

CRANFORD CASE TO BE HALTED TODAY FOR REST OF WEEK

Jurors Will Be Permitted to Spend the Week-End at Their Homes in Anson, the Court Rules.

NEGROES' BODIES HAD NO BRUISES

This Was Testimony of the Undertaker Who Dressed Bodies of Negroes Who Died in Camp.

Albemarle, July 23.—(AP)—The bodies of James Terry and James Howell, negro convicts, who are alleged to have died from mal treatment, had no bruises or other indications of abuse on them, P. J. Hufnutt, mortician who was in charge of funeral arrangements, testified today.

Mr. Hufnutt, former president of the North Carolina Association of Funeral Directors, said he saw the bodies of Terry and Howell in August 1918. He testified that records in his establishment showed no signs of mal-treatment were discovered in preparing them for burial.

The indictments on which Nevin C. Cranford, former superintendent of the Stanley County convict system is being tried, charged him with the murder of the two negroes.

Announcement was made this morning just before the opening of court that adjournment will be had this afternoon until Monday morning at ten o'clock. Permission was given the special jury summoned from Anson county, to return home for the week-end.

EDITORS SPENDING DAY AT BLOWING ROCK

Held Business Session There Before Noon.—Rutherford Sun Wins Cup.

Hickory, July 23.—(AP)—The editors and publishers at the 54th convention of the North Carolina Press Association left Hickory at 8:30 o'clock this morning for a trip to Blowing Rock, where they are being entertained at a barbecue by the Hickory Chamber of Commerce. There was a short business session held at Meyers Mine at 1 o'clock this morning, and the barbecue was on Green's Hill, near the Manor.

Outstanding among the accomplishments yesterday was the decision to employ a full time field secretary for the Association, and amend the constitution to provide for membership dues of one cent for every subscriber. That subject was under debate the whole of yesterday afternoon, and it has been the topic of almost undivided interest today. Some of the larger newspapers of the state will be forced to pay great membership fees under the new arrangement.

It was announced this morning prior to the Blowing Rock trip that the Blowing Rock trip, the trophy cup for the best weekly paper in the state was awarded to the Rutherford Sun. The committee on awards said "in our judgment it exceeds other publications, weekly entered, in general makeup, typographical appearance, news presentation, and local matter. We were particularly impressed through cuts and writings of local business and manufacturing enterprises.

The committee found the Sun possessed of a desirable editorial page and other features that go to make up the prize winning weekly stake.

With Our Advertisers. C. Patt Covington replies to Mr. Hop Son's letters in this paper today, and tells all about it All According to Hoyte.

The Yorke & Wadsworth Company is offering special prices for Saturday on tires. Look up ad. today.

Special for Saturday only—5 gallons of gasoline and an ice cold Coca-Cola for \$1.25 at Yorke & Wadsworth Co. See ad.

Ehrd's annual July Clean-Up Sale is now on. Nothing reserved. See ad.

A bank's success can usually be measured by the degree of personal interest it displays in its service to depositors. See ad. of Citizens Bank and Trust Company.

If you want value in frocks, read the ad. of J. C. Penney Co. Go see them for yourself.

Fresh South Carolina melons at the Cabarrus Cash Grocery Co. Every one guaranteed to be ripe.

Say Catholic Church Will Be Closed. Nogales, Ariz., July 23.—A semi-official dispatch to the Herald from Mexico City today said that the secretary of war in the cabinet of President Calles had ordered all federal troops in the republic to be under arms and ready for instant action on August 1st at which time reports previously have stated that the Catholic churches throughout the nation will be closed under orders from high ecclesiastical officials.

Good Will Bands on Tour. (By International News Service) Hot Springs, Ark., July 23.—Eastern Arkansas, Mississippi and northern Louisiana, towns this year will hear concerts rendered by two bands of the local Rotary Club.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the three-week tour of fifty youthful musicians in their goodwill tour of many towns.

A party of business men left here last Monday with the bands.

Judge Winston Reviews the Progress of Newspaper Plants

Hickory, N. C., July 23.—(AP)—The mechanical development of the newspaper in the past half century was brought strikingly to the attention of the publishers and editors here today. Today, a single typesetting machine weighs a ton or more—a half century ago an entire newspaper outfit could be—and was hauled across country in a single wagon.

Former Judge Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, told of the incident in his address tonight before the North Carolina Press Association. When, in 1874, Winston's men bought the newspaper outfit at Enfield, Judge Winston, then a youngster, brought the outfit across country in a two-horse wagon to Windsor, "presses, furniture, type, hot, key, quinos, cases, tympan, chases, fly, ink-rollers, composing stone, a peck of pi, and the other odds and ends of an unsuccessful newspaper venture."

That was the beginning of Judge Winston's early career in the field of journalism, which engaged his attention for some years, and resulted, in his addressing the newspaper men at their convention at Hickory-Catawba Springs in 1878.

Judge Winston told the newspapermen tonight something of that earlier meeting, nearly a half century ago. Personalities, incidents, scenes, passed in rapid review as he sketched the gathering he attended as a mere youngster, and told of the intervening years.

He first told his hearers—quoting a witness on the stand in a trial he recalled—that there were "four kind of memories: one that you see; one that you hear; one that you're told to tell; and one that you make up, and he added that he hoped to remember "only what I see" for—eight years ago.

"I do not hesitate to declare the press convention of 1873 the equal of any that has assembled. On its roll of names are those of a Lieutenant-Governor, two Secretaries of State, State Auditor, State Adjutant General, two judges, Secretary of the Board of Agriculture and the Board of Trustees of the University; a dozen members of the federal government, the General Assembly, a United States District Attorney, and a Secretary of the Navy.

"There were pioneer men, outstanding men, engaged in laying the substantial and lasting foundations of courage, character, intelligence, sobriety and Godliness upon which they and their successors have rebuilt and are maintaining our great State."

"I have lifted the curtain upon that well set stage.

"I ring it down and leave the actors to disrobe and enter their long sleep.

"Less than half a dozen of us survive. Good-Night."

DEATHS FROM THE AUTO ARE STILL ON INCREASE

Death Rate Per 100,000 Increased From 14.9 in 1925 to 15.7 in 1924. Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel

Raleigh, July 23.—Automobile fatalities in 1925 show a decided increase, according to figures just made public by Stacey W. Wade, commissioner of insurance. These figures were compiled by the national bureau of casualty and surety underwriters, and show that the automobile fatalities in 1925 numbered 22,500, an increase of approximately 2,200 over the record for 1924.

The automobile death rate per 100,000 population has increased from 14.9 in 1923 to 15.7 in 1924 and 17.2 in 1925. Registration of automobiles increased from 17,591,981 in 1924 to 19,954,347 in 1925. Fatality rates on the basis of registrations have been decreasing for several years, but the rate for 1925 was virtually the same as for 1924.

An encouraging feature of the situation is that certain cities carrying on intensive safety work have secured marked decreases in automobile accidents and fatalities.

Non-fatal automobile accidents in the United States are difficult to estimate because of the lack of complete statistics. However, several investigations indicate that there are about thirty non-fatal accidents to each fatal accident. That means that in 1925 there were approximately 675,000 people injured in automobile accidents in addition to the 22,500 who were killed.

"The best safety device so far known is a careful driver," said Mr. Wade, who recommended more careful drivers as his only solution of the problem.

Bishop Boaz to Live in Little Rock.

(By International News Service) Little Rock, Ark., July 23.—Bishop Hiram Abiff Boaz, appointed bishop of the Episcopal area comprising Arkansas and Oklahoma, will make his home here.

This is the first time in history that a bishop has selected this city as his permanent home.

Local Methodist donated a \$5,000 lot to Bishop Boaz and a handsome brick veneer residence costing \$35,000 is being built.

Attempt to Change 'Phone Call Reveals Prison Swindle Scheme

Leavenworth, Kans., July 22.—A conspiracy among prisoners at the federal penitentiary to swindle the government out of approximately \$100,000 has been revealed because one of the prisoners involved tried to charge the government for a personal long distance telephone call, Warden W. I. Biddle announced tonight. One check for \$700 obtained on a fraudulent invoice already had been mailed to a paroled prisoner living under an assumed name in Denver when the plot was discovered and 125 similar fraudulent invoices ranging from \$500 to \$1,200 were found in the hands of trustees, working as clerks.

Signatures of approving officials had been obtained on the invoices by tracing genuine signatures from cancelled checks on fraudulent invoices with the help of the prison motion picture machine, secret service men said.

The plot was discovered when Warden Biddle found a long distance call to a St. Louis business firm on the prison's June bill. He could not remember the call, and the telephone company's records showed that the call had gone to a nurse in a St. Louis hospital. Mail from the woman was found in the cell of Jesse Greer, a convict clerk, who had attempted to charge the call to the prison.

Secret service men, investigating Greer's record in the prison, soon detected the other swindle and found George F. Ames, a paroled convict, awaiting payment of the first fraudulent check in Denver. Greer admitted his part in the plot, according to Warden Biddle, and showed officers a number of cancelled checks, stolen from the prison safe, which had been hidden in the false bottom of a box in his room. A number of similar checks were found hidden under the benches in the prison theatre.

POINCARÉ CABINET IS COMPLETE NOW EXCEPT ONE PLACE

The Noted French Leader Has Only to Select Minister of Labor to Make New Cabinet Complete.

Paris, July 23.—(AP)—M. Poincaré this afternoon had filled every post in his new cabinet with the exception of the minister of labor.

BRIAND CHOSEN FOR CABINET

Is Named Secretary of the Foreign Affairs and Paul Painlevé Is Again Made Secretary of War.

Paris, July 23.—(AP)—M. Poincaré this afternoon had filled every post in his new cabinet with the exception of the minister of labor.

The official list of the new ministers with the labor portfolio still to be filled is as follows:

Premier and minister of finance, Raymond Poincaré.

Minister of justice, Louis Barthou.

Foreign affairs, Aristide Briand.

Interior, Albert Sarraut.

War, Paul Painlevé.

Marine, Georges Laygues.

Public works, Maurice Kocanowski.

Education, Edouard Herriot.

Commerce, André Tardieu.

Colonies, Leon Perrier.

WHEN WHISKEY THREATENED THE UNION

Tomorrow Anniversary of So-Called Whiskey Insurrection.

Washington, D. C., July 23.—Tomorrow will be the anniversary of the beginning of the so-called "Whiskey Insurrection," the uprising in 1794 which for a time threatened the very existence of the Union. So serious became this uprising in western Pennsylvania that President Washington, as commander-in-chief of the army, put himself at the head of about 13,000 militia to maintain the sovereignty of the federal government.

In the towns and villages along the Monongahela river whiskey was money. It was as much the circulating medium of that section as silver or paper currency was in the great cities like Philadelphia. In Pittsburgh and in the neighboring counties a gallon of whiskey was the token of a shilling.

The Congress of 1792 taxed spirits manufactured in the United States at not less than seven cents a gallon. Among the manufacturers of whiskey in Pennsylvania a fury of resentment was created by this law, and it naturally followed that the tax collector's lot was not a happy one.

The disaffection was rendered much more intense when the delinquent taxpayers learned that the State courts had no authority in excise cases and that the distiller who resented the official curiosity of the tax collector could be taken from his farm and carried over the mountains to Philadelphia and there in a federal court be tried for the offense he had committed 350 miles away.

The complaints induced Congress to pass an act giving jurisdiction in excise cases to the State courts when the nearest federal court was more than fifty miles away from the scene of the offense.

But after the act had been made a law early in June, a United States marshal, who was late in the service of a writ that had been issued in the middle of May, attempted to arrest a distiller about fourteen miles from Pittsburgh in July. A body of farmers came together and marched on the house of the revenue inspector near Pittsburgh, who fired on the mob, killing one and wounding six. The house was stormed that night and the troops had taken possession of it, it were captured. After this the rioters made an agreement to meet again and decide on their future course.

Tomorrow, July 24th, will be the anniversary of the date on which the farmers and distillers gathered in 1794 and determined to resist the national government. Before the end of July 6,000 armed men marched through Pittsburgh and crossed the Monongahela river.

The moment that Washington learned of the situation he issued a proclamation ordering the insurgents to disperse and called for 13,000 militia from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland. Meanwhile the commissioners were sent to treat with the insurgents, but the soldiers also moved and crossed the Allegheny mountains into the disaffected territory. While the soldiers were marching to subdue the revolt the insurgents were deliberating on the terms that the commissioners had brought.

Among the leading representatives of the people in rebellion was Albert Gallatin, who in later years acquired political fame and distinction. He was one of a committee of sixty appointed to consider the government's terms. Gallatin favored accepting these terms, but the majority of the insurgents objected.

The firmness of Washington's policy soon caused them to give way, and the revolt was subdued without bloodshed. Some prisoners were taken, but Washington wisely pardoned them, while the government set to reform the abuses that had brought about the trouble.

In 1924, according to figures just made public, 1,218 persons were killed in the mines of Great Britain, and 197,111 disabled for more than three days.

NEW GOVERNMENT COTTON ESTIMATE NOW MADE PUBLIC

Cotton Crop of 15,368,000 Bales This Year Is Indicated by Condition of Crop July 16th.

Washington, July 23.—(AP)—A cotton crop of 15,368,000 equivalent 500-lb. bales this year is indicated by the condition of the crop on July 16, which was 70.7 per cent. of a normal, the Department of Agriculture announced today. A crop of 15,335,060 bales was forecast from the July 1 condition of 75.4 per cent. Last year's crop was 16,103,579 bales.

Should developments during the remainder of the season be as favorable as during 1921, 1922 and 1923, about 13,470,000 bales might be expected, the Department announced, but if developments are as favorable as during 1924 and 1925, about 16,628,000 might result.

Indications are that the acre production will be 155.8 bushels, compared with a forecast of 159.5 pounds from July 1 conditions.

The condition of the crop by states follows:

Virginia 71 per cent. of a normal; North Carolina 88 per cent.; South Carolina 55 per cent.; Georgia 61; Florida 80; Missouri 79; Tennessee 71; Alabama 71; Mississippi 70; Louisiana 71; Texas 73; Oklahoma 78; Arkansas 42; New Mexico 84; Arizona, California 99; all other states 73; Lower California 102.

WOMAN OVER CENTURY OLD DIED THURSDAY

Mrs. John A. Overman, Lacking 23 Days of 101 Years, Passes East of Liberty.

Liberty, July 22.—Mrs. John A. Overman, aged 100 years, eleven months and eight days, one of the oldest women in this section if not the entire state, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Isabelle Sullivan, this evening at 6 o'clock after an illness of just one week. Death was the immediate result of a stroke of paralysis which cut short the expectancy of the remarkable old woman to reach her 101st milestone.

Mrs. Overman was born August 12, 1825, and last year her 100th birthday was made exceedingly happy by the attendance of hundreds of friends and relatives. She was the daughter of Tom and Sarah York Overman and her maiden name was Sybil Allred Overman. Her father was a settler from England, and she was the "father" of 10 children, of which Mrs. Overman was the oldest.

Her daughter with whom she made her home, Mrs. Sullivan, has herself reached the remarkable age of four score years.

On her 100th birthday Mrs. Overman, who had been rather deaf for a number of years, talked interestingly of the many events of national and international importance that had transpired since her memory began to fade.

Among the greatest changes the world has known, for reference to any history covering the period from 1825 to 1926 shows the great strides made on all sides. It was the conviction of Mrs. Overman that the girls of 80 and 85 years ago would not suffer in comparison with those of a like age today.

Mrs. Overman was married when she was 14 years of age and five sons, J. O. Overman, of Liberty, the oldest, who is now 68; J. V. and A. J. Overman, also of Liberty; T. F. Overman, Siler City, and two daughters, Mrs. S. H. Burlington, and Mrs. Isabelle Sullivan, who resides six miles east of this place, survive.

Funeral services over the remains of the lovely and Christian woman will be held from Pleasant Hill church Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. A tremendous gathering is anticipated by reason of the wide circle of friends of the deceased, who has spent her great life near the place of her birth in Chatham county.

Another Rail Merger Planned.

New York, July 23.—Plans for the great Loree railroad merger in the southwest, combining the Kansas City Southern, Missouri, Kansas Texas & St. Louis Western System, were completed at a meeting of the Kansas City Southern directors today. An early application will be made to the Interstate Commerce Commission to approve the consolidation.

The Kansas City Southern directors approved the plans. Directors on the other roads previously had taken action.

The merger which has been in the process of formation for more than a year, will unite railroads with total assets of approximately \$800,000,000, and a combined trackage of more than 6,000 miles.

Franklin S. Terry Dead.

Asheville, July 23.—Franklin S. Terry, vice president of the General Electric Company, died at 2 o'clock this morning at his home in Black Mountain, near here, following a heart attack.

An average of one shipwreck a day is the toll of the sea each year.

SHOWERS BROKE UP HEAT WAVE; LOWER TEMPERATURES NOW

Cooling Breezes Followed In Wake of Showers in Many Sections of the South.

YORK, S. C., IS HOTTEST FOR DAY

The Temperature There Was 106 at One Time Thursday.—Two Deaths in Charlotte.

(By the Associated Press)

Climaxed by two additional deaths and several new heat records, the sweltering heat wave which has swept the South came to an abrupt end yesterday when thundershowers and cooling breezes lowered temperatures many degrees in most of the southern states.

At Charlotte, N. C., two persons died when the mercury bubbled up to 103, passing Wednesday's high mark of 102. Two negroes, a laborer and a handress, succumbed after being overcome by the excessive heat.

York, S. C., set the high mark for the South yesterday with a temperature of 106. Other sections of South Carolina continued to feel the blistering heat.

Declaring that "only a man charged with murder should be confined during this weather," Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, N. C., released all prisoners in the city jail because of the heat. The thermometer stood at 98.

With a high mark of 98, Nashville led Tennessee's high mercury record. Chattanooga and Knoxville each registered 96.

After touching 99.5 in Atlanta Wednesday, the mercury slipped downward when yesterday's thundershowers brought a cool breeze.

In Miami a new 24-hour rain record for July was established. Between noon Wednesday and the same time yesterday 3.8 inches of rain had fallen. The temperature ranged from 72 to 82.

"LIFE OF THOMAS E. WATSON" IS POPULAR

Hundreds of Copies Have Been Sold in Georgia and Other States.

(By International News Service) Atlanta, Ga., July 23.—Hailed here as one of the outstanding biographies in American literature "The Life of Thomas E. Watson," by William W. Brewton, of the Atlanta Georgian, has gone on sale with the brightest promise of any book circulated in Georgia in many years.

However, the Watson biography is selling beyond the borders of the state as much as within the state, according to sales reported so far.

Brewton wrote his life of Watson from material furnished him by Senator Watson from time to time since 1913 when the author promised Watson at Hickory Hall, Thompson, Ga., to "keep the record straight" on the career of Georgia's most versatile son; and also from the rich collection of Senator Watson's private papers turned over to Brewton after Senator Watson's death. Though he was for many years preparing for the task, Brewton wrote the book in five months when he actually began to write. The book was written by Thompson in the same room on the same desk as Watson used when writing his immortal "Story of France" and "Napoleon."

Brewton is handling the sales himself from post office box 2172, Atlanta, Ga. The Watson biography is priced \$3.50 a copy plus 15 cents for postage and packing.

JUDGE HARRIS TURNS ALL PRISONERS OUT

Because of Intense Heat, He Orders Them Released on Their Own Recognizances.

Raleigh, July 22.—Because of the intense heat, City Judge W. C. Harris today ordered the release of their own cognizance of all prisoners in the city jail awaiting trial.

"A man must be charged with murder or something very serious to be kept in that place this kind of weather," Judge Harris declared as he ordered the turnkey to swing open the doors to the jail. Some 15 or 20 prisoners walked out, after being recognized for their appearance in city court for their trial.

Judge Harris is the Democratic nominee for superior court judge in the seventh district.

Catawba River Is Searched For Body of Fred Skidmore

Gastonia, July 22.—Parties continued search today for the body of Fred Skidmore, 23, Southern Power company employe, who was drowned while swimming in the Catawba river at Mount Holly late yesterday.

The young man had been in the water only 10 minutes before going under, after a call for help it was stated.

Chas. E. Flowers Falls to His Death. Durham, July 22.—Charles E. Flowers, 54 years of age, brother of R. L. Flowers of Duke university, was instantly killed when he fell from the 12th story of a hospital in Philadelphia late Thursday afternoon, according to word received by Professor Flowers following the fatal accident. Details of the accident had not been received here late tonight.

THE WEATHER

Showers tonight and Saturday somewhat cooler in east and portions tonight and in morning Saturday. Moderate shifting with becoming east or southeast.

Francis's total population is 39,309,000.