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WITHIN PAST TWENTY YEARS BY CRUDE METHODS.

Working Balance of \$25,000,000 in Treasury is Sufficient.—The Government Can Increase Its Revenue \$2,000,000 Annually by Charging Interest on Funds in Government Depositories.—These Are Findings of House Committee Today.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Interest amounting to \$36,600,923 has been lost by the treasury in the last twenty-six years. The handling by the treasury of the general surplus fund is crude, unbusinesslike, unprofitable and discriminatory. A working balance of \$25,000,000 in the treasury is sufficient. The government can increase revenues two millions annually by charging interest on the funds in the government depositories.

These are the findings today of the House committee on expenditures in the Treasury Department. The failure of the Treasury Department to exact interest on funds given national banks as special or general federal depositories was the principal criticism of the committee. Criticism was first made by Rudolph Spreckles, the San Francisco banker, against Treasury order No. 5. The committee urges legislative reform abolishing depository system by forcing banks to bid for federal deposits.

DEBATES TONIGHT.

Concord and Salisbury and Mount Pleasant and Monroe to Debate Woman Suffrage This Evening.

Much interest is manifested in the debate between the representatives of the Concord High School and Salisbury High School, which will be held at Central school at 8 o'clock this evening.

The question is: Resolved, that the Constitution of North Carolina should be amended as to allow women to vote under the same qualifications as men.

Concord's representatives, Messrs. Fred Dayvault and Buford Blackwelder, will uphold the affirmative and the team from Salisbury, Miss Elizabeth Womble and Mr. Frank Marsh, the negative. Messrs. C. B. Wagner, L. T. Hartwell and J. B. Sherrill will be judges.

Concord's negative team, Messrs. J. Lee Crowell, Jr., and Walter Furr, will go to Salisbury tonight and debate with the team there. Messrs. Crowell and Furr will uphold the negative and the Salisbury debaters the affirmative.

Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute and Monroe High School will debate the same question this evening at 8 o'clock at Mount Pleasant. The cadets will uphold the affirmative and the Union county orators the negative.

MURDER OF FOUR YEARS AGO.

Asheville Negro Charged With Killing Salisbury Policeman.

Asheville, Feb. 20.—George Blakeley, colored, is being held here, in connection with the murder of a policeman at Salisbury four years ago, having been arrested last night. A member of the local police department arrested him on the statement of another negro to the effect that Blakeley had confessed to him that he had been guilty of killing a policeman at Salisbury about four years ago.

The negro, after his arrest, denied making any such statement and claims that he is innocent of the charge which has been preferred against him. It is expected that a Salisbury man will reach here tomorrow to identify the negro.

Watching the Shed Bill.

Spencer, Feb. 20.—B. F. VunCannon has returned from Raleigh, where he has been for the past two weeks or more in the interest of the shed bill, as it is now known to the General Assembly. The bill provides that sheds shall be erected at all terminals on railroads for the protection of employes against exposure to weather. Mr. VunCannon is a member of a special committee representing a thousand or more employes at Spencer. The bill passed the House without opposition and has received a favorable report before the Senate committee. It means much for the hundreds of employes at Spencer and other points in the State, and the men here are watching every turn that is taken.

Vaughn Bible Class Given Webb an Ovation.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Representative Webb, father of the Webb liquor bill, was given an ovation last night when he appeared at Vaughn Bible Class banquet at the Calvary Baptist Church. The Vaughn Bible class is one of the oldest and by far the largest Sunday school classes in the United States. Ten thousand or more members of the class pledged the ninth district congressman their support in upholding the Webb liquor bill. When Mr. Webb had finished his speech he was cheered for 15 minutes.

PRIMARY BILL IS KILLED ON SECOND READING.

Vote Was 92 to 45.—Unanimous Report in Favor of Search and Seizure Bill.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 21.—The State-wide legalized primary bill was killed on second reading in the House last night just before 11 o'clock, by a roll call vote of fifty-four to fifty-one, after an omnibus amendment exempting a fourth of the counties of the State or more from all the provisions of the measure had been adopted by a test vote of sixty-six to forty-three. This amendment would have defeated the purpose of the act in a large measure, if the bill had become law in its amended form. After the amendment was adopted, many representatives who had exempted their counties voted for the passage of the bill, hence the small majority by which it was defeated on second reading.

The search and seizure bill to secure the enforcement of the laws against the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors in North Carolina is to be presented to the Senate with a unanimous report in its favor. The bill will be the bill passed by the House, with some amendments agreed to by the advocates of the measure. This was the agreement reached yesterday afternoon by the Senate committee on propositions and grievances.

The agreement as to the bill to be presented to the Senate was reached after a long conference between the members of the Senate committee and representatives of the Anti-Saloon League Legislative committee, Rev. R. T. Vann and Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the league. The essential changes in the bill as against that passed by the House are these: First, that in addition to not more than one gallon of spirituous liquor, not for sale, not more than three gallons of vinous liquor, an excess to be prima facie evidence that the sale of liquor is being engaged in; the prohibition against receiving more than three gallons of spirituous or vinous liquors, or fifteen gallons of malt liquor, in any one week is changed so that there is prohibited the receiving of more than five gallons of spirituous or vinous liquors, or 20 gallons of malt liquor within four successive weeks; liquors seized are to be returned to parties not found guilty and destroyed when the verdict is guilty of having violated the law; the prohibition against giving away liquor is restricted to where this is done for the purpose of direct or indirect gain, and is not against the mere giving; the law is to become effective April first and not on its passage.

DAVIS-KRIDER.

Miss Irene Krider Becomes the Bride of Mr. J. N. Davis, of Savannah, Georgia.

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized last night at the home of Mr. D. F. Barrier, on South Union street, when Miss Irene Krider became the bride of Mr. J. N. Davis, of Savannah, Ga. The ceremony took place at 7:30 o'clock and was witnessed by only a few intimate friends and relatives of the young couple. Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, officiated.

The bride has made her home in Concord for several years and is a popular and attractive young lady. Mr. Davis is a successful young business man. He is a native of Savannah, Ga.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Davis left on train No. 85 for Savannah to visit at the groom's home for several days. They will go from there to Miami, Fla., where they will make their home.

Comments Rowan Grand Jury.

Rev. Dr. J. M. L. Lyster, editor of the Albemarle Chronicle, says in the last issue of his paper:

The grand jury in its report to the court recommends a new county home. The present buildings are very much out of harmony with the progress of the age. In addition to better buildings, it is felt that better provisions be made for the insane, and those having contagious diseases. We are of the opinion that the recommendations of the grand jury are wise, and that a county that can afford a court house of such pretensions as they are making, should make better provisions for its unfortunate poor. This same grand jury finds that inferior soap stone is being used in the new court house. Those who are furnishing the stone were to supply first class material, and they should be compelled to do it, since they are getting the price for first class material. We recommend the grand jury.

Morgan's Illness Really Serious.

Cairo, Feb. 20.—The seriousness of the illness from which J. Pierpont Morgan is suffering is now admitted. It began on the journey from America. It was hoped that the illness would disappear quickly in Egypt, but the cold on the Nile aggravated it. It is stated that Mr. Morgan cannot expect a rapid recovery. He has been put on a special diet. Mr. Morgan found the embalmment irksome and insisted on going out in a motor car.

GEORGE WASHINGTON



An Unfamiliar but Authentic Portrait of Washington.

Thank God! the people's choice was just. The one man equal to his trust, Who beyond lore, and without weakness good, Calm in the strength of flawless rectitude!

His rule of order, justice, peace, Made possible the world's release; Taught prince and serf that power is but a trust, And rule alone which serves the ruled is just.

—Whittier.

THERE'S SOMETHING DOING

When the Sheriff Flashed the Chick-on Fighters at Greenville.

Many amusing incidents are related by the local sports who attended the big chicken fight in Greenville, S. C., this week and which was raided by the sheriff. One young man declares that when the officer approached he ran out of the house and cleared a wire fence fourteen feet high, which surrounded the place.

Another young man who was being, but to where he did not know, slinked his pace to ask a man he met on the roadside if he lived in that section. On being informed that the man resided there the fleeing cockfighter said: "I wish you would stay with me, I don't know where I'm running to around here."

Another "sport" it is related, never stopped running until he reached the depot. There he said, after recovering his breath from the race: "Give me a ticket, I don't care where, just anywhere to get away from here."

Another young man who was holding the heavy "stakes" on one fight made his escape and has not yet been heard from, so the story goes. He may turn up yet and give the principals of their bet the money, but again he may not. You can't always sometimes tell.

Dinner Party Last Evening.

Mrs. A. Jones York entertained at an elegant dinner last evening at her handsome home on North Union street in honor of Miss Margaret Simmons, of Baltimore, Mary Linn, Luna and Ila Thompson and Mrs. R. J. Hoyle, of Salisbury. The guests besides the honorees were: Miss Margaret Brown and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Jr. The out-of-town guests arrived in the afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and returned to Salisbury on train No. 38 at 8:30 o'clock, after having been the honor guests at a most delightful and enjoyable occasion.

Million Dollar Building for Dallas.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 21.—Ground will be broken tomorrow for a million dollar building to be erected in Dallas by Sears, Roebuck & Co., the Chicago mail order house. The building is to be used by the firm as a supply depot for the Southwest.

Episcopal Church.

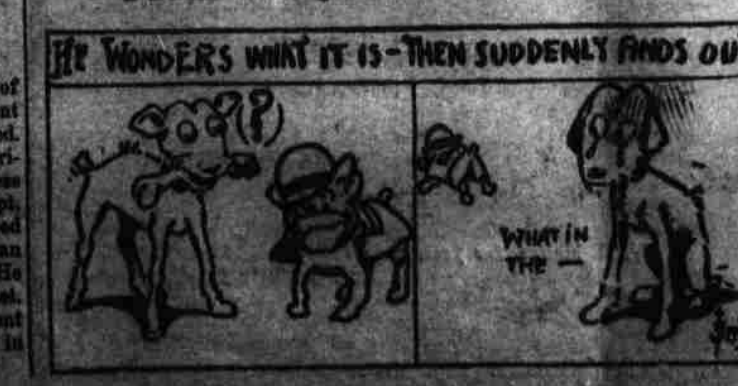
Sunday is the third Sunday in Lent; services will be as follows: Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.; Sunday school 3 p. m.; evening prayer 4 p. m. Everyone welcome. W. H. Ball, rector.

Senator Elected in West Virginia.

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 21.—United States Circuit Judge, Nathan Goff, secretary of the navy in President Hayes' cabinet, was today elected United States Senator, succeeding Clarence W. Watson.

Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, of Richmond, Va., will preach at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning and night. His subject at 11 a. m. will be "The True Life," and for 7:45 will be "Where Are the Dead?"

THE INQUISITIVE PUP.



THE PART PLAYED BY AMERICAN WOMEN

In Mexican Revolution.—Braved Danger That No Man Dared to Face.

Mexico City, Feb. 21.—The part played by American women during the ten days' horror of the bloody bombardment was of such a character as they will be objects of pride of their fellow-countrymen. Of the many who suffered cheerfully the dangers of the battle, four are prominent, namely: Mrs. Henry Lane Wilson, wife of the American Ambassador, who won the affection of the entire American colony but her tireless attention to the needs of the women who sought refuge near the embassy; Mrs. Paul Hudson, wife of the editor of the Mexican Herald, who remained with her husband in the newspaper office in the heart of the battle zone throughout the fighting; Mrs. Burge McFall, wife of another newspaper man, with her children, lived a week in the basement of her house with machine guns firing from her front porch, and sharpshooters on the roof; Victoria Hastings, an English girl, acted as volunteer newspaper correspondent, and braved dangers throughout the battle that no man dared face.

The Mexican telephone girls remained at their posts until all the wires were cut by shells and the building partly demolished.

MADERO IN NO IMMEDIATE DANGER OF LOSING HIS LIFE.

So Senora Madero is Told Today By Huerta.—His Fate Still Hangs in Balance.

Mexico City, Feb. 21.—President Huerta today assured Senora Madero, who is prostrated by the strain and anxiety over the fate of her husband, that Madero is in no immediate danger of losing his life. His fate still hangs in the balance, and will probably be decided at a meeting of Congress late today. It is reported that the national treasury shows a deficit of six million pesos for which Madero will be forced to give an accounting. Other Maderists are involved. As yet the danger of a new revolution is mere talk.

EXECUTION OF MADERO WILL BE STRONGLY OPPOSED

By The United States for Humanitarian Reasons.—Message Sent to Ambassador Wilson.

Washington, Feb. 21.—For humanitarian reasons the execution of Francisco Madero, the deposed president of Mexico, by Huerta and Diaz and the provisional government will be vigorously opposed by the United States, the State Department having sent a message to Ambassador Wilson to that effect.

PORFIRIO DIAZ TO RETURN TO MEXICO.

Exile Will Come Back When His Coming Will Not Embarrass His Nephew.

Paris, Feb. 21.—General Porfirio Diaz, former president of Mexico who was exiled by Madero, will return home when he is assured that his advent will not embarrass his nephew, according to intimate friends of the veteran ex-president.

Snowballs Thrown by Boys Cause Man's Death.

Newburgh, N. Y., Feb. 20.—As the result of the injuries sustained on Saturday, when he was snowballed by boys, William France, seventy-seven, died here today.

Mr. France was passing along a street where a crowd of boys were throwing snowballs. Two of the missiles struck him, one in the forehead and the other on the chin.

He fell to the ground unconscious and never regained consciousness. Physicians said that the blows on the brain, paralysis which effected head had ruptured a blood vessel in the left side resulting. The names of the boys who threw the snowballs have not been obtained.

For an animal with so many correct stays concealed about its person, the whale has a very poor form.

CAPITAL \$100,000
SURPLUS 33,000

THE person who takes no interest in saving gets no interest on his savings. Better systematically deposit part of your income and get the interest on your savings.

Concord National Bank
FOUR PER CENT Interest
Paid on Time Certificates.

GEORGE FETZER IS DEAD.

Succumbed to Pneumonia This Morning at 10:20 O'clock in Baltimore Hospital.—Mother at His Bedside.

Master George Fetzer died this morning at 10:20 o'clock in Baltimore hospital. His mother, Mrs. N. D. Fetzer, died this morning at 10:20 o'clock in Baltimore hospital, where he had been undergoing treatment at a Baltimore hospital. The young man had been in Baltimore several months, being treated for a serious illness. His condition appeared to be improving and his physicians were hopeful until a few days ago when pneumonia developed. A telegram was sent here Tuesday stating that his condition was worse and his mother, Mrs. N. D. Fetzer, hurried to his bedside. His system being greatly depleted by weeks of illness he was unable to withstand the ravages of pneumonia, living only three days after it developed.

Master George Fetzer was 17 years of age. He was a popular and attractive youth, gentle of manner, kindly of nature and polite and courteous always. He attended the public schools here and before his health gave way worked in the afternoons, being a carrier of this paper for some time. At work and at play he showed qualities that bespoke of a strong character and proper and thoughtful training. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. N. D. Fetzer, and one brother, Master Sam Fetzer. His father, Dr. N. D. Fetzer, for years one of the leading and most highly respected citizens of Concord, died several years ago. The remains will be sent here, but the funeral arrangements have not been made.

Two More Clubs Contribute.

Only \$629.59 remains to be collected before the amount sufficient to buy the library will be raised. The fund continues to grow, \$75 being added by contributions from two more clubs, the Study Club contributing \$50 and the Social Club \$25. The other clubs will consider the matter at once and it is probable that the fund will be swelled by their large contributions. The ladies are also keeping up their work securing individual contributions and will wage relentless campaign from now until the full amount is raised.

600 Gallons of Whiskey Poured Into Atlanta Gutter.

Atlanta, Feb. 20.—If there are any rats in Atlanta's sewers, they had a big joy time last night. Customs officials poured 500 gallons of whiskey into the gutter, while humanitarians stood around and groaned.

It was enough whiskey to have furnished a small drink to every male inhabitant in Atlanta. It was necessary to place a cordon of police around the barrels and jugs while the other officers poured out the whiskey.

The scent was smelled for blocks in all directions. One enterprising negro dipped his derby hat in the gutter; another got a glass somewhere and held it under a pretentious emptied barrel, trying to catch the last few drops of amber drops that remained.

Another Revolution Brewing in Cuba.

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J. P. MORGAN HAD STROKE OF APOPLEXY

AND IT IS FEARED HE MAY HAVE ANOTHER.

He Will Sail for New York on March 10.—Made Reservation to Sail From Cairo Last Monday, But Cancelled Them at the Last Moment.

Rome, Feb. 21.—The captain of the Cunard liner Caronia, today wire-lessly the Rome correspondent of the United Press that J. P. Morgan, who was reported ill at Cairo Monday, did make reservations aboard the Caronia, sailing on that date, for Naples, but that the financier cancelled the reservation at the hour of sailing. This corroboration of the story of Mr. Morgan's illness followed closely the admissions of the women relatives that he suffered a stroke of apoplexy, and that another is feared. Mr. Morgan sails for New York March 10.

A WISE YOUNG MAN.

A Concord Boy Refused to Stay in Mexico When He Learned It Was Necessary to Go Armed With Pistol And Dirk.

About three years ago a young man from this city went to Mexico to live. He had secured a job with a mining company and everything looked favorable toward winning fame and fortune in his new home. He arrived at the town where the office of the mining company was located and made himself known. He was given a most cordial welcome and told to make himself at home. After being there a short time an acquaintance gave him a pistol and a long knife, telling him to wear them. "Why should I wear these things?" asked the Concord youth. "To protect yourself from the outlaws and cut throats in case you come in contact with them," he was told.

The young man did not take the weapons. He left the quarters in a few minutes and went to the railroad station. That afternoon he was one of the first passengers to board a train for the border and he kept riding until the porter called: "Concord."

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Four Big Values---Friday, Saturday and Monday

Ladies' New Spring Skirts

\$3.00 Whip Cord Skirts, black, navy, tan and gray, plain tailored, well made, Special, sizes 23 to 30, \$2.19

\$3.50 All Wool Serge Skirts, light tan, black, navy, sizes up to 30 waist, Special \$2.39

Bull Durham Hose

For Boys and Girls 15c pair, guaranteed to wear well. Made of the best yard and of pure fadeless dye, 4 thread heel and toe, very elastic top, sizes 6 to 10. Try a pair. They wear better than other 15c stockings.

Meteor Stockings 10c

For Boys and Girls, the best made at the price, fast colors, black only, double knee, heel and toe, sizes 5 1-2 to 9 1-2. Take our word and buy this good 10c hose.

Many other good hose. Ask for what you want.

H. L. Parks & Co. The Quality Store