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NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

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

Unique Plan to Hide "Still".
Asheville, Special.—Revenue officers Saturday returned from McDowell county where they located and destroyed one of the most cleverly concealed stills found in this section of the state in some time. The complete outfit, with a capacity of 20 gallons per day, was found in the loft of a small frame building, just over the bed room. It consisted of a 90-gallon capacity copper still, a cap, two worms, two flake stands and a quantity of beer. The smoke incidental to the distilling was sent up the kitchen flue while the refuse was carried off by an underground drain to a pit some distance from the house. The meal, fuel and other necessities were hoisted up from the kitchen by a block and tackle. The work point about the arrangement, and the only thing that gave the officers a clue was that a drain emptied near the house, had been used, the one emptying into the pit apparently being a new system with the new boiler. There was nothing else about the house to excite suspicion and the spotless linen on the beds indicated the occupants to live above their surroundings. They were about to give up the search when one chanced to notice a cleverly concealed trap door in the kitchen. An absolutely empty loft was revealed by the trap door but further search revealed a false partition leading into the section of the loft over the bed room. The complete blockade outfit was found here.

Fell Dead as he Raised Gun.
Shelby, Special.—Saturday evening as Dr. and Mrs. T. E. McBrayer and children were returning from the country in an automobile, driven by a young man named Thompson, they were met by two farmers riding in a buggy. Thompson stopped his car and asked them to pass. They refused to do so, but each got out of the buggy, and while one held the male the other man, whose name was Tom Walker, was in the act of leveling a gun at the party, when he fell to the ground in an unconscious condition, his death occurring within an hour. In the meantime Dr. McBrayer did everything in his power to save his life. There seems to be much prejudice among the country people against the automobiles, and this man, from all appearances, must have been prepared for an emergency of this kind, as he had a gun and a box of cartridges in his buggy, and there is no telling what the outcome would have been had he carried out his design.

May Redeem Charred Money.
Asheville, Special.—There is a possibility that the \$500 in greenbacks, placed in the small safe at Kenilworth Inn the evening before the destruction of that hostelry by fire, may be redeemed by the Treasury Department of the United States government. The money, a pack of bills belonging to Mrs. Martin, was placed in an envelope and put in the small private safe at the Inn and where the Inn was destroyed by fire the contents of the safe in which the \$500 in bills had been placed, were found to be completely charred. If taken to the treasury in Washington in recognizable shape the money will be replaced.

Violators Fined.
Greensboro, Special.—Acting under advice of attorneys, and in pursuance of an organization formed to fight the new Guilford county road law, which requires citizens to work the roads certain days during the year, or in lieu thereof pay 75 cents per day, forty-six citizens of the county have refused to work the roads after being duly warned, or to pay the 75 cents. Warrants have been served on twenty-three, and in the presence of a crowded courtroom, Justice Wolfe tried the cases. The defendants contended that since the county commissioners had not required all citizens of the cities of High Point and Greensboro to work the roads, it was unfair to require it of country people. The defendants were fined \$2 and costs each. All except one paid the amount, this one taking an appeal to the Superior Court to test the law. Warrants will next be served on the other twenty-three who refused to obey the law. John N. Wilson, county attorney, prosecuting the cases, asked that the minimum fine be imposed, contending that the county authorities were simply seeking to discourage and punish open defiance of law.

Orchard to Organize.
Winston-Salem, Special.—The Trinity Mountain Orchard Company will be organized at once for the purpose of conducting a commercial orchard with paid in capital of \$5,000. John A. Young, the well known strawberry grower of Greensboro, and several Winston-Salem and North Wilkesboro parties are the incorporators. The orchard contains one hundred acres and the company was organized through the real estate agency of J. W. McAllister. This is one of the best apple growing regions in the South.

Closes Out Two Years.
Statesville, Special.—The Mayor term of Ireddell Superior Court in session here this week with Judge Jones, of Winston, on the bench, has disposed of a number of interesting cases, the most important of which were the cases against Robert and Joe Clark, the noted check-fishers, who have been confined in Ireddell jail for some months, although they made a number of efforts to escape from the jail. The Clark brothers submitted to the two cases against them in this county and their final sentence was two years in the State penitentiary.

Fire at Elizabeth City.
Elizabeth City, Special.—A disastrous fire occurred here Saturday morning at 3 o'clock, destroying the entire stock of the D. M. Jones Company, wholesale hardware, corner Point-dexter and Matthews streets, and badly damaging the stores and stocks of the Lavenston Department store, Eagle Grocery, Globe Clothing store and Cheson Department store. Jones had stock estimated at \$30,000, with \$17,000 insurance. The building was owned by C. W. Overman with \$5,500 insurance, about half the value of the building.

H. H. ROGERS, OIL MAGNATE, DIES SUDDENLY AT HOME

Leading Figure in Great Standard Corporation Passes Away.

CLOSE ALLY OF ROCKEFELLERS

After Retirement of John D. Rockefeller, Rogers Directed Policy of Oil Trust—He Was Sixty-nine Years of Age.

New York City.—Henry H. Rogers, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company and the real head of the company since the retirement from active business eight years ago of John D. Rockefeller, died suddenly at his home, 3 East Seventy-eighth street, shortly after 7 o'clock a. m. Mr. Rogers had not been in the best of health for the past two years, but he could always attend to his business. Mr. Rogers had expected to go to his office as usual, and he got up in the morning at 6 o'clock, as was his custom. He had dressed and was about to leave his room when he began to complain of numbness and nausea. In the presence of several members of his family he sank to the floor. He was lifted to a couch in his room, and there everything possible and other physicians were sent for, but he died at once. By the time the first physician had reached the house he had been dead ten minutes. The

to the construction of his tidewater railroad, which he had planned as a lasting monument for himself. Recently he took a steamship load of friends to Norfolk to witness the ceremonies attendant upon the opening of that road to traffic. At the time he looked as sturdy as though another half century might be his portion. No one suspected that his time was nearly at an end, although it had been known that he has not been in good health for some years past. The extent of Mr. Rogers' fortune is unknown even to close friends. The best estimates placed it from \$40,000,000 to \$60,000,000. A trifle more than two years ago he was reported to have \$100,000,000. In the "silent panic" of March, 1907, which laid the foundation for the great panic the following October, he was the heaviest individual sufferer. His losses at that time were figured at from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000. Rival financiers, generally believed to have been captured by J. Pierpont Morgan, who had been camping on his trail for years, gave him no mercy in the spring of 1907. Dozens of times Mr. Rogers had done the same things to others, grinding up the poor and rich in his money-making machines, but it was a crushing blow when he was caught himself. He never got over it. The worry and anxiety brought on the stroke of apoplexy from which he suffered in the summer of 1907 and after that he was never again the same resolute, fighting, aggressive Rogers. He ceased speculating, avoiding financial combats and devoted himself to putting his affairs into quiet, conservative channels. Rogers has been credited with being more of a factor in the success of Standard Oil than Rockefeller himself. He had the imagination to see the tremendous possibilities in the future of oil, and he frequently forced

LURED HIS WIFE TO DEATH

Husband Surrenders and Takes Police to Where Body Lies.

George Ves, at Perth Amboy, N. J., Said He Determined to Shoot His Wife Because She Was Unfaithful.

New Brunswick, N. J.—George Ves walked into the police station at Perth Amboy, about 6.15 a. m. and said to Night Sergeant Mulligan: "I've killed my wife and want to be locked up." The policeman could hardly believe the man, he was so indignant. "Well, if you don't believe me I'll take you to her," said Ves. He went with the man who guided them to St. Mary's cemetery, on the Woodbridge road, and in the rear of the burial place they found the body of a woman with several bullet wounds in her head. Ves says that he and the woman came here from Roadstown, N. J., three days ago and went to live in a tenement house on Huntington street, Perth Amboy. He said he discovered that his wife had been unfaithful to him and determined to kill her. In the morning he asked the woman to take a walk with him, and, guiding her to a secluded spot in the cemetery, he coolly pulled a revolver and fired three shots. When she fell he fled again. He says he thought the matter over all night and decided to give himself up to the police. Prosecutor Booram has set detectives to work on the case, as the man cannot be convicted on his unsupported confession.

HENEY PAID BY SPRECKELS.

Later Makes Startling Admissions on Witness Stand at Calhoun Trial.

San Francisco, Cal.—At the trial of Patrick Calhoun, Rudolph Spreckels on the witness stand admitted that he had been paying a monthly salary to Francis J. Heney, leader of graft prosecution. Not only Spreckels but Heney and his associates have persistently denied that the prosecutor received a single dollar from Spreckels, and just after Heney was shot a movement was started to raise a fund for Heney. Spreckels on cross-examination admitted he had paid between \$500 and \$600 a month to Heney for three years. This is outside of large sums which Heney received by the United States government. Spreckels was not a good witness for the prosecution, but on cross-examination Calhoun's lawyers extracted some interesting facts, one of which was that Abe Rueff offered, if Spreckels would get a syndicate to bid on proposed city bonds, to call a strike on the United Railroads and nobody else would bid on the bonds.

NEW GOVERNOR FOR ALASKA.

Walter E. Clark, a Washington Correspondent, Appointed.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft sent to the Senate the nomination of Walter E. Clark as Governor of Alaska, to succeed Governor Hoggatt resigned. Mr. Clark for years has been the Washington correspondent for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, and is usually well informed on Alaskan affairs. Regarding the appointment as Governor of Alaska the statement was made at the White House that "the action was taken on account of the importance of getting a special candidate for Alaska with a view to bringing together conflicting interests and permitting the natural industrial development of the country."

FIRST SOUTH ATLANTIC MAP.

Elaborate Work of Naval Bureau Shows Best Trade Routes.

Washington, D. C.—The Navy Department has issued the first map ever made of the waters of the South Atlantic Ocean. It is the work of the Hydrographic Bureau and represents the labor of years. In detail it is the most elaborate work of its kind ever issued, for it gives not only the best routes for ships in the coastwise trade along South America and Africa, but it also outlines the best routes between the two continents. The great increase in trade in the South Atlantic made necessary a comprehensive map of that body of water, and this government decided to undertake the work.

TO EDUCATE BLIND GIRL.

Pennsylvania Provides Money For Katharine Frick.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Governor Stuart's approval of the appropriation for the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Mount Airy, near Philadelphia, makes possible the education at that place of Katharine M. Frick, the deaf, dumb and blind child of William Frick, of this city. The child is nine years old, and has been blind, deaf and dumb since her fourth birthday. Little Katharine is bright, possessing many of the characteristics of Helen Keller. This is the first time the State of Pennsylvania has undertaken the individual education of a person.

ILLNESS DUE TO SOCIAL CARES.

Swift, of Chicago, Elopes.

Julian W. Swift, of the wealthy Chicago family of that name, and Miss Mary E. Miller, of Lafayette, Ind., eloped in an automobile to Hoboken, N. J., and were married. Mrs. Taft Did Not Accompany the President to Petersburg, Va. Washington, D. C.—Mrs. Taft's sudden and severe illness when she succumbed to social duties and excessive heat several days ago yielded to rest and care. Mrs. Taft was not able to accompany the President to Petersburg, Va., and Charlotte, N. C., to the great disappointment of the residents in those towns, where extensive entertainments were planned in her honor.

THE MARKETS

Wholesale Prices Quoted in New York	
MILK	
The Milk Exchange price for standard quality 2 1/2 c. per quart.	
BUTTER	
Creamery—Western, extra.	25 1/2 @ 26 1/2
Frisch	24 1/2 @ 25
Secunda	23 @ 24
State dairy, common to fair	21 @ 22
Factory, second quality	19 1/2 @ 20
EGGS	
Marion, 1908, choice	2 25 @ 3 00
Medium, 1908, choice	2 20 @ 2 70
White, 1908, choice	2 20 @ 2 70
Red, 1908, choice	2 20 @ 2 70
Yellow, 1908, choice	3 45 @ 3 50
Black, 1908, choice	2 25 @ 2 75
Black turtle soup, choice	2 25 @ 2 30
Lima, Cal.	3 00 @ 3 35
CHEESE	
State—Full cream, special	13 @ 13 1/2
Small	12 @ 12 1/2
State dairy, pair to good	12 @ 12 1/2
Full skims	9 @ 9 1/2
EGGS	
Jersey—Fancy	25 1/2 @ 26
State—Fair to choice	22 1/2 @ 23 1/2
Western—First	21 @ 21 1/2
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES—FRESH	
Apples—Haldwin, per bbl.	5 00 @ 5 20
Russet, per bbl.	4 00 @ 5 00
Northern Spy, per bbl.	4 50 @ 5 50
Strawberries, per qt.	5 @ 15
LIVE POULTRY	
Broilers, per lb.	25 @ 30
Roosters, per lb.	17 @ 17 1/2
Ducks, per lb.	10 1/2 @ 11
Geese, per lb.	12 @ 12
Pigeons, per pair	25 @ 30
DRESSED POULTRY	
Powls, per lb.	12 @ 14
Chickens, per lb.	12 @ 12 1/2
Spring chickens, per lb.	12 @ 12 1/2
Squabs, per dozen	1 25 @ 4 25
HAY AND STRAW	
Nos. 3 to 1, per 100 lb.	70 @ 80
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Straw, long rye, per 100 lb.	49 @ 61
HORSES	
Rate, 1908, prime to choice	13 @ 14
Medium to good	10 @ 12
Medium to good, 1907	5 @ 6
VEGETABLES	
Potatoes—Maine, per bag	2 50 @ 2 75
State, per bag	2 50 @ 2 65
Sweet, per basket	1 00 @ 1 10
Tomatoes, per carrier	1 00 @ 1 10
Egg plant, per box	1 25 @ 1 25
Peas, per bbl.	1 00 @ 1 00
Potatoes, per basket	1 00 @ 1 00
Peppers, per carrier	1 00 @ 1 25
Cabbages, per crate	75 @ 1 25
String beans, per basket	75 @ 1 00
Onions—No. 2, per bag	1 00 @ 1 10
Old, yellow, per bag	1 00 @ 1 10
Old, red, per bag	50 @ 1 50
Kale, per basket	50 @ 1 00
Asparagus, per doz. bunches	50 @ 2 00
Beets, per 100 bunches	2 00 @ 5 00
Spinach, per bbl.	1 00 @ 4 00
Cauliflower, per dozen	1 00 @ 3 00
Cucumbers, per basket	1 00 @ 1 00
Radishes, per 100 bunches	75 @ 1 50
Lettuce, per bbl.	1 50 @ 2 00
Turnips, per case	1 00 @ 2 50
Turnips, per 100 bunches	1 00 @ 2 00
Rhubarb, per 100 bunches	1 00 @ 2 00
Parsley, per bbl.	50 @ 2 00
Scallions, per 100 bunches	25 @ 75
Watercress, 100 bunches	1 00 @ 2 25
Horseradish, per 100 lb.	2 00 @ 4 00
GRAIN, ETC.	
Flour—Winter patents	6 00 @ 6 40
Spring patents	6 20 @ 6 75
Wheat—No. 2 red	1 10 @ 1 15
No. 1 Northern Duluth	1 10 @ 1 33 1/2
Corn, No. 2	81 1/2 @ 84
Oats—No. 2	60 1/2 @ 61
Clipped white	67 @ 67
Rye, No. 2 Western	67 @ 67
Lard, city	10 @ 10 1/2
LIVE STOCK	
Beves, city dressed	9 @ 10 1/2
Calves—City dressed	7 @ 10
Country dressed	8 @ 10
Sheep, per 100 lb.	6 00 @ 6 75
Lamb, per 100 lb.	6 00 @ 6 75
Hogs, live, per 100 lb.	7 25 @ 8 75

HORSES IN DEMAND.

Farmers Do Not Raise Enough Draughts and Roadsters.

New York City.—It is one of the amazing facts of live stock breeding in the United States that with 20,000,000 horses the American farmer cannot raise enough high class draught and carriage horses to supply the demand at highest prices current for animals of any market type. The big cities of the country, from the Middle West to the Pacific, drawing on the Middle West for both draughts and coachers, the farmers of the East nor the Far West cutting any aguro in the situation. At the Union Stock Yards a few days ago Dr. Frye, a buyer for the Seattle market, paid \$337 for a black Percheron gelding to ship to the Pacific Northwest, and purchased a large number of other draughts at prices ranging up to \$210. Metropolitan dealers have sold carriage and saddle horses this season to buyers from San Francisco, Seattle, Winnipeg and various other distant sections which ought to be selling carriage horses in New York City instead of buying them here.

Fine Crop of Strawberries.

The strawberry season of 1909 is expected to make some rich men out of poor farmers in Delaware. Never in the history of Peninsula fruit growing have such luscious berries been seen on the vines. From \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 is the estimate placed on the value of the crop of Delaware this year. Delaware's estimate allows an average of three and a half cents a quart for the ripened fruit.

Good Rains in Wheat Country.

Heavy rains have fallen over all of Nebraska and northern Kansas. Hot, moist temperatures prevailed all over the winter wheat region and will be of great benefit to that crop.

Reduction in Wire Products.

The sharp reduction in wire products brought a big increase in orders to Pittsburgh, which is further confirmation of the statement so generally made that new business would develop in volume only when prices were on an attractive basis.

Ice Farmers' Fears.

Alarming reports of salt water in the Merrimack section were received, and rice farmers now fear that salt water will invade the irrigation area before rain comes.

TELEGRAPH

No Sports on Decoration Day.

San Francisco.—Athletic sports on Memorial Day and other exercises are forbidden to the soldiers of the National Guard and members of the State Naval Militia.

Maldwin Drummond Has Smallpox.

Chicago.—Maldwin Drummond, whose marriage to Mrs. Marshall Field, Jr., was one of the events of the London social season last year, is seriously ill with smallpox.

Filed \$100,000 Mortgage.

Pierre, S. D.—The Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound Railway Company filed with the Secretary of State a mortgage for \$100,000,000 to the United States Trust Company of New York, to cover an issue of four per cent. bonds running thirty years.

Prohibition Losses in Missouri.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The Senate concurred in the joint resolution passed by the House fixing the time for the state election on the prohibition measure.

Adler, Banker, Convicted.

New Orleans, La.—The jury convicted William Adler, president of the former State National Bank, in the United States Court here of misapplying the funds of the bank.

Night Rider Juror Kills Himself.

Union City, Tenn.—Mansfield Haroldson, one of the jurors who tried the eight night riders here last January, six of whom were sentenced to be hanged, committed suicide by hanging.

John Smith Monument.

Richmond, Va.—Joseph Bryan, Jr., has unveiled the John Smith monument on Jamestown island, and the statue, which is the gift of his grandfather, the late Joseph Bryan, becomes the property of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities.

WASHINGTON

Lecture to Senator Root.

Washington, D. C.—Resenting what they regarded as dictation, Senators La Follette, Money and other read lectures to Senator Root during the debate on the Tariff bill.

Lieutenant Cone Nominated.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft nominated Lieutenant Commander Hutch J. Cone to be chief of the bureau of steam engineering in the Navy Department.

MacVeagh Warns Politicians.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary MacVeagh warned politicians that he would not encourage interference with Collector Loeb's policy in the Custom House.

Supervisor of Purchases.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft created a board to supervise purchases of supplies for the Government.

Tuberculosis Convention Held.

Washington, D. C.—Tuberculosis was the substance of an address by Dr. William Osler, of Baltimore and Oxford, England, before a public meeting of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. Others who spoke were Ambassador James Bryce and Speaker Joseph G. Cannon.

Americans Use Chinese Hair.

Washington, D. C.—Vice-Consul General Stuart J. Fuller, of Hongkong, has sent a report on the export of human hair from China to the United States.

CABLE

J. Otis Minott Dead.

Paris.—J. Otis Minott, of New York City, died here. Joseph Otis Minott, whose residence was at 449 Park avenue, was a director in the Goodyear Rubber Company.

New Cable to Venezuela.

Caracas.—The cable connecting Venezuela with the outside world has been opened to the public.

Henry Vignaud Honored.

Paris.—The French Government, as a mark of esteem, has made Henry Vignaud, first Secretary of the American Embassy here, a grand officer of the Legion of Honor.

Funeral of Mrs. Magee.

Rome.—The funeral of Mrs. Magee, of Pittsburgh, was held here. The body will be sent to the United States the latter part of the month.

Refuse to Admit Healy.

London.—The Nationalist members of the House of Commons have adopted a resolution, proposed by John B. Redmond, declining to admit Maurice Healy to membership in the party.

Wants to Restrain King.

Brussels.—Deputy Vanderelde has asked the Government to take steps to prevent King Leopold from selling in Paris his celebrated collection of paintings.

Fortune to Socialists.

Rome.—Francesco Prandi, a millionaire, has bequeathed his entire fortune to the Socialist party, for promoting the cause of Socialism.

Americans Are Not Filled.

Caracas.—No verification can be had here of the story coming from the Island of St. Vincent that the captain and crew of the American whaler Carle D. Knowles, of Provincetown, Mass., have been in a fall here for five years.



HENRY H. ROGERS.

Doctors think that he was a victim of heart disease.

The millionaire had come in from his country home at Fairhaven, Mass., and the outing had seemed to do him good. When he appeared at his office he was apparently in good health. He had not even complained of feeling ill. Few men have been more prominent in the business life of this country than Henry H. Rogers. Sixty-nine years old at the time of his death, he was the vice-president and director of the Standard Oil Corporation, which very largely owned its existence to his keen intellect. For full half a century he had been an active factor in the commercial life of this country, and the effect of his sudden death will be felt on both sides of the ocean. A director in twenty-five or more corporations, he was a heavy stockholder in a score of others, in which his genius for supervision was always relied on. In more recent years he had devoted himself almost entirely

ALL EUROPE IS OPTIMISTIC.

Financial Reaction Against Fourteen Years of Timidity.

London.—Optimism, the real thing, which is willing to back itself heartily, reigns in Europe this week. Even the groans of the budget victims and the lurid threats of the French strikers are unable to suppress or discourage it. The truth is that pessimism has exhausted itself and that reaction was bound to come. Long years of political crises and sociological upheavals have lost, for the time being at least, their power to hold financial and commercial enterprise in check. The result is that, after fourteen years of steady depression, the London Stock Exchange and the Continental bourses also have witnessed a genuine boom within the last few days such as has been unknown since 1895.

This sudden return of public confidence is largely a psychological movement. There is more idle capital in England to-day than perhaps ever in the history. It is widely dispersed, chiefly among the middle classes, who have been waiting for years for conditions that make investments attractive. Their patience is now exhausted, and the use to which their savings are being put are significant. American stocks, however, are finding many purchasers, but the popular idea seems to be that reorganized South Africa offers sounder economic conditions and better opportunities than any other market. The leaders of finance are of the same mind as the public regarding the general situation. The chief factor, of course, is easy money, which seems likely to continue. Next, it is argued, the power for mischief of the present socialistic Government is well nigh spent. It is driven out in disgrace the moment the country gets an opportunity to exercise its will upon them.

Prison and the Stage Lure.
About the time Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., was getting accustomed to his cell in Sing Sing, N. Y., Mrs. Annis, widow of the man he killed, signed a contract to appear on the vaudeville stage.

Prince and Princess Murdered.
At Gorl, Transcaucasia, Russia, a particularly atrocious crime was committed by a band of armed men who attacked the estate of Prince Dzhabkoff. They killed the prince, his wife, his mother, his daughter and a servant and then made their escape.

Wheat \$1.30 in Chicago.