

# TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

## BIG POWER HOUSE BEGUN.

Structure Will Be a Concrete Building of Large Proportions and a Beautiful Site Has Been Selected For Its Location.

Salisbury, Special.—The Whitney Company, unhurt by the panicky period that sweeps the country and lays off the biggest concerns of the land, Wednesday began the foundations of the big power house from which is to be sent a current equal to 46,000 horses all over the piedmont section of North Carolina.

The lordly concrete building will stand in its stocking feet, 150 feet high, 90 feet wide and 260 feet long. At no place along the river could its location have been selected with an eye more directed to the beautiful and just above the gorge where millions of gallons of water lash through in short seconds, it affords a picturesque view that Col. P. H. Hanes, of Winston, once predicted would draw Europeans here to see that wizardly triumph over crude, but wonderful nature.

The power house is the beginning of the end. The canal has a deal of dirt to remove, of course, but six steam shovels are tearing that out in a hurry and next week 20,000 pounds of dynamite in one section, will mark the great final blast along the canal though there will be touching up along this route to last several weeks yet. A trestle is to be drawn and the last ditch dug up near the head gates. The 20,000 pound shot, touched off by electricity, will shake the earth and paw out all the muck needed to make the canal wide enough to bear the stream upon the turbines.

There are to be six of these great power producers and from the crest of the dam to the tail race, there will be a fall of 130 feet. The flumes or tubes, are 700 feet long and 12 in diameter, lying in such a way as to give terrific pressure upon the wheels which are 130 feet below. A derrick has been raised and the current of the river is being changed by a coffer dam to enable the work of excavation to begin. The railroad has been extended from Whitney below Palmer mountain where the power house is to go up and is daily carrying materials there for the building of the dynamo house and all necessary aids to it.

From now on the work will proceed steadily, rapidly, and the T. A. Gillespie Company, doing the developing, will be ready before July 1st, to meet all contracts made or prospective.

## Prisoners Badly Burned.

Asheville, Special.—Two men in the city prison were badly burned this week by the use of a disinfectant to relieve them of vermin. It seems that several prisoners were confined in the city lockup when a call was made on the janitor for disinfectant, the men behind the bars alleging that they were disturbed by vermin. The disinfectant taken from a barrel that had been in use for months was given them and subsequently liberally applied. Presently two of the men underwent a burning sensation which continued until the men were withering in agony. A physician was summoned and one of them sent to the hospital and the other to his home. The men were badly burned and blistered by the fluid and suffered intense pain.

## For a New Church.

Lynville, Special.—The membership of the Elk Ridge and Ash Gap Methodist churches has just purchased a most desirable building site from Griffith Bros. at Roberson Fork, on which they will erect a new house of worship. The two congregations have recently consolidated. The Oak Grove church is not to be included in the consolidation, as at first considered.

## Asheville Citizen Drops Dead.

Asheville, Special.—Mr. John G. Low, aged 70 years, a well known and highly esteemed resident of this city for the past 20 years, dropped dead in front of his house on Chestnut street at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. Death was due to heart failure. Mr. Low was born in Massachusetts, but came to this city from New York. He has been actively connected with the business interests of this city for a number of years and at his death was a large owner of valuable city property.

## Fired By An Enemy.

Asheville, Special.—The residence of Jesse Sumner in Limestone township, 12 miles from Asheville, was destroyed by fire about 3 o'clock Thursday morning. Particulars of the burning of the dwelling were not obtained here further than that the family saved absolutely nothing. It could not be learned whether or not the fire was of incendiary origin. It is thought here, however, that the house was burned by one of Sumner's enemies. Francis Sumner, son of Jesse Sumner, who killed Charley Powers at Arden last New Year's, with his father, are in South Carolina. Francis Sumner was convicted of manslaughter for the killing of Powers and sentenced to the chaingang. He appealed and the case will be argued before the Supreme Court next week. It is said that when the family was awakened the house was all in flames and that they just had time to leap from bed and rush out of the structure before it went in with a crash.

## North State Notes.

Governor Glenn's Thanksgiving pardons to long term convicts of good penitentiary record go to Edward Martin, colored, Rockingham county, sentenced for life for burglary, and Lee Bennett, white, Stokes county, twenty years for murder. Both were sentenced in 1901.

A company has been organized at Weldon and tendered to the Governor, to take the place of Company K, Second Regiment, which was disbanded last week. As yet the Governor has not acted in the matter.

The Clayton Manufacturing Company, which makes cotton yarns and goods, is authorized to increase its capital stock to a hundred thousand dollars.

## Fire in Twin City.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Fire broke out in the A. F. Messick Grocery Company's building at 3:40 o'clock Thursday morning and for an hour the flames raged furiously. The Winstonia Hotel is located in the same building and flames spread to the hotel portion, damaging the rooms and furniture to the extent of \$4,000. The damage to the stock of groceries is estimated at \$7,000. The fire is supposed to have been caused by rats and matches. There were a large number of guests in the hotel and one or two of them had narrow escapes from death. The entire building was filled with smoke in a short time and it was with difficulty that some of the guests on the fourth floor found their way out. The guests were self-composed, which fact probably prevented the loss of life. The loss was fully covered by insurance.

## Suit for Damages.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Mr. R. T. Tavis has filed complaint with the clerk of the Superior Court on his \$5,000 damage suit against Alderman W. T. Brown. The plaintiff alleges that while out driving with his wife, Alderman Brown ran his automobile into the buggy occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Tavis, and that the wife was thrown across the dash-board with terrible force as a result Mrs. Tavis sustained serious injuries, from which she has not yet fully recovered. The case may be heard at the December term of Forsyth court. Both sides will be represented by able counsel.

## Order to Close Down.

Centreville, Special.—On orders from headquarters the iron ore mines at Nunally closed last week and the furnace at Goodrich will suspend operation December 15. No cause is given, but it is believed that the shutdown will be only temporary. A large force of men is employed at the mines and at the furnace, and the pay roll has been large.

## Raleigh Firm Fails.

Raleigh, Special.—The large department store of Sherwood, Higgs & Co., of Raleigh, was closed Monday morning. On the door appeared a notice stating that the firm had made an assignment to W. S. Pace, a Raleigh lawyer, for the benefit of creditors. The largest creditor is H. B. Clafin, of New York for ten thousand dollars. The clerks in the store are given priority in payment of claims, many of them having claim for back salaries. The assignment was no surprise to those on the inside.

## M. P. CONFERENCE ENDS

Reading of the Appointments Winds Up Profitable Session.

Greensboro, Special.—The annual conference of the Methodist Protestant church closed here Monday. The session was one of interest and was harmonious throughout.

Appointments were read as follows:

Alamance—W. C. Lassiter.  
Albemarle—To be supplied.  
Anderson—C. J. Edwards.  
Asheboro—T. M. Johnson.  
Asheville—J. S. Williams.  
Broad River—J. E. McSwain.  
Muncombe—G. L. Curry.  
Burlington—William Porter.  
Caldwell—Unsupplied.  
Chatham—W. D. Reid.  
Chesterfield—Unsupplied.  
Cleveland—H. S. B. Thompson.  
Concord—B. A. Braswell.  
Davidson—J. H. Hulin.  
Denton—G. L. Reynolds.  
Fairfield—W. E. Totten.  
Fairview—T. F. McCulloch.  
Flat Rock—A. L. Hunter.  
Forsyth—E. T. Lowdermilk.  
Gastonia—T. A. Williams.  
Graham—C. L. Whitaker.  
Granville—T. W. Holmes.  
Greensboro—T. J. Ogburn.  
Greenville and Spring Church—W. O. Foeleman.

Guilford—O. A. Highfill.  
Halifax—W. L. Harris.  
Haw River—J. R. Hutton.  
Henderson—A. T. Dixon.  
High Point—J. D. Williams.  
Ivey—W. A. Lamar.  
LaGrange—J. F. Dozier.  
Lebanon—J. H. Morton.  
Liberty—J. W. Frank.  
Lumberton—J. A. Burgis.  
Littleton—Unsupplied.  
Mebane—R. M. Andrews.  
Mecklenburg—T. A. Plyler.  
Mocksville—T. H. Matthews.  
Monroe—H. D. Garman.  
Mount Herman—O. P. Ruth.  
Oak Ridge—W. R. Loudermilk.  
Orange—Unsupplied.  
Pinnacle and Mount Zion—W. F. Kennett.

Randleman—J. H. Bowman.  
Randolph—W. R. Ashburn.  
Richards—J. H. Stowe.  
Roanoke—C. L. Whitaker.  
Rockingham—H. W. Braswell.  
Rocky Mount—R. W. Taylor.  
Saxapaw—W. M. Pike.  
Stanley—A. O. Lindley.  
St. Paul—C. E. M. Raer.  
Tabernacle—H. L. Powell.  
Moharrie—W. J. Hackney.  
Vance—J. E. Hartsell.  
West Lexington—Edward Suits.  
Whynott—J. A. Ledbetter.  
Winston-Salem—G. T. Mikoway.  
Winston-Salem Circuit—Unsupplied.

Tabor—W. G. Bethea.  
Superannuated—J. W. Heath, P. D. Moore, W. C. Hammer, W. C. Kennett, J. N. Garrett, C. A. Pickens, G. E. Hunt.

Without appointments, at their own request—J. J. York, J. H. Turner, C. A. Cecil, G. H. Biggs.

Loan to the seminary—C. E. Forlines.

Editor of Our Church Record—J. F. McColloch.

In hands of the president—J. H. Abernethy, J. R. Newlin, J. T. Dunn, J. L. Giles.

Educational work—S. Simpson.

After the reading of the appointments the conference adjourned sine die.

## One Effect of Scarce Cash.

Raleigh, Special.—Letters received from several persons who had arranged to come South for the winter say that owing to the money stringency they will be forced to change their plans and stay at home this time. Raleigh, like Charlotte, Wilmington, Henderson, Fayetteville and perhaps some other towns, has certainly stood stout against the storm.

in. Scrip comes in the form of checks and is handled in banks of issue. A lot of the scrip is very cheaply priced, and there is danger of its being counterfeited. A bank official here heard it stated that in Stateside of North Carolina a number of forgeries or counterfeits of scrip have been already detected.

## Coast Line to Retrench.

Wilmington, Special.—It is stated here that, effective December 1st, following a general policy of retrenchment, the Fayetteville district of the Atlantic Coast Line, with headquarters at Rocky Mount, will be abolished and that operating territory of the system placed under the jurisdiction of Supt. E. Penneger, with headquarters at Richmond. It is further stated that Supt. George B. McClelland, of the Fayetteville district, will be made one of the trainmasters that have been allotted to the enlarged Richmond district.

## FIVE KILLED IN COLLISION

Freight Train Crashes Into Trolley Car, Killing Five and Injuring Twenty.

Waterbury, Conn., Special.—Five factory employes were killed at the West Main street crossing over the Highland, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, when an extra Hartford bound freight train crashed into a trolley car containing twenty-five persons bound for the pin factories in Oakville. The car was struck with great force directly in the middle and all the passengers were killed or badly mangled. Six others were badly injured and had to be carried to their homes. The dead:

Sarah Ryan.  
Annie Corcoran.  
Robert French, Waterville.  
Walter Hayes.  
Jane Kelly.

The seriously injured:

Kitty Hanley, leg broken and scalp cut; Margaret Mellon; Jennie Benson; Sadie Allen; Andrew Lepier.

Aside from Kitty Hanley, the others received scalp wounds, broken bones and bad cuts, but it is not yet known whether the injuries of any will prove fatal.

Flagman John Flavin and Conductor John Dillon, of the trolley car, were arrested. The motorman of the car, Charles Leonard, was not held.

There was absolutely no chance for the engineer of the train to stop his train in time to prevent the accident. Although he applied the brakes, the engine crashed into the trolley car, smashing it to splinters and throwing the occupants in all directions.

## Income Tax Test.

Columbia, Special.—Attorney General Lyon has received notice that another test would be made of the constitutionality of the income tax law. The test is brought up by Mr. D. W. Alderman, the wealthy lumber dealer and steps have been taken in compliance with the recent ruling of the supreme court. It will be recalled that in the case from Laurens county the supreme court held that the petitioner could not bring mandamus proceedings under the constitution, but the remedy provided was for the payment of taxes and a suit against the county treasurer. This method has been taken in the Alderman case and the case will probably reach the supreme court on ground not heretofore passed upon by that body.

## Well-Known Horseman Dead.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.—Everett B. Webster, president of the National Steel and Wire Company, with subsidiary companies at Dekalb, Ill., Bayonne, N. J., New Haven, and on the Pacific Coast, died at the Windsor Hotel here Friday afternoon aged 38 years. He was a well-known horseman and was owner of the steam yacht Seneca. He had country homes at Wyvernwood farm, Beverly, Mass., and at Manhasset, L. I. His business office in New York City was 114 Liberty street.

## Williams Lays Down the Law to Cannon.

Washington, Special.—Representative John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, the Democratic minority leader in the House of Representatives, had a conference with Speaker Cannon on the subject of the minority representation on the House committee. He told the Speaker that the Democrats would insist upon an increase in their representation corresponding with the increase in the Democratic membership of the House.

## News in Brief.

Senators Kittredge and Gamble, of South Dakota; Senator Hansbrough and Representative Hull, of Iowa, all declared that the people would have nobody but Roosevelt for their next President.

Adjutant General Ainsworth, in his report, said that conscription may be necessary to fill depleted ranks in the army.

President Roosevelt will entertain Admiral Evans Friday, as last honors before the Admiral takes the fleet to the Pacific.

Seventy-five fishermen of the St. Pierre fleet are believed to have been lost.

One thousand Moorish tribesmen who attacked a French camp were beaten off with a loss of 1,200.

Gen. Sir Henry Edward Colville was killed while out on a motorcycle in collision with a friend's automobile.

Sixteen persons perished in a New York tenement house fire.

## NEARING ITS CLOSE

Bradley Murder Case Almost Ready For the Jury

## SPEECHES OF ATTORNEYS NEXT

Presentation of Evidence in Bradley Trial Concluded and Court Adjourns For Day Defendant Says She Is Glad It Is All Over.

Washington, Special.—“Oh, I am so glad it is all over at last.” These words were uttered by Mrs. Annie M. Bradley, charged with the murder of former Senator Arthur M. Brown of Utah, as she, with a smile, was led away from the court room to the prison van, which was to take her back to jail. The presentation of evidence had just been concluded and court adjourned until Saturday when arguments will begin. Justice Stafford announced that an agreement had been reached among counsel for four hours of argument on each side. This will be completed Monday afternoon and Justice Stafford said he would then deliver his charge and give the case to the jury.

The testimony of two government insanity experts, Dr. E. M. Brush, of Baltimore, and Dr. Smith E. Jelliffe, of New York, was the feature of the proceedings, as also was the appearance of Rev. Dr. Utter, of Salt Lake, Mrs. Bradley's pastor. Both Dr. Brush and Dr. Jelliffe declared that there was nothing in the record of the case to indicate that Mrs. Bradley was insane. Counsel for the defense attempted to impeach the testimony of these experts by showing that they had been called for the government and that as a matter of course they were testifying in the interest of the government. Each of them repudiated this charge and declared that they would have testified to the insanity of Mrs. Bradley as readily as they testified to her sanity had they found her to be insane.

Rev. Dr. David Utter, pastor of the Unitarian church of Denver, Colo., who, in former testimony, has been referred to as “the priest” and who was Mrs. Bradley's pastor in Salt Lake City, testified to a conversation he had with her in 1905.

Mrs. Bradley told him, he replied, in answer to a question, that she believed Mr. Brown would marry her.

“I expressed the opinion,” said the witness, “that he never would. But she thought he would. This was a somewhat long conversation and the burden of it had been on my part to encourage her to give up the idea of marrying Arthur Brown. I urged her to give up the idea of suing Brown, but she pleaded for her children, saying that it was right and he ought to be made to do it.”

During this testimony Mrs. Bradley sat with bowed head.

“She said,” continued the witness, “that when it came to a test and a gun was pointed at Arthur Brown he would accede and marry her. I do not remember her exact words. She said Arthur Brown was a coward at heart and if a gun was pointed at him and he was told he must marry her he would do so. I told her I did not believe Brown was a coward. I said he ought never to be urged. There should be no compulsion ever used. ‘You will lose all your influence if you do,’ I told her.”

“Now, didn't you say to her in the course of that conversation ‘You would not do that, would you?’ and she replied, ‘Of course not?’” asked Judge Powers.

“Yes,” said Dr. Utter. “I said: ‘Suppose he calls your bluff what then? You would not shoot?’ ‘Oh, no,’ was her answer.”

Dr. Utter said she did not threaten to do this herself. “It might have been her brother or her father, or anybody who was to bring about this compulsion,” the witness added. “He, however, had the idea that Mrs. Bradley herself would do it. ‘She was under tremendous obsession,’” continued Dr. Utter, “was almost unhinged; and I felt that she might undertake to threaten Brown.”

## Georgia Feud Ends in Killing.

Albany, Ga., Special.—Jeff Spires, of Miller county, was shot and killed by Dr. B. V. Elmore, a prominent physician, in the latter's drug store at Kestler. The killing was the result of an old feud. Spires entered the drug store, and presented a knife at the throat of R. E. Elmore, father of the doctor, threatening to kill him. Before he could put the threat into execution the younger Elmore fired, shooting Spires through the body. The wounded man died twenty minutes later. The two Elmore were arrested.