or 15 days in all. They are selling thousands of dollars worth of clothing, shoes, gents' furnishings, etc., at largely reduced prices. All goods in their store except Stetson hats are offered in this sale. See big ad. in The Tribune today.

A Kansas man has secured an injunction restraining his wife from beating him. What more does woman want than this acknowledgement of her superiority?

## BLIND TIGER CONFESSES.

Raleigh Man Named by Rev. E. L. Davis Makes Public Confession of His Guilt.

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—Growing out of that most sensational episode of Sunday afternoon, when Rev. E. L. Davis displayed much whiskey before an astonished people, W. P. Matthews, characterized by Mr. Davis as "too well known for introduction," has tendered to Judge Walter L. Watson a plea of guilty, and asked the mercy of his court.

In his letter addressed to the Police Justice of Raleigh, Matthews says:

Dear Sir:—I write to you to make a confession to the charge of selling whiskey, of which charge I am guilty and confess the charge to you and ask you to be as light on me as possible. I commit myself into your hands, hoping to have your best feelings in the matter, as I know that I have done wrong and furthermore, I know I have made a living without it and in a more honorable way. Trusting that you will not make any arrest, I am at your command at any time.

Yours very humbly,

W. P. MATTHEWS.

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—W. P. Matthews pleaded guilty in police court this afternoon to selling liquor January 26 and was fined \$200 and costs and required to give \$200 bond that he would not violate the law for a year, and this he must do to the satisfaction of the court every ninety days. Matthews was one of the six "blind tigers" so sensationally exposed Sunday by Superintendent R. L. Davis of the Anti-Saloon League and the only one who has confessed.

Mr. W. Gould Brokaw, the New York millionaire, who owns a great deal of property near High Point, where he maintains a wonderful lodge and beautiful grounds, has purchased property in Long Creek township, Mecklenburg county, where he will expend \$60,000 in improvements and will have erected another home for himself and where he expects to spend a large part of his time.

## Penny Column Ads. are CASE.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Mr. Charles Smart, of Coolmore, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. J. W. Steed, of Mount Gilead, is a business visitor in the city.

Mr. R. H. Westbrook, of Greensboro, is a Concord visitor today.

Miss Sallie Murr, of Charlotte, is visiting her mother, Mrs. George Murr.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Sanders will leave tomorrow for Greenwood, S. C. They will go from there to Florida.

Mrs. R. T. Grant, who has been visiting friends in the city, has returned to her home in Anderson, S. C.

Mr. Claude West, of the faculty of Trinity Park School, Durham, is visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. West.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fink and Mrs. J. B. Womble will go to Mobile during the Mardi-Gras celebration and to visit Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Fink.

Miss Bessie Brown, who has been visiting Miss Elizabeth Gibson for several weeks, has returned to her home in Centerville, Md.

\* Miss Josephine Smith will leave tonight for Richmond. Miss Smith received a message stating that her mother, who is undergoing treatment there, was worse.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Lafferty, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ross, Misses Mary Burwell, Mary Fry, Blanche Brown, Duralde Borden, Myrtle Pemberton, Lucile Pitts, Virginia Foushee, Ashlyn Lowe, Louise Means and Messrs. F. L. Smith, Luther Brown, Eugene Barnhardt, Ross and E. T. Canaan, Noah Correll, E. H. Brown, Cam Cled Cline and A. R. Howard witnessed the Pink Lady in Charlotte last night.

The Odd Fellows of Kannapolis will give an elaborate banquet Saturday night in honor of the members of the lodge and their families.

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Ten Days Clearance Sale started Wednesday. It's a Good One. :: :: :: ::

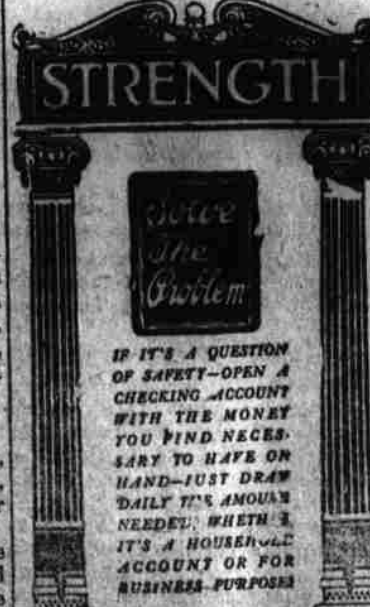
Fine Bargains in every Department. Take your time and go all over the store.

Come Every Day. Something New.

And don't fail to visit the Shoe and Clothing Departments, if you want Good Shoes and Clothing at a very small price.

This Sale will last 10 Days.

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