

NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

Laying of Rails on Electric Line to Weaverville Begun.

Asheville, Special.—It is learned here that the big force of men at work on the Coleman cut of the Weaverville and Asheville grade for the electric line connecting this city with Weaverville is making fine progress and that the line will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. Six car loads of rails have been placed along the right-of-way and the laying of rail was commenced. Cross-ties for the road have been placed along part of the line and as fast as the grading is completed and trestle work ended the track will be laid and wire strung for the operation of the line. It was stated that it was hoped to have the line complete and in operation within six weeks, or by the first of the year at any rate.

J. M. Lance Put in Control of Buck Shoals Property.

Asheville, Special.—Mr. Silas G. Bernard, who was appointed temporary receiver for the Buck Shoals Company, pending the settlement of suits over the property brought by Mrs. Sophia Harrison-Eastman against Capt. V. E. McBea, has returned from a visit to the property. Mr. Bernard has appointed Mr. J. M. Lance, of Henderson county, to take over the management of the property thus relieving Captain McBea, who is still at Buck Shoals, of active control.

Crusade for City Beautiful.

Salisbury, Special.—Mayor Boyden has called upon the ladies of Salisbury to aid him in making the town a "city beautiful." He says that in putting down new streets where it was necessary to cut down trees they will be replanted at the expense of the city. He calls upon the citizens to cultivate grass, plant flowers and trees, not only in their yards but on the surplus spots of the sidewalks, and to tear away or repair and paint all fences, to brighten up their premises and make Salisbury one of the cleanest, prettiest and most inviting cities in the South.

Mere Presence Shows Guilt.

Asheville, Special.—Judge Boyd made an important ruling Saturday which will be of interest throughout the State. He held that the presence of a person at an illicit distillery was prima facie evidence of the guilt of the person, saying that such person was really aiding and abetting in the operation of the still. In the trial of moonshine cases in the past persons found at the blockade still when the raid was made have testified "that they were just passing by and stopped a minute," and have thus escaped. In future such a defense won't go with Judge Boyd.

North State News Notes.

A few days ago in looking through the garret of a house next to the old Tryon Palace on George street, Newbern, Miss Alice Duffy discovered two swords. The house was used by the Federal troops during the war and the swords have likely been there since that time. They were in good condition and on one was "U. S.", "J. H.", E. S. Mfg. Co., Chicopee Falls, Mass. On the other "U. S. N. G.", "N. R. Arms Cutlery Co., 1857."

Considerable quantities of oysters are now on the Newbern market. The law against gathering in the public beds expired November 1st and the price there at once fell from about 50 cents a quart to 25 and 30 cents. The price on the boats in the shell are from \$1 a bushel for the very largest to 45 cents for smaller grades.

The Thomasville Light and Power Company held a reorganization meeting Saturday night. It was decided to increase the capital stock from \$10,000 to \$20,000, with practically all subscribed. The following named officers were elected: President, J. W. Lambeth; vice president, O. R. Cox; secretary and treasurer, C. E. Leak. The plant is one of the best equipped in the State and is giving the town of Thomasville the very best service.

In the nabbing of Bud Watkins last week by the officers of that city High Point has got rid of one of her meanest criminals. Watkins confessed the crime and was bound over by Mayor Wrenn in the sum of \$500. The charge was assault with intent to kill, the prosecutor in the case being Mr. W. G. Burnett, of the High Point Ice and Fuel Company. Watkins claimed Mr. Burnett owed him the small sum of 40 cents, which Mr. Burnett claims was not due and which he refused to pay, whereupon Watkins returned to the office of the factory one afternoon and leveling a shotgun at Mr. Burnett demanded the money.

Mr. S. H. Ferrabee, city editor of The Winston-Salem Journal, is to be married on the 24th inst. to Miss Jennie Powell, daughter of the late A. M. Powell, who was for some years mayor of Raleigh.

An old citizen of Raleigh who died last week was found to have \$47,000 in gold and currency in a safe which had for years stood by his bedside. The safe was opened by his executors and the money taken to the bank.

One Legislator Too Many.

Raleigh, Special.—An interesting legislative situation looms up here about the solution of which there is difference of opinion. The constitution of North Carolina limits the membership of the House of Representatives to 120 members, whereas 121 were elected last week, including one from the new county of Lee, where D. A. McDowell was chosen. The constitution says every county shall be represented. Some of the larger counties have two and three members on account of larger population. High Democratic authorities here say the solution of the situation will be to seat only one of the two representatives from Sampson county James T. Kennedy and B. H. Crumpler, both Republicans, to make room for the Lee county member, who is a Democrat. The reason Sampson is to be curtailed is that this county seems from the last census, to have the least excess of citizenship over the number to entitle the county to the additional member. Republicans who have discussed the matter, on the other hand, insist that Sampson's delegation cannot be molested and that Lee had no right to elect a separate representative until another census apportionment is made unless there was special provision by the Legislature in creating Lee county. And there was no such provision, it is said.

Governor Glenn Now in Harness.

Raleigh, Special.—A bit of Presbyterian mission work that is preliminary to his formal enlistment with the Southern Presbyterian Board of Missions, when he shall have retired from the governorship, was done by Governor Glenn Sunday and Monday, when he went with Rev. W. McWhite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, out to Apex, this county for services preliminary to the formation of a Presbyterian congregation there. The indications now are that the congregation will be formed very soon now.

Republicans Want Cox for Place in Cabinet.

Raleigh, Special.—The remarkable run that Hon. J. Elwood Cox made for Governor in the recent campaign has started considerable talk among prominent North Carolina Republicans in his advocacy as a member of President-elect Taft's cabinet. They assert that he won the biggest Republican gains in any Southern State and that his great party service in this connection, coupled with his exceptional capacity, as a business man and financier make him a "shining mark" for national cabinet appointment.

Blood Poison Follows Injury.

Statesville, Special.—Mr. James A. Dixon, who has been seriously ill at his home on Mills street for some weeks, suffering with blood poison and typhoid fever, died Friday morning between 6 and 7 o'clock. Mr. Dixon was a machinist at the Statesville Furniture Factory and some time ago he suffered a slight injury on his hand while working with some machinery. Blood poison set in, followed by typhoid fever, and the two deadly diseases combined were too much for his system.

Thanksgiving Call Issued.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn issued his formal proclamation calling upon the people of the State to assemble in their respective places of worship Thursday, November 26, for the observance of Thanksgiving Day.

North State Items.

A special from Salisbury says: The Masonry and bridge work at the archway under the Southern railway for the driveway to the Federal Cemetery has been completed and the government appropriation for the roadway from Main street to the cemetery entrance is available and work on the approach is expected to begin soon.

Great quantities of fish, mainly of trout and Spanish mackerel, are being shipped from Morehead City and Beaufort now to Norfolk and points North, and to Savannah and Jacksonville and points South.

State Veterinarian Tait Butler, who looks after the farmers' institutes, dairy schools, etc., says that another dairy school may be held this season and that if this is done Newton will be the place.

The alleged night riders held near Union City, Tenn., in connection with the Reel Foot Lake assassination, failed to obtain their release from the military camp.

A Drummer in a Bad Fix.

Concord, Special.—A Mr. DePool, a drummer of New York, was afflicted with the loss of speech here Monday. He went to Parks' store to sell some goods and found he could not speak. Mr. Ed. Sherrill took him to the St. Cloud-Normandy and summoned Dr. Pemberton, who attended him. It is supposed his trouble was the result of acute indigestion.

LEGISLATIVE PERSONNEL

Those Who Will Constitute the Next House and Senate of Our State Lawmaking Body.

Raleigh, Special.—Practically complete returns give the membership and political complexion of the North Carolina General Assembly for the 1909 session as follows:

House

Alamance—Dr. J. A. Pickett (R.)
Alexander—Will Linney (R.)
Alleghany—R. F. Doughton.
Anson—T. C. Cox (D.)
Ashe—T. C. Buie (D.)
Beaufort—Frank B. Hooker (D.)
John F. Latham (D.)
Bertie—A. S. Roscoe (D.)
Bladen—G. D. Perry (D.)
Brunswick—C. E. D. Taylor (R.)
Buncombe—Zeb Weaver (D), R. J. Gaston (D), both re-elected.
Burke—T. L. Sigman (D.)
Cabarrus—H. S. Williams (R.)
Caldwell—M. N. Harshaw (R.)
Camden—J. C. Cook (D.)
Carteret—C. S. Wallace (D.)
Caswell—Democratic.
Catawba—Killian (R.)
Chatham—R. H. Hayes (D.)
Cherokee—T. C. McDonald (R.)
Chowan—W. S. Privett (D.)
Clay—R. E. Cranford (D.)
Cleveland—R. S. Lovelace (D.)
Columbus—J. G. Butler (D.)
Craven—E. N. Green (D.)
Cumberland—J. H. Currie (D.)
John Underwood (D.)
Currituck—Pierce Hampton (D.) re-elected.

Dare—Charles T. Williams (D.)
Davidson—T. Earle McCreary (R.)
Duplin—A. T. Grant (R.)
Dwight—J. A. Gavin, Jr. (D.)
Durham—Y. E. Smith (D.)
Edgecombe—Hugh B. Bryant (D.)
Dr. M. B. Pitt (D), re-elected.
Forsyth—S. E. Hall (R), J. T. Stimpson (R.)
Franklin—Dr. R. P. Floyd (D.)
Gaston—D. K. Davenport (D), N. B. Kendrick (D.)
Gates—Lycargus Hofer (D.)
Graham—Democratic.
Granville—A. W. Graham (D.)
Greene—J. A. Albritton (D.)
Guilford—Thomas J. Murphy (D), Dr. J. R. Gordon (D), re-elected.
Halifax—A. P. Kitchin (D), H. S. Harrison (D.)
Harnett—N. A. Smith (D.)
Haywood—H. R. Ferguson (D.)
Henderson—J. S. Rhodes (R.)
Hertford—David C. Barnes (D.)
Hyde—J. W. McWilliams (D.)
Iredell—Z. V. Turlington (D), M. D. Tomlin (D.)
Jackson—J. W. Wyatt (D), J. W. H. Crumpler (R.)
Johnston—Democratic.
Jones—John C. Parker (D.)
Lee—D. A. McDowell (D.)
Lenoir—E. R. Wooten (D.)
Lincoln—H. D. Warlick (D.)
Macon—Higdon (R.)
Madison—Republican.
Martin—Harry W. Stubbs (D.)
McDowell—Price (D.)
Mecklenburg—W. G. McLaughlin (D), W. A. Greer (D), W. C. Dowd (D), latter two re-elected.
Mitchell—Republican.
Montgomery—Robert T. Poole (D.)
Moore—D. A. McDonald (D.)
Nash—J. C. Braswell (D.)
New Hanover—George L. Morton (D), re-elected.
Northampton—Dr. M. Bolton (D.)
Onslow—E. M. Koonce (D.)
Orange—T. E. Sparrow (R.)
Pamlico—J. B. Martin (D.)
Pasquotank—S. N. Morgan (D.)
Pender—Joseph T. Foy (D.)
Perquimans—Ernest L. Reed (D.)
Person—F. O. Carver (R.)
Pitt—Cotton (D), Cox (D.)
Polk—J. B. Livingston (D.)
Randolph—Thomas J. Redding (D.)
J. Rom Smith (D.)
Richmond—M. C. Freeman (D.)
Robeson—W. J. McLeod (D), Marshall Shepherd (D.)
Rockingham—Davis (D), Witty (D.)
Rowan—John M. Julian (D), D. M. Carlton (D.)
Rutherford—L. C. Dailey (D.)
Sampson—J. T. Kennedy (R.), B. H. Crumpler (R.)
Scotland—T. C. Everett (D.)
Stanly—Campbell (R.)
Stokes—J. M. Tagg (R.)
Surry—R. T. Haymer (R.)
Swain—Republican.
Transylvania—George W. Wilson (D.)
Tyrrell—Democratic.
Union—R. W. Lemmond (D), Ney McNeely (D.)
Vance—B. H. Perry (D.)
Wake—A. L. Cox (D), J. W. Hinsdale (D), E. T. Scarborough (D), Warren—T. O. Rodwell (D), re-elected.

Washington—Republican.
Watauga—Smith Hageman (D.)
Wayne—J. E. Kelly (D), J. H. Mitchell (D.)
Wilkes—T. N. Hayes (R) and A. Candell (R.)
Wilson—George W. Connor (D.)
Yadkin—Republican.
Yancey—D. M. Buck (D.)
Senate.
First district (Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Hertford, Pasquotank, Perquimans)—N. R. Johnson (D), A. S. Godwin (D.)
Second (Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Martin, Pamlico, Tyrrell, Washington)—V. Martin (D), F. P. Lathian (D.)
Third (Bertie, Northampton)—B. S. Gay (D.)
Fourth (Halifax)—E. L. Travis (D.)
Fifth (Edgecombe)—L. V. Bassett (D.)
Sixth (Pitt)—Blow (D.)
Seventh (Franklin, Nash, Wilson)—Ben T. Holton (D), J. D. Dawer

(D.)
Eighth (Carteret, Craven, Green, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow)—J. W. Burton (D.)
Ninth (Wayne)—J. L. Barlow (D.)
Tenth (Duplin, Pender)—Edmond Hawes (D.)
Eleventh (Brunswick, New Hanover)—B. G. Empie (D.)
Twelfth (Bladen, Columbus)—L. Clark (D.)
Thirteenth (Robeson)—D. P. Shaw (D.)
Fourteenth (Cumberland)—Q. K. Nimocks (D.)
Fifteenth (Harnett, Johnston, Sampson)—Ellington (D), Peterson (D.)
Sixteenth (Wake)—W. B. Jones (D.)
Seventeenth (Warren, Vance)—H. T. Powell (D.)
Eighteenth (Granville, Person)—J. A. Long (D.)
Nineteenth (Alamance, Caswell, Durham, Orange)—J. L. Scott, Jr. (D), J. S. Manning (D.)
Twentieth (Rockingham)—Wray (R.)
Twenty-first (Guilford)—J. A. Baringer (D.)
Twenty-second (Chatham, Moore, Scotland, Richmond)—A. S. Dockery (D), Jonathan Peele (D.)
Twenty-third (Montgomery, Randolph)—J. A. Spence (D.)
Twenty-fourth (Anson, Davidson, Stanly, Union)—J. A. Lockhart (D.)
Hawkins (D.)
Twenty-fifth (Cabarrus, Mecklenburg)—H. N. Pharr (D), P. B. Means (D.)
Twenty-sixth (Rowan)—Whitehead Klutz (D.)
Twenty-seventh (Forsythe)—Ex-Judge H. R. Starbuck (R.)
Twenty-eighth (Stokes, Surry)—Republican.
Twenty-ninth (Davie, Wilkes, Yadkin)—Wm. Lee (R.)
Thirtieth (Iredell)—Zeb V. Long (D.)
Thirty-first (Catawba, Lincoln)—J. D. Elliott (D.)
Thirty-second (Gaston)—W. T. Love (D.)
Thirty-third (Cleveland, Henderson, Rutherford, Polk)—McD. Ray (D), John C. Mills (D.)
Thirty-fourth (Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell)—J. C. Sherrill (R.) S. A. McColl (R.)
Thirty-fifth (Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga)—R. L. Doughton (D.)
Thirty-sixth (Madison, Mitchell, Yancey)—Republican.
Thirty-seventh (Buncombe)—J. J. Britt (R.)
Thirty-eighth (Haywood, Jackson, Transylvania, Swain)—A. M. Fry (D.)
Thirty-ninth (Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon)—West (R.)

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Mrs. William Astor died at her home in New York City.
Manufacturers and business men united at Richmond, Va., to honor Mr. Li Sum Ling, the Chinese publicist.
Andrew D. White has returned from his first visit to Berlin since he was stationed there as American Minister.
Miss Elkins and the Duke of the Abruzzi will be married before January 1, said reports from the bride's home.
A dispatch from Newmarket said that there was no truth in the rumor that King Edward had been injured in an automobile accident.
Signor Guglielm, Ferrero, an Italian historian, author of "The Greatness and Decline of Rome," is preparing for a visit to the United States.
Dr. Sven Hedin stated, according to special cable advices to the New York Herald from Hong Kong, that Chinese influence in Tibet will have good results.
Emperor Nicholas informally received Crown Prince George of Serbia, and urged the necessity of the abandonment of a hostile attitude toward Austria.
Princess Henry of Battenberg is the latest recruit to the list of royal authors. She has just finished a history of the Isle of Wight, of which she is the captain and governor. The book is to be sold for the benefit of the island.
Mrs. William Howard Taft is said to be a very expert needlewoman, and she does not confine her work to darning and mending, as was shown by the fact that she has made a beautiful lace handkerchief and sent it to an Indiana town to be sold for charity.
DROWSY SLEEPYHEAD.
Little drowsy Sleepyhead
Always wants to go to bed;
In the morning cannot rise,
Never can undo her eyes.
It is such a pity, too,
(Wonder if her eyes are blue?)
Little drowsy Sleepyhead,
Dozing in her trundle-bed,
Dreams her eyes are tied with string
Tied as tight as anything,
Cannot open them a crack,
(Wonder if her eyes are black?)
Little drowsy Sleepyhead,
Tries to eat a piece of bread,
Lifts a slice of it in air,
Goes to sleep and leaves it there,
Tightly shuts her eyelids down,
(Wonder if her eyes are brown?)
Little drowsy Sleepyhead,
Never cares what people say
Never cares if people think
Eyes were made to see and wink,
So she shuts them up all day,
(Wonder if her eyes are gray?)
Hope she'll tell, when she's more wise,
Just the color of her eyes.
—Arthur Macy, in Youth's Companion.

CONDITIONS BETTER

Healthy Showing in Earnings of All Railroads

RECEIPTS PER MILE INCREASED

Commissioner Lane Says Railroads Revenues For the Year Ending in June Broke All Records.

Washington, Special.—In the opinion of Franklin K. Lane, Interstate Commerce Commissioner, the railroad, industrial and financial condition of the country is improving rapidly. "It is a fact," said he "hardly believable, but nevertheless true, that the total operating revenue per mile of railroads for the year ended June 30th, 1908, exceeds that of any other year in the history of railroad in the United States except the one year of 1907. The average operating revenue per mile of line per month for the 226,000 miles of railroad reporting to the commission was \$894, for the fiscal year of 1908. This was less by about \$61 than for the year 1907; but it was more than any preceding year, and was \$118 per mile per month more than in the year of the last presidential election. As I predicted, a local car shortage even now exists. Conditions rapidly are becoming normal and prosperous."

Graham Confessed—Sentenced to Death.

Concord, N. C., Special.—Will Graham is a self-confessed rapist under sentence of death. On the 18th day of December Graham is to be hanged until dead, Judge Ferguson having so sentenced him after the evidence had been taken and a verdict of guilty reported by the jury.
Judge Ferguson addressed the crowded court room, showing how the law finds the guilty one and administers justice in the case where the law is allowed to take its course, and in giving the negro a fair trial carried out the ends of justice. He also commended the members of the negro race for the fidelity and the manner in which they gave testimony against the prisoner and did all possible to bring out the truth.
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New Orleans Cotton.

New Orleans, Special.—Cotton: Spots opened Saturday easy and closed steady. Good middling being reduced 1-16 and middling fair 1-8. Middling unchanged at 8 15-16; sales on the spot 2,000 bales and 3,200 to arrive.
Futures opened quiet at a decline of 2 to 6 points under the influence of disappointing Liverpool cables. Later the market sagged off still further under the bearish into-eight statement, the active position reaching a level 9 to 10 points under the previous day's final quotations. At this point numerous cable messages from Liverpool and Manchester were received stating that the cotton mill outlook had been settled and prices quickly rose 20 to 23 points, at which level they were at a net advance of 10 to 14 points. At the closing the tone was called steady and prices showed a net advance of 5 to 7 points.
Closing bids: Nov. 8.85; Dec. 8.78; Jan. 8.75; Feb. 8.76; March 8.78; April 8.81; May 8.83.

Daughter Dead; Mother Injured.

Clarksburg, Special.—Mrs. Joseph Fetta and her 14-year-old daughter were fatally injured by being run down by a Baltimore and Ohio passenger train. The daughter died while being taken to a hospital here and the mother is not expected to survive an operation performed after the accident.

MARYLAND'S VOTE SPLIT.

Indications, Based on Official Returns Are That Taft Will Receive 2 and Bryan 6.
Baltimore, Md., Special.—Calculations of the official returns from Tuesday's elections, not finished until Saturday, show that the electoral vote of Maryland will be split, Bryan getting six of the electors and Taft two. On the popular vote—the vote cast for the elector receiving the highest number—Taft carries the State by 561 votes. His elector poll lifts the highest vote received 116,471 and the highest Bryan elector 115,910.

Mill Employes Get Full Work.

Pawtucket, R. I., Special.—The thread mills of the J. & P. Coats Company, in this city, employing 2,500 hands, resumed a full time working schedule on Saturday, according to an announcement posted in the mills. The mills have been running on short time since the financial depression of last fall.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

GLEANINGS FROM DAY TO DAY

Live Items Covering Events of More or Less Interest at Home and Abroad.

Foreign Affairs.

The German city of Plauen was shaken by an earthquake.
A steamer was wrecked on a Japanese island with a loss of 150 lives.
Victorien Sardou, the famous French playwright, died after a long illness.
Cubaans will vote for President and other officers under the restored republic next Saturday.
Rumor of further procrastination in the present awkward German situation caused indignation.
White J. L. Morgan, of Marion, N. C., hunted his eloping daughter in Paris she was married to W. P. Craig, a clerk, in London.

In the South.

Dr. John S. Lupton, the pioneer fruit grower of Winchester, is dead.
Boys under 16 smoking cigarettes in Honaker, Wise county, Va., will be fined \$10.
James Grant was found dead in the road near Abingdon, Va., having apparently been murdered.
In a fight following the election at Hurricans Creek, Buchanan county, a judge's nose was broken.
Dr. W. S. Gregory who is accused of attempting to assault a patient, will be put on trial in Roanoke.
The Maryland Psychiatric Society, for the study of nervous diseases, was organized at the Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital.
After failing to commit suicide Thomas Clarence asked a Norfolk judge to send him to the electric chair.

National Affairs.

The Government board has decided to test a new signal invention for automatic control of trains.
The House Committee will next begin public hearings on the proposed bill to revise the tariff.
President Roosevelt made public a letter in which he denounces the attempt in the campaign to drag into politics the religious belief of Mr. Taft.

Miscellaneous.

Nat C. Goodwin and Edna Goodrich were married.
A Cambridge professor found in Mexico a tribe of Indians living in an absolutely primitive state.
The New York Psychical Society has offered a reward of \$5,000 for any real communication with spirits.
The general committee on foreign missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church appropriated \$1,060,000 for missions.
Charles W. Morse, banker, was sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary, Alfred H. Curtis, the ex-bank president, being released.
A civic exhibit will be a feature of the annual meeting of the National Municipal League and the American Civic Association in Philadelphia.
President Gompers, of the Federation of Labor, faces a hard fight at the annual convention on account of his course in the national campaign.
As a result, it is believed, of the letters written by Mrs. Peter C. Hains, Jr., to her husband there has been a big shake-up among the officers at Fort Hamilton.
The United States Circuit Court at Chicago issued a temporary order enjoining the rate reduction on Missouri river traffic made by the Interstate Commerce Commission.
Chancellor Day, of Syracuse University, declared Mr. Taft to be a great piece of ballast, which can be depended on to keep the country straight.
New York had its first snow flurry of the season.

Crop Values for 1908 Higher Than in Previous Years.

Washington, Special.—The Department of Agriculture issued a preliminary estimate of the production of the principal crops of the United States showing that corn, wheat, oats and eight other crops, representing approximately 70 per cent of the value of all farm crops this year aggregate about 3 per cent greater than a year ago and 2.4 per cent greater than the average for the past five years.

No Bail For Morse.

New York, Special.—Bail was denied Charles W. Morse, the financier who has been sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment at hard labor, at the closing of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals and it now seems certain that the former multimillionaire must remain in the Tombs prison at least until December 31 next, when argument on the writ of error that has been granted him may come up.