

TRUE BILLS

AGAINST CONGRESSMAN E. SPENCER BLACKBURN.

That He Practiced Bepartment at Washington and Fee of \$500 And Other Similar Offense And Re Fee of \$100.—Rumors That Friends Will Try to District Attorney Holton

Feb. 21.—The grand jury this morning returned true bills of indictment against Congressman E. Blackburn of the eighth congressional district, charging him with receiving a bribe of \$500 before the department at Washington while a congressman and \$100 for his services. There are counts to each bill.

The first bill alleges that on Feb. 10, 1905, Blackburn appeared before a grand jury at Washington in behalf of J. M. Dinkins, indicted for blackmail, and received therefor a fee of \$500. The second bill alleges that on Feb. 10, 1905, he appeared before a grand jury at Washington in behalf of J. M. Dinkins, indicted for blackmail, and received therefor a fee of \$100.

The third bill alleges that on Feb. 10, 1905, he appeared before a grand jury at Washington in behalf of J. M. Dinkins, indicted for blackmail, and received therefor a fee of \$100.

ROLLY LINE TALK.

Proposed from Stoneville to Farmers of Rockingham

Feb. 21.—Mr. Horace Stone and wife are the guests of Mr. Mitchell today.

William Burton, of Nottaway, Va., is on a visit to friends here.

Bluebecker and Miss Wood, of Virginia, are visiting Mrs. Annie

Higham court convenes next week, but there are no cases of importance to be tried.

A. L. Stanford, formerly pastor of the Methodist church in Leaksville, is in town today on his way to Stoneville.

It is small probability that the price of tobacco will be reduced if the number and size of plant beds can be increased.

Pinkney Meadow, of Douglas, is on a visit to her father, Mr. Green and two of her children, for three weeks.

NOTE THIS AFTERNOON.

Committee on Interstate Commerce Will Decide on Railway Rate Vote Having Been Postponed One Week on Account of Illness of Senator Tillman.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—At the request of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce this afternoon the character of the rate bill to be reported back by the majority of the committee to the Senate will be decided by a vote. The vote was taken last week, but was postponed on account of the illness of Senator Tillman, who desired to be heard in support of the bill.

Hero's Boat a Sample Case.

ANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 23.—Clark Clark, hero of the Chesapeake, has entered into an agreement with J. S. Schwartz, one of the passengers, formerly of the Donkey, to charter a boat to the West coast for the purpose of a mercantile voyage. The craft will carry a cargo of various products of the West coast, according to Schwartz, and will be touched in many lines of American products.

ON TO THE ROADS.

Twenty-One Recruits Carried Out This Morning as a Result of Recert Term of Court—Large Crowd Gathered in Vicinity of Jail to See Them Start—Amusing And Pathetic Scenes.

From Daily Feb. 22. As a result of the recent term of court the county road force has twenty-one additional men, making the total number at present in camp fifty-seven. The camp is located near Maple Springs Church, some four miles from the city on the Bethania road. There were only three white men in the bunch carried out this morning.

The streets in the neighborhood of the jail were crowded with a black throng from sun-up until 10 o'clock, the hour of departure for the camp. Negro women were in the majority, while trifling young "coons" were walking here and there in the crowd smoking cigarettes and appearing to be enjoying the discomfort of the colored damsels. When the jail door opened and out marched the men, chained together in pairs, there was wailing loud and long among the women. Policeman Pratt and the guards kept the crowd back, but every now and then a break in the ranks would occur and some old woman would rush up to the men and give them a dime, a nickel or a quarter. Others were yelling this or that to their "men," telling them that they would "shore be out there Sunday," or "I'll bring you something to eat just as soon as payday comes."

It was a very amusing sight in some respects, yet pathetic to a large extent. In their crude manner they were expressing their friendship to the prisoners. They were giving vent to their feelings in their natural way. One old negro "mammy" had come to see them take her boys to the roads. She had the appearance of a typical old "mammy" and during the time the men were waiting the command to march she was telling the strapping young negro to behave himself, to do what his boss said, etc. She promised to come to see him just as soon as the roads got dry. But when the men were gone this old "mammy" sat down on the curbing and had a good cry.

The three white men looked the picture of despair. No one spoke to them. There were no words of comfort, no look of sympathy. With bowed heads and shamed faces they fell in behind the negroes and marched away.

One little coon, he must be only a boy if looks, count for anything, seemed to be as happy as if he was going away on an excursion. He wore a suit of stripes, showing that he had "been there before." Among that crowd he alone seemed contented and happy.

AS SOON AS THE ROAD RECRUITS WERE OUT OF SIGHT THE CROWD DISPERSED—ALL BUT THE OLD "MAMMY" SITTING THERE ON THE CURBING, CRYING AS IF HER OLD HEART WOULD BREAK.

NAMES OF CONVICTS.

- Below are given the names of the parties and their sentences:
- Guy Heggie, four months.
- Lt. Jones, twelve months.
- John Miller, six months.
- Henry Phillips, twelve months.
- John Graham, two years.
- John Terry, nine months.
- Gus Goin, twelve months.
- James Courad, twelve months.
- Will Press, twelve months.
- Will Coleman, six months.
- Will Caldwell, twelve months.
- Luther Carr, two years.
- Marshall Cole, six months.
- Henry Chandler, six months.
- Ed. McCoy, two years.
- Will Mack, six months.
- John Adams, six months.
- Tom Graham, six months.
- Chas. Guess, four months.
- John William Reid, four months.
- Robah Tuttle, fifteen months.
- George Gravelly, four months, with privilege of commissioners hiring him out.
- John Jones, 12 months in jail, with privilege of hiring out.
- Fannie Nichols, white woman, one year in penitentiary for larceny. Judge Peebles expressed a willingness yesterday afternoon to change the sentence so that the girl could be released, but she refused to go to the court house unless his honor would send her "a new dress or suit or clothes," as she expressed it.

FROM ARMY TO PENITENTIARY.

Such Will be the Fate of Two Officers During the Coming Week.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Two army officers are destined to go to the penitentiary next week unless the President uses his pardoning power, which, however, is not probable. One of the officers is Lieutenant Homer E. Lewis, who will spend eighteen months in jail, besides being dismissed from the service. He was found guilty on the charge of having duplicated his pay accounts and of having engaged in numerous financial irregularities. The other is Lieutenant S. S. Burbank, who goes to jail for fifteen months. He married a Filipino while on duty in the Philippine Islands and denied the relationship on his return to the United States, where he became engaged to a young woman. He might have escaped with dismissal from the army had it not been discovered that Burbank had apparently made away with some of the company funds and obtained money on false pretences in Manila. The young man's mother and sister and the young woman to whom he was engaged to be married, came to Washington and tried to induce the President to exercise his clemency in the case, but President Roosevelt refused to mitigate the sentence.

Is it a burn? Use Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. A cut? Use Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. At your druggists.

REFUSED TO INTERFERE.

Jesse Mitchell, a Negro Murderer, to Pay the Death Penalty—Governor Issues Five Pardons and Refused Several Others.

RALEIGH, Feb. 23.—Governor Glenn declines to interfere further with the execution of the death sentence on Jesse Mitchell, the negro under sentence to be hanged in Bertie county for the murder of his wife. Two respites have been allowed, the last being to March 1. Commutation was urged on the ground that the negro's mind was weak, but the Governor says that while his mind is of a low order he was fully conscious of the enormity of the crime he committed.

The governor pardons during good behavior John Stubbs, Charles Pope and Gillispie and O. J. Arnette, sentenced to eight years each from Sampson county for secret assault. They had furnished evidence to convict the principal offender and had been promised by the judge a lightening of their sentence after a portion was served. They have served three years.

Another pardon is to Goodwin Pool, serving fifteen years for burglary in the second degree from Hertford county. The man was found in the room of the bar-keeper who sold him the liquor which made him drunk, nothing being stolen. He has served ten years and has a good record.

The governor refuses to grant pardons to Gilmer Vannoy, serving a sentence from Wake county for incest; G. S. Davis, serving a sentence from Johnston county for stealing a bale of cotton; W. D. Ellison, serving a sentence from Wake county for going into a trunk of his roommate with a false key, serving one year on the roads of Anson county, for larceny. None of these sentences the Governor decides have been excessive.

OLD NEGRO'S CONFESSION.

On His Dying Bed Smith Martin Tells How He Murdered a White Man Years Ago.

Smith Martin, a negro aged about 60 or 65 years, died at the Stokes county home Monday night. His last moments, it is reported by the Danbury Reporter, were spent in the confession of a horrible and heinous crime committed in his life. Smith, it is said, told those about his bedside how he killed a white man many years ago, cutting his victim's heart out and burning it in the fire. The victim's name was not learned. The old negro died unrepentant, his last words being that he was going straight to hell for his sin.

Smith Martin was a negro quite well known in Danbury, having worked there for several citizens a few years ago. He had the reputation of being a bad negro and a gambler.

A BIG INCREASE.

For First Seven Months of Present Fiscal Year Our Exports And Imports Amount to \$1,752,421,330 And Will Probably Exceed Three Billion for Whole Fiscal Year.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The foreign commerce of the United States, during the first seven months of the current year, is reported by the Danbury Reporter, to have amounted to \$1,752,421,330, or an average of \$256,000,000 per month. At the same rate this trade for the year will exceed \$3,000,000,000 and be a record breaker in the history of foreign trade. The increase is in both exports and imports, but greater on exports. The increase in imports is chiefly in manufactured materials and finished manufactures. Agricultural products and manufactures are the chief exports.

TO BUY WATER WORKS.

Raleigh City Authorities are Negotiating for Purchase of Plant of the Wake Water Company.

RALEIGH, Feb. 22.—Negotiations have been set on foot by the mayor and other officers of the city of Raleigh with a view to the purchase of the plant of the Wake Water Company, which has enjoyed the exclusive franchise for Raleigh's water supply for the past twenty years. The franchise includes a clause reserving the privilege on the part of the city to purchase the plant after a period of years. It is generally believed that the purchase will be made. If not, then the city will have the privilege of installing a municipal plant of their own during the coming fall.

CAPT. CLAUDE BEARD'S SUIT.

Asks the Southern Railway to Pay Him Several Thousand Dollars as Damages.

Dr. J. L. Hanes went to Greensboro today to appear as a witness in the suit of Capt. Claude Beard against the Southern Railway. The plaintiff is asking for several thousand dollars as damages for alleged injuries sustained by a fall at the Southern freight depot in this city two or three years ago, while Captain Beard was in the employ of the Southern—conductor of the mixed train between this city and Mt. Airy. The plaintiff was forced to give up his run a year or more ago. The defense in this suit claims that Captain Beard was injured while in the employ of the old C. F. & Y. V. Railroad Company, several years before he accepted a position with the Southern and that the first injury, which was on his head, is responsible for his present condition.

Captain Beard is a native of Kernersville, but he and his family have been living at Mt. Airy for several years.

LOCAL REPUBLICANS TALKING.

Some Think It Useless for the Party to Put Out Ticket in North Carolina if Row Continues.—Will Congressman Blackburn's Name Be Brought Into Cases of Indicted Revenue Officers And Blockaders?

Some local Republicans are saying "if this row between the factions keeps up and District Attorney Holton continues to indict office holders it will be useless for the party to put out a ticket in North Carolina, for a few years at least, as we could not black the board."

The Sentinel is informed that certain revenue officers are threatening to tell all they know about the charges against certain men under indictment in the federal court and that if they do go to talking Congressman Blackburn may be accused of being at least partially responsible for the troubles which have befallen certain office holders and blockaders.

A gentleman who has been conversing with one who claims to know a few things, says that the most interesting features (to Democrats) of the row between the Republican factions are yet to be made public.

Reports come from Asheville to the effect that the indictment of Congressman Blackburn is likely to be followed by others of a sensational nature, involving federal office holders.

In regard to the charges made by Blackburn as to the reasons for his indictment, Mr. Holton is quoted as saying: "Mr. Blackburn knew that the charges would be preferred. The subpoenas were issued before Mr. Blackburn filed his charges against me. The record will show this." Mr. Holton said that the indictments against Mr. Blackburn were sent at the instance of the department of justice at Washington.

OBJECTED TO THE GIFT.

One That King Alfonso Wanted to Send to Miss Alice Roosevelt as a Wedding Present Opposed by Her Mother And Premier.

MADRID, Feb. 23.—It has just developed that King Alfonso had ordered from the court jeweler as a wedding present to Miss Alice Roosevelt a richly jeweled bracelet, bearing the motto, "Without Rancor." Alfonso showed the bracelet to his mother who tried to influence the king to change his mind and not send it. The king insisted, however, until Premier Moret forcibly interfered and told the king that the present might be interpreted as inopportune and that the government was unable to assume any responsibility in the matter. Alfonso then desisted after telling the premier that he was missing an opportunity of proving to American Spaniards are an ardent friend as they are noble enemies.

CAROLINA FARMERS MEET.

Annual Session of the North Carolina Farmers' Protective Association Opens Today at Durham.

DURHAM, N. C., Feb. 23.—The annual meeting of the North Carolina Farmers' Protective Association opened here today with a large attendance from all parts of the State. This meeting promises to be unusually important, as an effort will be made to induce the tobacco growers of the state to agree upon some plan by which the average of tobacco in the State can be held down so as to make the crop more profitable to the planters.

BLOW AT U. S. SHIPPING.

Cuban Treasury Department Decides That Vessels Flying American Flag Shall Be Refused Certain Privileges.

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 23.—The Cuban treasury department has just struck a severe blow at American shipping interests in the decision that vessels flying the American flag shall no longer share with Cuban vessels privilege of trading between inter-insular ports. This privilege was secured through American occupation of Cuba by a military regulation which by an agreement between the United States and Cuba was subsequently given the force of a permanent law. The action of the treasury officials resulted from application of owners of steamship Cristobal Colon, which has just been built at Wilmington ship yards for the right, under above regulations, to ply between Batabano, Cuba, and various ports of the Isle of Pines.

Church in Loan Business.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 21.—Rev. C. W. Carroll, pastor of the Hough Avenue Congregational church, and Councilman Chas. S. Horner, a member, are creating a fund with which they hope to keep poor people in the neighborhood out of the clutches of the loan agent. All the churches in the city will be interested in the plan. No religious qualifications will be necessary to secure loans; and the lending will be done on strictly business principles, with the exception that no interest will be charged. The club will have no expense, as the work will be done by members. Strict secrecy will surround all loans.

WANTED—District managers to post signs, advertise and distribute samples. Salary \$18.00 weekly, \$3.00 per day for expenses. State age and present employment. Ideal Shear Co., 39 Randolph st., Chicago.

Coughs and colds, down to the very borderland of consumption, yield to the soothing healing influences of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

When a widow makes up her mind to marry again her mate is mighty.

SUING HER BROTHER.

Miss "Flossie" Settle, Known in the Theatrical World as Marion Draughan, is Suing Mr. Thomas Settle for Amount of Money She Alleges to Be Due Her.

GREENSBORO, Feb. 23.—Superior court today is engaged in hearing the argument in a case brought by Miss Florida Settle, daughter of the late Judge Thomas Settle, against her brother, ex-Congressman Thomas Settle, who was administrator of her mother's estate. The plaintiff claims that a large sum is due her by the administrator. The latter claims that he has more than paid her distributive share in the estate in her education, care and board. The lawyers are discussing the point raised by the defendant that plaintiff is estopped from reopening the case by reason of a judgment of the superior court in the matter. Plaintiff contends that the judgment was void, in that a superior court judge had no jurisdiction to void a minor by a decree fixing what was due her, when no returns had been made to the probate court by the administrator, and no guardian ad litem appointed for the minor in the matters disposed of by superior court judge.

Defendant also pleads the statute of limitations for the administrator's bondsmen, J. A. Hoskins, W. P. Bell and W. S. Hill, who are also sued. Judge Ferguson will announce his decision on these points before any evidence is presented to the jury.

Miss "Flossie" Settle, the fair plaintiff, is well known in Greensboro. She was considered a belle, and was very popular here about five years ago. She won a liking for the stage, and suddenly left here for New York where she secured an engagement. She took the name of "Marion Draughan" and achieved no little fame behind the footlights. Miss Settle was filling an engagement in London when she was summoned to Greensboro, and she here to help her lawyers fight for what she alleges as her rights.

HOW WILL FIGHT END? Mr. G. S. Bradshaw, Prominent Member of the Blackburn Faction, Goes to Washington to See President in Interest of Mr. Fraizer, Recently Appointed Postmaster at Greensboro; But Not Yet Confirmed.

GREENSBORO, Feb. 23.—Mr. G. S. Bradshaw, editor of the Tar Heel Weekly, as well as a prominent attorney here, and recognized as one of the longest men of the Blackburn forces, returned last night from his flying trip to Washington. He saw the President. When Mr. Bradshaw ascended the quadron to divide the President's attention alone this time, having no flying steps at the mansion going in, he as a little bit rattled to see Congress and Judge and Judge Pritchard coming down from an interview with the President.

While Mr. Bradshaw is reticent as to the success of his mission, which, as exclusively in behalf of his college chum, Prof. Fraizer, for postmaster, it is generally understood that the President has been prevailed upon to think that the appointment of any one on recommendation of Congressman Blackburn would have a bad moral effect on the indictments of revenue officers and blockaders for alleged frauds in Wilkes county. This seems to be Fraizer's only trouble. It is said that the President has been reliably informed recently that Fraizer was not Blackburn's choice, and that he only signed the recommendation after being advised to do so by Speaker Cannon.

DEATH OF MISS CAMPBELL.

End Was Sudden And Unexpected to the Family.

Miss Amanda Campbell died of heart disease at 10:30 o'clock today at her home on North Liberty street. Her age was 73 years. While the deceased had been in failing health for a year or more, her condition was not considered serious until two weeks ago. She was perfectly rational this morning and her death was sudden and unexpected.

Miss Campbell was a most estimable lady and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. She was born near Germantown, Stokes county, but as resided in this city with her mother, Mr. Nelson Campbell, and sister, Miss M. J. Campbell, for several years. One brother, Mr. Newton Campbell, is a resident of High Point, while another, Mr. Thomas Campbell, lives at Newcastle, Ind.

The hour for the funeral will not be fixed until the out-of-town relatives are heard from. The interment will be in the Salem cemetery.

ROGERS NOT SO ILL.

Standard Oil Magnate Has Not Been Absent from His Office a Day This Week.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—H. H. Rogers, Standard Oil millionaire reported to be seriously ill with cirrhosis of the liver, was so busy this morning at his office at the Standard Oil building that he barely had time to deny reports of his illness. Mr. Rogers, notwithstanding reports to the contrary, has been busy at his office every day this week.

WANTED—Men in each state to travel, post signs, advertise and leave samples of our goods. Salary \$75.00 per month, \$3.00 per day for expenses. Kuhlman Co., Dept. S., Atlas Block, Chicago.

FOUGHT BY MOB.

MR. AND MRS. W. K. VANDERBILT, JR., AND CHAFFEUR ATTACKED.

Had Run Into And Injured a Small Boy in Italian Town—When Attacked by Mob Mr. Vanderbilt Drew Revolver But This Was Taken from Him And He And Chaffeur Taken Into Custody.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Advice received here today from Florence, Italy, indicate that officers detained Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and chaffeur, at Pontedera yesterday as a result of an automobile accident, in which they ran down and injured a small boy.

It was a more serious affair than at first reported, according to advices today. The Vanderbilts were mobbed. Mr. Vanderbilt, believing their lives were in danger, drew a revolver, but before he could use it several men jumped into the auto and disarmed him, kicked and cuffed him. Later Vanderbilt and the chaffeur were arrested, after gendarmes had rescued them from the mob, and are being held. Mrs. Vanderbilt was sent to a hotel.

WHOLESALE PUNISHMENT.

Few Soldiers Destroy a Saloon at Fort Bliss, Texas, and There is Talk of Assessing Every Member of the Garrison Pro Rata to Pay the Damage Done by the Few.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—During the last few days the government authorities of the War Department have been considering the question of being the entire garrison of Fort Bliss, Texas, to offset the damage wrought by some soldiers who destroyed a saloon near the post. It was impossible to ascertain the real culprit and the suggestion was made that every soldier be assessed pro rata. General J. M. Lee, who commands the Department at Fort Bliss is situated, expressed his disapproval of the suggestion, and said that renewed effort could be made to find those who were responsible. He regards it as unjust at all of the soldiers should be taxed to meet the damage wrought by a few, and in this view of injustice of the wholesale assessment the War Department has emphatically concurred. The idea is a new one, and is regarded as possessing merit simply on the ground of its ingenuity. The authorities at Fort Bliss will be asked to continue the inquiry, with the view of determining definitely who is responsible, and fixing the assessment upon the individual culprits.

PRAYS FOR WILKES.

Rev. Dr. R. A. Torrey, by Request, Offers Prayer Before Large Philadelphia Audience.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21.—"The State of Wilkes" came in for special prayer from the evangelist, Rev. Dr. R. A. Torrey, at his afternoon service attended by nearly 5,000 people this afternoon. "Here is a request for prayer," said Dr. Torrey, "from a man who has been to this revival and he writes on board train on his way back to North Carolina. He says pray for a revival in my town, Wilkesboro, N. C. There is a great deal of whiskey made and drunk in both the town and county, so that it has come to be called 'Whiskey Wilkes.' Dr. Torrey himself offered the prayer, and said: 'Oh, Lord, bless Wilkesboro, N. C. The devil is powerful but Thou art more powerful and he cannot hinder Thy work. Light the fires of revival in that community and county and may many be saved. Amen.'"

DEATH OF MRS. JONES.

Well Known Lady Passes Away at Homestead, Near Danville.

Danville Register. Nancy Harriet Jones, relict of the late Decatur Jones, died at the old homestead, Bachelor's Hall, Va., this (Tuesday) afternoon at 2:40 o'clock, after an illness extending over a period of twelve months.

She was born July 24, 1818, and was therefore in her 88th year. She was the daughter of the late Capt. John Keen, of this county. She reared 11 children, three of whom, with her husband, have preceded her to the grave. The following children, together with numerous grandchildren and great grand children, survive: Wm. Henry Jones, of Bachelor's Hall; John K. Jones, of Richmond; D'Orsay Jones, of Danville; Mrs. T. H. B. Haase, of Wheeling, W. Va.; Mrs. B. A. Cunningham, Mrs. R. R. King and Mrs. J. M. Morehead, of Greensboro, N. C., and Miss Emie Jones, of Bachelor's Hall.

Killed by Train.

Near Stokesdale, Guilford county, Tuesday, J. L. Costner, 35 years old, was killed by a train. He was walking on the track and stepped aside to let a freight pass. There were two tracks and in getting off one he got on another and was struck and killed by a passenger train. Will Carrington, a 16-year-old negro boy, was struck by an engine at the same place the day before and died from his injuries next day.