

WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight; Saturday cloudy and unsettled, probably rain.

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SPARTANBURG MILLS PAY OUT BIG SUM IN DIVIDENDS IN 1920

Practically All Mills Are Running on Full Time and Little Further Curtailment Is Expected - Cotton Men Look For Satisfactory Business During Year.

(By The Associated Press.) SPARTANBURG, S. C., Dec. 31.—Twenty-one cotton mills in Spartanburg county, having a total capital stock of \$8,908,900, on January last, have paid dividends amounting to \$6,558,000 and cash dividends amounting to \$2,184,049.50 during the year ending today, according to figures compiled by A. M. Law & Company for the Spartanburg Journal.

Included in the cash dividends is the sum of \$838,170 being paid in semi-annual dividends today, but the totals do not include dividends paid during the year by mills in adjacent counties the managements of which are located here.

The stock dividends represent for the most part profits accumulated during the era of high prices prevailing since 1915, but which were not distributed until after the United States supreme court declared early last summer that stock dividends were not taxable.

Since the deflation of prices began several months ago there has been little curtailment of output by the mills of this county. All are running on practically full time now and expect to continue doing so. There has been a reduction in wages averaging 20 per cent.

The mill men report more inquiries for goods during the past week than for some time previously, and they say that they are expecting a brisk demand a little later on. Several substantial orders have been filled during the past ten days. One mill this week sold 50 cases of goods at a net loss of \$1.50 per case.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Dividends, Cash Dividends. Lists various mills and their financial data.

SPECIAL TERM CRIMINAL COURT BEGINS MONDAY.

A one-week term of Gaston County Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases will convene Monday with Judge W. F. Harding, of Charlotte, presiding and Solicitor G. W. Wilson representing the State.

JURY IN MCGANNON CASE FAR FROM AGREEMENT.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 31.—The jury which holds the fate of Chief Justice William H. McGannon, of the municipal court, was apparently as far from agreement when it resumed deliberations today as it was when it first began balloting at 6:15 on Wednesday evening, after being out approximately 32 hours.

The Ideal Theater presents today Pearl White in her latest picture, "The Thief," and "Lolly Pop," comedy.

NEW YEAR'S DAY ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—New Year's Day isn't what it used to be. This is in a small way attributable to the addition to the Constitution of some dry reading matter. In still greater part it is because the international obsession for celebrating whenever Father Time takes a fresh start in piloting the earth around the sun is thousands of years old.

The urge to give presents at least once a year was felt even before Christmas and Santa Claus came into the scheme of things, and the ancient Greeks, Chinese, Egyptians and Romans tendered their gifts to one another on the first day of the year.

It spread to other countries, however, and the English had their New Year's celebration spoiled annually by rapacious sovereigns until Queen Elizabeth's modest demands of her subjects cut gifts down to a minimum.

Christopher Columbus, so far as is known, was the first white man to jubilate on New Year's Day in the Western Hemisphere. While his ships were undergoing repairs on January 1, 1493, he enjoyed a sumptuous dinner with two savage monarchs on the island of Haiti.

The Pilgrim Fathers and the first families of the older states of the Union enjoyed a quiet holiday, as each year came around. They feasted, but not until they had attended religious services.

For 25 years up to the dawn of 1920 and the era of war-time prohibition, the celebration in New York became noisier and more expensive each year. Thousands used to crowd into places of merriment while Broadway was packed with a surging throng of merry-makers with squawkers, clappers, bells, ticklers and confetti.

Every hotel and most of the restaurants were jammed with gay diners. In 1908 it was estimated that \$1,000,000 was spent in the white-light district on New Year's Eve.

The din and probably the cost of the celebration was greatly diminished under wartime prohibition in the New Year's demonstration of 1920. Old timers said all the "ginger" had departed with John Barleycorn.

NEW YORK WILL EXTEND DRY WELCOME TO 1921

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—One hundred prohibition enforcement agents will mingle among the crowds in hotels and restaurants along the "White Way" tonight and "assist" celebrators to extend a dry welcome to the new year.

Managers of leading hotels have ordered their employees not to handle liquor "in any way" and the indications point to a safe and sane greeting to 1921 instead of the revelry in years gone by, when it was deemed fashionable to launch a new year amid the popping of champagne corks.

Hotels and restaurants report capacity reservations. Dancing will be the principal feature of the entertainments.

DEPUTY CLERK ISSUES HER OWN LICENSE

(By The Associated Press.) BARTLESVILLE, Okla., Dec. 31.—Miss Victoria Fournier, deputy county clerk, issued her own marriage license yesterday. The party of the second part is Warren Milligan, a newspaper reporter.

NOTORIOUS NEW YORK GANGSTER WHO HAD REFORMED MYSTERIOUSLY SLAIN.



"Monk" Eastman one of the most picturesque gangsters known to the police and a terror among the gunmen of New York's East Side for many years, was shot and killed at one of the busiest downtown corners of the city.

LOCAL COTTON MILL STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Bid, Ask. Lists various cotton mills and their stock prices.

UNUSUAL NOISES WILL BE BARRED IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—The year 1921 will be ushered in at Portland with unaccustomed decorum, according to orders issued by the city council and posted at the police station.

JOHN A. WILLERS IS GIVEN FIVE YEARS

Former Captain in Army Served With 48th Infantry at Camp Sevier, S. C.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—John A. Willers, a former captain in the army, who, when arrested at New York on December 7, claimed that he had acted as a German spy while serving with the American forces, has been convicted by court martial of desertion from the army and sentenced to five years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, it was announced today at the war department.

The former captain, who said he had come to the United States as an agent of the German government, is charged with absconding with \$5,000 of the funds of his company on December 19, 1918. His company, I. of the forty-eighth infantry, then was stationed at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

AMERICAN TENNIS PLAYERS BRING HOME DAVIS CUP

(By The Associated Press.)

AUCKLAND, N. Z., Dec. 31.—Australia lost her tennis laurels here this afternoon before the strength and craft of American challengers. The Davis cup, the trophy emblematic of the world's team tennis championship, changed hands when the last ball in the tenth game of the fourth set was driven out of the court, and for the next year at least the cup will repose under the Stars and Stripes.

Rallying after losing the first set of today's doubles match, William T. Tilden, 2nd, of Philadelphia, and William M. Johnston, of San Francisco, revealed the same tennis wizardry that carried them gloriously through the singles matches yesterday. Their opponents, Norman E. Brooks and Gerald F. Patterson, the Australasian masters of the game, fought desperately to stem the tide of defeat, but were outplayed clearly by the Yankees.

WINSTON-SALEM WINS N. C. BAPTIST HOSPITAL.

(By The Associated Press.)

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—Winston-Salem was selected as the site for the Baptist general hospital to be established by the Baptists of North Carolina at a conference of members of the hospital commission, according to a telegram which reached Raleigh at midnight.

There were three of the five members present. They were Rev. J. M. Arnette, of Wagram; Albion Dunn, of Scotland Neck, and Rev. M. L. Kestler, of Thomasville.

While the general impression seems to have been that Raleigh would be selected, the members of the committee today did not indicate such decision. Charlotte, Greensboro, Winston-Salem and other cities are making bids for the hospital. The committee today heard the presentation of the offer from the city of Greensboro of \$100,000.

SAYS PILLAR OF FIRE TEARS UP FAMILY

(By The Associated Press.)

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 31.—Charging that the Pillar of Fire, a religious organization of nation-wide scope of which Alma White, of Bound Brook, N. J., is founder, had alienated the affections of his wife, and defrauded him of his property, the Rev. Thomas A. Goode, a former member of the organization, has filed suit in the district court for \$100,000.

That she requires all her followers to turn over to her all of their money and property and give their entire time to services in her behalf. That she acquires and maintains a hypnotic influence over the members. That she prevents her followers from leaving the organization by telling them their souls will be damned and they will go to hell if they desert her.

SIXTY-ONE PERSONS WERE LYNCHED IN 1920

Records Compiled at Tuskegee Institute Show That Lynchings Were Less Numerous Than in 1919.

(By The Associated Press.)

TUSKEGEE, ALA., Dec. 31.—Lynchings were less numerous during 1920 than 1919, records compiled at Tuskegee Institute show. Sixty-one persons, including eight white men, were put to deaths by mobs, this year, as compared with 83 last year and 64 in 1918.

The report shows 56 instances in which officers of the law prevented lynchings, during 1920, and that 46 of these instances were in Southern States. Armed forces was used to repel would-be lynchers on 14 occasions and in four of these the mobs were fired upon and seven of the attackers were killed, and a number wounded.

Of the 61 persons lynched, the report says, 52 were in the South and nine in the north and west. One of those put to death was a negro woman. Eighteen of those lynched were charged with attack or attempted attacks on women; three were burned to death, one of whom was charged with attacking and murdering a woman and two for killing landlords during disputes, the report says.

Offenses charged against the negroes lynched, the report lists as follows: Murder 5, attempted murder 4, killing officers of the law - 5, killing landlord during dispute 6, attack upon women 15, attempted attack 3, assisting fugitive to escape 3, wounding another 2, insulting women 2, knocking down guard "escaping from chain gang and then returning and surrendering," 2; and one each of the following:

Jumping labor contract, threatening to kill man, cutting man in fight, "for receiving stay of death sentence because of another confessed crime," peeping through window at woman; "insisting on voting."

PROF. D. MATT THOMPSON RECOVERING FROM INJURIES.

(By The Associated Press.)

However Does Not Expect to Take Up School Work Again and Has Resigned Superintendency. Statesville, Dec. 30.—Friends throughout the state will be interested to know that Prof. D. Matt Thompson, for nearly 30 years the efficient and faithful superintendent of the Statesville graded schools, is steadily improving from the effects of injuries sustained by being struck by an automobile about a month ago.

Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Thompson is regarded as well on his way to recovery, it is not thought that he will be able to resume his work as head of the public schools of the city and his resignation has therefore been handed in to the school board. The resignation was tendered through Superintendent Thompson's three sons, Holland Thompson, of New York city; Walter Thompson, of Winston-Salem, and Dorman Thompson, of Statesville.

UNSETTLED AND RAINY FOR FIRST OF WEEK.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are: Middle Atlantic States: Unsettled and rains at the beginning of the week, followed by generally fair weather. Normal temperature.

DOLLEY GETS CAPTAIN'S COMMISSION IN GUARD

(By The Associated Press.)

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—Adjutant General Metts today announced that Melvin G. Caldwell, of Charlotte, and Stephen B. Dolley, of Gastonia, had been commissioned in the North Carolina National Guard with the rank of captain.

ROTARY CLUB HAS FATHER AND SON NIGHT

Fathers and Sons Enjoy Unique Banquet Featured by Speeches of Frank R. McNinch and Two Gastonia High School Boys - Fathers Hear What Boys of Gastonia Want - Mr. Trout, Boys Work Manager, Is Introduced to Gastonia.

Featured by the addresses of Hon. Frank R. McNinch, of Charlotte, representing community service, and Messrs. Ben Ratchford and Frank Kincaid, of the Gastonia high school, the Gastonia Rotary Club held its first Father and Son meeting Thursday evening at the Armington Hotel.

Following the invocation by Dr. J. C. Galloway, and the reception of the new members, Ed C. Adams, J. E. Eck, P. R. Huffstetler, Dr. T. C. Quickel and Dr. Paschal McLean, by S. A. Robinson came two songs by Mr. Emmannuel F. Cojean, of New York, a guest of the club, and one of the feature speeches of the evening by Ben Ratchford, of the city high school, who spoke on the "Prodigal Father."

Some of you Gastonia fathers give your boys all the money they want and think that's enough," he declared. "But there are more things than money. Your boy wants some of your attention and time and companionship and interest."

Mr. Ratchford used as a basis for his remarks a paraphrase of the Biblical story of the Prodigal Son. Mr. J. H. Separk on the subject, "What a Father Expects of His Son," made an appeal to the boys to be real, red-blooded, American boys, not namby-pamby, goody-goody molly coddles.

Following Mr. Separk's appeal to the boys, Frank Kincaid came back with a speech in which he outlined what the boys of Gastonia wanted from their fathers. He stressed the need of four institutions sorely needed in Gastonia, viz: parks and playgrounds, a modern high school building, a library, and a Y. M. C. A. building.

As the program neared a close, Frank R. McNinch, the principal speaker of the evening, was introduced to speak on the subject, "The Greatest Profession." Mr. McNinch was formerly mayor of Charlotte and resigned this office to take up work with Community Service, an organization that grew out of the War Camp Community work.

"It is an organization," he said, "that asks you for no money. It is already financed for two or three years. All we ask is your co-operation and support. We send you a man to take charge of, and to co-ordinate the various activities of boys work in your town. He is not imposed on you. He will not dictate to you. If you don't want him, we send him where he is wanted."

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