

# NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

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

## Sleeping Car on Hamlet Train.

Wilmington, Special.—In connection with the change in schedule on the Seaboard Air Line May 2, District Passenger Agent Gattis announces that for the train leaving Wilmington at 3 a. m. there will be a local sleeper between Wilmington and Hamlet to be opened at Wilmington for occupancy of passengers at 9 p. m., returning from Hamlet and open for occupancy at 8 p. m., passengers being allowed to remain in same after arrival in Wilmington until 8 a. m., berth in either direction being \$1.50. This will be a great accommodation to the traveling public on account of the unseemly hours at which the train will arrive and depart from Wilmington.

## Two Stills Destroyed in Wilkes.

Statesville, Special.—Deputy Davis has been doing considerable business the past few days. Last Thursday he and Sheriff Adams of Alexander county, went over into Wilkes and destroyed two blockade plants. One of these was a very large plant located on a branch in a valley between two mountains, and had been in business but a short time, all of the fixtures being practically new. When the officers reached the summit of one of the mountains overlooking the distillery they could see two negro men at work at the plant. As the officers went down the side of this mountain, however, the negroes hurried up the mountain on the other side of the valley and escaped. About 1,500 gallons of beer and a lot of meal at the still for the purpose was destroyed along with the plant by the officers.

## Death of Mrs. T. F. Klutz.

Salisbury, Special.—Mrs. Theodore Franklin Klutz, wife of ex-Congressman Theo. F. Klutz, of Salisbury, died at a hospital in this city, where she had been under treatment for several days. The end came suddenly, however, and was a great shock to this section of North Carolina, where she was well known. She was sixty years old and is survived by a sister, Miss Jennie Caldwell, and one brother, J. P. Caldwell, editor of the Charlotte Observer, a husband, three daughters and two sons, Theo. F. Klutz, Jr., and State Senator Whitehead Klutz.

## Freight Train Wrecked and Traffic Delayed.

Hickory, Special.—Southern freight No. 74 was derailed three miles east of Hickory Thursday morning. Fourteen freight cars were thrown from track, some of them forty or fifty feet away, and many smashed into the track, some of them forty or fifty feet up and several telegraph poles leveled. Strange to relate no one was hurt. The engine and caboose remained on the track. The cause is ascribed to a broken flange. Passenger trains were delayed several hours while a wrecking crew from Asheville removed the debris and built a new track.

## Henderson Boasts of Its Freaks.

Hendersonville, Special.—The French Broad Hustler of this week authoritatively notes the fact that twenty-nine sets of twins have been born in Henderson county during the last twelve months, and on another page states that on Monday last the Balfour cow gave birth to twin calves. In addition to this a child has just been born here with five fingers and a thumb on each hand; one subscriber finds a four-legged chicken in his barn, and another has a hen which spoils the scenery by laying all her eggs from the height of the roost.

## Prevents Dogs Going Mad.

Nashville, Special.—There is a man in Nash county who claims that he can worm dogs and guarantee that they will not run mad. The cause, as he states, is a worm under the dog's tongue, and he takes the worm out and gives a written guarantee that the dog will never go mad. He will correspond with any one who wishes his services.

## Pardoned But Impenitent.

Greenville, Special.—Among the list of pardons issued by Governor Kitchin on the 12th was the name of Allen Gray, a colored man of Pitt county, who was serving a sentence of two years on the roads. He pretended to want to buy some clothes Saturday night and while the merchant was serving another customer Gray gathered up four pairs of pants, three coats, a vest and a hat, and slipped out the back door of the store. Officers were close on the trail and soon had him landed in jail.

## 15 Car Loads of Lettuce.

Wilmington, Special.—The heavy shipments of 15 solid car loads of lettuce to the Philadelphia and New York markets on Saturday, had a tendency to break prices, returns from Monday's sales being from \$1 to \$1.25 per basket in Philadelphia and not higher than \$1.75 for fancy stock in New York. Five or six car loads from Tuesday's cutting went forward by through freights.

## Salisbury Tiger Sent Up.

Salisbury, Special.—In the Rowan County Court, Judge B. B. Miller, presiding, Fayette Allman, who was found guilty in seven indictments Friday for retailing whiskey, was fined \$100 in each case, a total of \$700. For failure to pay this fine the defendant is to serve 12 months on the roads. The case against Charles Allman came up and he was adjudged guilty in one case and a fine of \$100 or six months on the roads was imposed. An appeal was taken in each and these cases will be fought out in the May term of Rowan Superior Court.

## Cleveland Russ Freed.

Whiteville, Special.—Cleveland Russ, on trial since Thursday of last week, was acquitted Tuesday afternoon in the Superior Court here of the murder of Jerry Bigford, a young farmer and storekeeper, who was found dead in his home on the morning of March 24th, last. The jury deliberated but a short time. Jealousy was assigned as the motive for the crime in that it was alleged that Bigford was engaged to have married a Miss Squires, of Bladen county, for whose hand the prisoner was a rival suitor.

## Dr. Mims Resigns.

Durham, Special.—The information came out last week that Dr. Edwin Mims, professor of English in Trinity College for many years, had tendered his resignation to the president and board of trustees of Trinity, to take effect in June, and that he would go abroad this summer for a cultured traveling tour. It is also stated that Dr. Mims has been called to the State University to head the English department, filled by Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, who goes to the University of Virginia.

## Rich Land Available.

Raleigh, Special.—The State Board of Education last week received from Engineer W. E. Hearn, of the Bureau Soil Surveys United States Department of Agriculture, a verbal report of the soil survey of Mattamuskeet Lake, in Hyde county, for the drainage movement on foot. Sixty thousand acres of land are under water and 80,000 acres can be reclaimed for cultivation through the successful drainage of the lake. Expert opinion is that the lands available will be the most fertile in America.

## Large Still Destroyed Saturday.

Statesville, Special.—Deputy Collector J. M. Davis and Deputy Sheriff Ward found and destroyed a large illicit distillery plant in Eagle Mills township Saturday. The plant showed evidence that it had been in use for some time and the 150-gallon still and all other fixtures were in their places when the officers arrived. The officers also destroyed 600 gallons of beer, about 30 gallons of low wines and a lot of meal which were found at the plant. No one was on the premises when the officers arrived.

## Alleged Blockader Arrested.

Statesville, Special.—Charlie Summers, a notorious character of Sharpesburg township who has been wanted for some time to answer charges of blockading and retailing in a number of cases, was arrested about sun-up Sunday morning by Sheriff Denton and Deputy Brown, at his home, and was brought to Statesville and lodged in jail without trouble. Friends and relatives came in Monday afternoon and put up bond in the sum of \$1,000 and Summers was again released.

## 20 Cars of Strawberries.

Wilmington, Special.—Strawberry shipments Monday were 20 cars from the Chadbourne belt, and two car loads from the Wilmington and Weldon sections, this exclusive of large shipments by express from the Wilmington and Weldon territory. Tuesday's loading of berries reached 50 cars.

## Cotton Mill Trust Planned by Dukes?

Winston-Salem, Special.—The afternoon paper here prints what it terms a well authenticated report that the Dukes, who are in control of the American Tobacco company, are planning to form a great cotton mill trust in the South, one similar to the mammoth tobacco combination. The story continues that the Dukes own a controlling interest in the Southern Power company, through which they expect to get control of a majority of the leading Southern cotton mills.

## Handsome Home Destroyed.

Monroe, Special.—The home of Mr. T. J. Gordon, county commissioner, was destroyed by fire at 12:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. The home was situated about 5 miles west of Monroe, and was one of the finest residences in the county outside of town. The loss is about \$4,000, partly covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is said to have started in the upper story.

# CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG CELEBRATION

A Record-Breaker in Size and Number of Attractions—President Taft the Guest of Honor.

The mammoth three-day celebration which is to take place in Charlotte on the 18, 19 and 20 of May will far eclipse anything heretofore attempted in the way of a celebration, by the citizens of Charlotte. President Taft will be guest of honor. A very complete and elaborate programme is being prepared and there will be something to see from early morning until late at night, a continuous performance.

The first day will present as the chief event a sham battle in which will be engaged several regiments of infantry and troops of cavalry, a cavalry charge as a feature of the battle will provide excitement without limit.

The most brilliant electric display ever seen in the South will make the streets at night as bright as day. A United States band, battalion of U. S. Infantry, troops of U. S. Cavalry, regiments of State guards will contribute to a magnificent military spectacle. Four parades, Colonial, Floral, Military and Industrial.

League base ball each day, grand Music Festival Governors of the Thirteen Original States and other prominent men. Fire works every night. Three street carnivals in different parts of the city in operation night and day, besides many other features not as yet definitely arranged for.

# NORTH CAROLINA PRESS ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting to Be Held at Hendersonville June 23 and 24, 1909.

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association will be held in Hendersonville on Wednesday and Thursday, June 23 and 24, 1909.

The Gates Hotel, one of the largest and best in the State, will give a rate of \$1.50 a day for each person. The entire editorial party will be entertained at this hotel.

All the railroads of the State will make the usual exchange of transportation for advertising to our members and one dependent member of the family of each for use in attending this meeting.

We received an official invitation from the Mayor and chairman of the Board of Trade Convention Committee of Hendersonville to hold our meeting there, and the entire citizenship of this beautiful town join in the invitation.

President Thomas is now at work on the programme, which will be announced in due time.

It is proposed to take an excursion to Morehead City on Friday morning, July 25, after the adjournment of the convention, stopping there at the famous Atlantic Hotel.

If you are not already a member of the Association you should become one and attend this meeting. Write to me for membership application blank.

J. B. SHERRILL,  
Sec. N. C. P. A.

## Changes in Seaboard.

Raleigh, Special.—Several important changes in Seaboard Air Line offices, effective at once, were announced Friday. Charles F. Stewart, assistant General Passenger Agent at Savannah, Ga., has been elected Superintendent of the Tariff Bureau of the Southeastern Passenger Association, with headquarters at Atlanta and this brings about the changes. Ralph H. Stansell has been promoted from District Passenger Agent, Washington City, to succeed Mr. Stewart as assistant General Passenger Agent at Savannah. John T. West succeeds Mr. Stansell as District Passenger Agent at Washington. S. B. Murdock, Passenger Agent at Washington, succeeds Mr. West as Passenger Agent at Philadelphia.

## Tar Heel News Items.

The University boys from North Carolina won over the Tulane boys in New Orleans in a debate Saturday night in the Crescent City. The question debated on was: Resolved, That postal savings banks, as described in the Carter bill as ordered reprinted January 6, 1909, should not be established by the U. S. government. Tulane upheld the affirmative.

Fire which broke out in the laundry and engine room of the Battery Park Hotel Asheville Sunday morning about 4 o'clock did damage to those departments to the extent of probably \$2,000 and gave the guests of the hotel a bad scare.

Fire started in a two-story mercantile building occupied by Charles Wicker's restaurant at Sanford, Sunday. The building, owned by Mrs. J. M. Pitts, was entirely destroyed and an adjoining building occupied by a barber shop and owned by W. T. Bucknan. The loss was about \$2,000.

Mrs. E. C. Gregory, a daughter of Senator Overman, was elected as one of the ten vice president-generals of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington last week which was quite an honor to her and the State. She received a hundred votes more than any other candidate. She is the youngest and the prettiest vice president elected.

There are many ways to do a thing wrong, but only one way to do it right.

# NEW RAILWAY PROJECT

Proposed New Road From Elizabeth City to Albemarle Sound.

Elizabeth City, Special.—An enthusiastic meeting of the chamber of commerce, with a mass meeting of citizens, was held in the court house last week to consider the proposition of building the Elizabeth City and Albemarle railroad from this city to Lister's pier and Weeksville, on the Albemarle Sound.

The original promoter and enthusiastic advocate of the project, D. G. Wilson, of Weeksville, was the principal speaker and he handled the subject well, relying only on facts and figures to support his argument. He told of the wonderful possibilities of the section through which it is proposed to run to railroad, stating that the lower part of Pasquotank county, Perquimans and Tyrrell counties which the railroad would come in touch with, were the finest and most natural trucking sections in the State. The only and greatest need, which had already reached the point of necessity, was transportation. He said the people in these sections were handicapped badly and cramped in their efforts for the lack of quick and regular transportation facilities.

Mr. Wilson, after reciting the many benefits to be derived from the proposed railroad to the lower sound section and how the people of those sections are worked up on the project, giving graphic illustrations showing how the trucking, merchantile and manufacturing interests of those sections had developed during the past ten years despite the poor transportation facilities, which were contrasted with facilities to be at hand with the railroad in operation, took up the benefits to be derived by Elizabeth City. Mr. Wilson's argument was telling and elicited much and frequent applause, attesting the fact that he had the interest and approval of the audience. A number of other speakers followed.

From the great amount of interest and enthusiasm manifested, it seems to be an assured fact that the Elizabeth City and Albemarle railroad will be reality in the near future, and when it does come it will cause the citizens of the State to sit and take notice of this section's wonderful trucking and fishing business.

## GUILTY OF PEONAGE.

J. B. Powers, a South & Western Contractor, Convicted in Federal Court and Sentenced to Fifteen Months' Imprisonment.

Statesville, Special.—J. B. Powers, of Buncombe county, formerly a walking boss in the employ of the McCabe Company, railroad contractors, was convicted of peonage in the Federal Court here Saturday afternoon and sentenced to 15 months in the Federal prison at Atlanta. Motion of appeal was given and a justified bond of \$10,000 was required. It is doubtful if the bond can be given. An indictment for peonage against the McCabe Company was not prosed. The evidence was that Powers, while superintendent of construction work on the South & Western Road in McDowell county, had whipped hands and otherwise mistreated them to prevent their leaving until they had worked out the transportation furnished.

## White Convict Escapes.

Raleigh, Special.—The authorities of the State's Prison have issued the following notice: "Oscar Potent, a white man 22 years old, five feet ten inches high, weight 170 pounds, blue eyes, dark hair, sentenced to the State's Prison from McDowell county in July, 1907, for a term of ten years for highway robbery, escaped from the convict camp at Selma, N. C., on the 22d instant. For his recapture we will pay a reward of \$25 and all necessary expenses."

## A Piece of Vandalism.

Chapel Hill, Special.—Some unknown person of depraved instincts painted the face of the statue of the University's first president red last week and placed on it the baseball score numbers of the Virginia and Carolina contest. It is not believed to have been an act of any one connected with the University, all of whom express indignation at the desecration.

## To Develop Water Power.

Hendersonville, Special.—The Green River Power Company, with head office in Hendersonville, has recently been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$100,000. The purpose of the company is the development of the magnificent waterpower on Green River, about six miles from here, with the immediate plan of furnishing power to Hendersonville and towns near, and the further object of supplying the proposed street railway here, and a good sized cotton mill, both of which projects are beginning, at last, to look like realities.

## Double-Tracking on the Southern.

Greensboro, Special.—Much pleasure is felt here over the announcement that the work of double-tracking the Southern Railway between this city and Danville, Va., is to begin in a few days and will be pushed to completion. A representative of Stewart Bros., who have the contract, were in Greensboro last week looking after the employment of laborers and other matters.

# "WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?"



—Cartoon by Davenport, in the New York Evening Mail.

# STANDARD OIL CASH IS PUT IN FOOD AND DRUGS

Individual Stockholders Reinvest in Restaurants and Pharmacies—Thousands in Soap and Also in Candles—Busy Department at No. 26 Broadway Seeks Opportunities Far and Near—Has Enough in Petroleum—No Increase of Capital Possible Because the Company Has All It Needs in Oil.

New York City.—Standard Oil men, with Standard Oil dividends, are reaching out for the larger retail trade.

They are applying to the field of investment the Standard Oil methods which have proven so potent in every line of competitive business to which they have previously been applied.

The retail lines which have recently attracted the attention of the men who have been trained by the master hand of John D. Rockefeller embrace:

- Drugs.
- Soap.
- Candles.
- Peanuts.
- Milk.
- Starch.
- Glucose products.
- Restaurants.

For more than a year the work of absorbing or, at any rate, gaining a controlling interest in enterprises, which in many instances seem to have no connection with the production of oil, has been going on quietly but actively, and the complete roster probably would make interesting reading.

## Acquiring Many Businesses.

Some of these concerns in which individual stockholders of the Standard Oil Company are heavily interested are the Hegeman Drug Company, Childs' chain of restaurants, the Corn Products Refining Company, the New York Glucose Company and the National Starch Company. But there are more to come. Reports, which bear every evidence of verity are current that a great candy establishment with many branches in New York and other cities has recently passed into the control of Standard Oil interests.

Peanuts and milk probably will be next on the list, for the same reports, based on excellent authority, are that these oil interests have already obtained control of what is known as the peanut trust, and will soon, if they have not already, acquire one of the most extensive milk producing businesses in the country.

All these transactions are the outcome of what is known as the "investment department" of the Standard Oil Company. This is entirely for the benefit of the large stockholders and the work is conducted in an unobtrusive manner.

## Money Must Not Be Idle.

So thoroughly does the Standard Oil Company now cover the ground and the earth that it has all the capital that it needs and is practically impossible to put more money back into the industry, which yields annually millions in profit. Standard Oil dividends, therefore, are constantly seeking reinvestment, for it is one of the axioms of John D. Rockefeller himself that money must not be idle. The head of the investment department or bureau was until recently a man who is now a banker and broker in Wall street. There has been a reorganization lately, but the search for good opportunities is under the general direction of an accomplished financial scout who has a corps of trained assistants.

There are numerous firms or companies which have an established reputation and feel that if they had additional capital they might greatly extend their business. While they are making inquiries they may receive a visit from an agent, who says that he has heard something of their endeavors and intimates that if the enterprise meets the approval of his principals it would be possible to come to an agreement.

## Millionaire E. J. Barney, 73, Makes Widow of 30 His Bride.

Dayton, Ohio.—In the face of the bitter opposition of his daughters, E. J. Barney, who is seventy-three years old and the wealthiest man in Dayton, was married to Mrs. Elinor Chapman, widow of State Senator W. W. Chapman, who is in her thirtieth year. Mrs. Chapman was governess in the Barney family for several months after the death of the Senator, and it is believed that the wedding will cause a complete rupture between Barney and his two daughters.

"Can you make a statement," is his usual question, "which will show that increased capital will develop the business and return a good profit?"

These statements are analyzed by experts and a report is made showing the nature of the territory in which it is proposed to locate new branches of a business and the probabilities of the various regions developing. The agent takes an active interest in the industry or the business if the contract is made, and the capital is likely to come from a bank which is in touch with the Standard Oil group.

## From Restaurants to Oil.

Operations such as these have been conducted for the last three years, and as a result the country has seen chains of drug stores and an ever increasing procession of popular priced restaurants.

It was admitted at the office of the Hegeman Company that several of the Standard Oil men had as individuals invested in the corporation. Its president is John H. Flagler.

According to Samuel Childs, vice-president of the Childs Restaurant Company, dividends from his enterprise find their way to No. 26 Broadway. A Tydeman, of the Bureau of Purchases and Supplies of the Standard Oil, is among the investors in the Childs empire.

E. T. Bedford, a large stockholder in the Standard Oil and until recently a director of that corporation, is the president of the Corn Products Refining Company, of the New York Glucose Company, which has the tall chimney at Shady Side, N. J.

Four of the corn products companies have offices at No. 26 Broadway, and there also is the headquarters of the National Starch Company. Reports that the Standard group had in any way become interested in the manufacture of candy are denied by leading confectionery companies, and one of them has within the last week sent out a circular to the trade explicitly stating that there has been no change whatever in the management.

C. T. White, assistant treasurer, who has an office in the fourteenth floor, was asked if there were any truth in the report that the Standard Oil Company was becoming extensively interested in outside ventures.

"That is not the fact," was his emphatic reply.

Mr. White referred to the various glucose companies as being under the control of men also affiliated with Standard Oil and to the National Starch Company as a subsidiary corporation of the Corn Products Company.

As to the "Investment Department" which the officials and stockholders of the Standard find so useful, he said that if there was such a thing it was news to him. Among the larger operations of financiers of the Standard Oil group as individuals may also be mentioned the Amalgamated Copper and the United Metals Selling Company, in which H. H. Rogers is interested, and the railroad and hotel interests of Henry M. Flagler in Florida.

## Paragraped Pickings.

The Pittsburg Club has sold short-stop Charlie Starr to the Boston Club.

Work is being done in the matter of unionizing the brewers in El Paso, Texas.

Reports of the various New York City railway lines for the last quarter showed assets of \$354,000,000.

Sixteen hundred men employed in the collieries at Aberaman, Wales, were locked out.

## Find Six Out of Every Ten Children Have Tuberculosis.

Des Moines, Iowa.—An investigation conducted by the Des Moines Tubercular Association resulted in the amazing discovery that six out of every ten children examined in the city are infected with the dreaded tuberculosis.

Most of the cases are incipient, but in many the disease has progressed to a dangerous degree. The association is considering the establishing of a children's tubercular camp for scientific treatment.