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TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

MOONSHINERS SENTENCED.

George Boyd Makes the Way of Transgressors Hard.

Greensboro, Special.—The prisoner convicted for illicit distilling during this term of Federal Court filed the court room to have sentences imposed upon them. It was a touching sight as they were led in by the officers, accompanied by their wives and little children, all of whom were in tears. As sentence was pronounced on them one by one their wives broke down and wept.

Before pronouncing any of the sentences, in a short talk Judge Boyd said that while the matter of sentencing these men was a painful one, he nevertheless made up his mind to exterminate so far as was in his power, the lawlessness that had prevailed in the Smithtown section. He said that he sympathized with the wives of the unfortunate men in that their family ties must be broken for some time in the future, but such things must be disregarded when it comes to a matter of dealing with characters as those before him. He said that he wished it were in his power to free them, but the law would not permit such. However, he said that he would send back some of the others up there of the fate that had befallen those tried here. The sentences pronounced were as follows:

Oscar Williams, illicit distilling, 15 months in the United States reformatory at Washington.

John D. Williams same offense, 15 months in the United States prison at Atlanta and a fine of \$100.

John Young, same offense, 18 months in the prison at Atlanta and a fine of \$100.

Oscar Smith, same offense one year and one day in United States prison and a fine of \$100.

Davis Nelson same offense, 13 months in prison and a fine of \$100.

John Griffin same offense one year in the United States prison and a fine of \$100.

John Williams, retailing was recognized under a bond of \$200 for his appearance at the next term of Federal Court. Judge exacted of him promise to tell all the other parties near Smithtown of what had befallen those who were tried here and warn them to obey the law.

Logan Chambers for illicit distilling is given 16 months in the United States prison at Atlanta and was taxed with a fine of \$100.

James Shelton who operated a still in connection with Chambers was sentenced to a term of 14 months in the United States prison at Atlanta and a fine of \$100.

After the prisoners had received their sentences they were led back to jail.

Lumber Men Meet.

Wilmington, Special.—An adjourned meeting of the North Carolina Lumber Association embracing practical men of the Carolinas, Virginia and Western Maryland, was held at Highville Beach, upwards of a hundred lumbermen being in attendance. Trade conditions generally were discussed and it was decided to present to make no curtailment of production. A large number of mills curtailed the output during August and it is stated now that other curtailment is unnecessary. William Godfrey, Cheraw, S. C.; J. Brown, Chadbourn, N. C.; P. J. Scarborough, J. McLaurin, Sumter, C., and S. W. Whitehead, of Wilmington, were named as delegates to represent the association at a lumber convention in Philadelphia.

Body of Eastern Training School.

Raleigh, Special.—A special from Greenville says it is reported that the eastern training school located there the State Board of Education will never materialize on account of trouble over the legality of the bonds issued for its construction and that the matter has been taken to court and will come up on September 16.

Found By Road Dead.

Durham, Special.—The body of M. Thompson, foreman of the Gold-Belt Manufacturing Company of this city, was brought in from about five miles west of the city. The body was alongside the railroad track and there was a hole in the back of the head. The supposition is that the man was killed by a train. There are some suspicions that he was murdered. The dead man is the brother of Road Supervisor Thompson of this county. Officers are looking into the matter.

North Carolina Rate Cases.

Asheville, Special.—Three suits for the recovery of damages as penalties of the passenger rate law have been instituted against the North Carolina railroad in Alamance county. Friday attorneys for the Southern railroad, of which the North Carolina railroad is a subsidiary corporation under a 90-year lease, applied to Judge Pritchard for an order restraining the State courts from taking action in the case. Judge Pritchard will hear all parties in interest on the 18th. It is expected that the question whether the North Carolina railroad is an integral part of the Southern system will be raised at the hearing. It is not unlikely that an effort may be made to abrogate the lease of the North Carolina road to the Southern. The Alamance county plaintiffs are represented by Jacob A. Long, a brother of Judge Long, who recently imposed a fine of \$30,000 on the Southern railway at Raleigh.

Boy Caught Under Elevator.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Jim Caudle, a white boy, was seriously though not fatally injured at Bailey Bros. tobacco factory by getting caught under the elevator. The factory was not running, being shut down on account of Labor Day, and Foreman Joe Whitlow, of the rolling room on the third floor, and Caudle were changing the elevator between it and the spring doors in the floor when the elevator gave way. The entire weight of the elevator, 2,000 pounds, resting on the man and boy. They remained in this position until help came to their aid. The boy's back is badly hurt, but he will recover. Mr. Whitlow was not seriously hurt.

Preacher in Trouble.

Greensboro, Special.—A case of more than ordinary interest was tried before Judge O'Byrne by E. F. Vio before Justice of the Peace D. H. Collins here the defendants in the case who were both colored were Rev. R. H. Bright pastor of the A. M. E. Zion church situated in the eastern districts of the city, and one of his elders, A. Watson. The charge was the above named church men had embezzled a sum of \$24.90 from a fund recently raised with which to erect a new church building. After hearing the evidence in the case Squire Collins saw that the charge was a serious one and well founded, so he bound the accused parties over to the next term of criminal court under bonds of \$25 each. As the preacher and his elder were unable to put up the necessary coin, they were committed to jail.

Health Report.

Raleigh, Special.—In the review of diseases the bulletin of the State Board of Health reports measles in 24 counties, whooping cough in 27, and typhoid fever in 72. Ashe, Cleveland, Davidson, Gaston, Northampton, Stanly and Union have many cases. Malarial fever is reported in 21 counties, with many cases in Alamance, Davidson, Harnett, Hertford, Lincoln, Northampton, Perquimans and Stanly. Hemorrhagic malarial fever is reported in only four counties, cerebro-spinal meningitis in seven and small pox in 17. 30 cases being in Alamance, 18 in Guilford, 20 in Johnston, 20 in Mitchell 14 in Wake and 9 in Watauga. Hog cholera is reported in Harnett and Hertford counties and seven cases of hydrophobia in dogs in New Hanover county.

Special Court at Louisburg.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn has ordered a special term of Franklin court at Louisburg for the speedy trial of Tom Upchurch, charged with rape on an aged white woman, Miss Lizzie Perry, last Sunday. The special term of court will begin September 23rd. The county commissioners of Franklin asked for it.

McAnulty Gets off Lightly.

Salisbury, Special.—City Engineer J. G. McAnulty who has been on trial for the murder of Robert Owens was convicted of manslaughter. McAnulty sought to establish an alibi, but two witnesses identified him as the man who did the shooting. Judge Justice imposed the minimum sentence of four months in jail or hired out. Accordingly the city will continue McAnulty in the service and he will return to his former position serving for four months as a "hired out" prisoner. His victim was superintendent of the county hospital.

TRUSTEES HOLD MEETING

Reformatory Trustees Meet, Organize and Get Ready For Work.

Raleigh, Special.—At the Governor's office the trustees of the Stone-wall Jackson Manuel Training and Industrial School, which is designated to be a reformatory, and which was created by the Legislature last March, met and elected J. P. Cook, chairman, and Dr. Hubert A. Royston secretary. Besides these there were present the following ladies: Messames W. H. S. Burgwyn, E. Y. Cooper, A. L. Coble, J. W. Faison and W. N. Reynolds. Other trustees reported that notices of the meeting came so late they could not cancel other engagements. A number of letters were read and a report was made by the legislative committee which was appointed to visit various reformatories and report by September 1st. Of this committee J. S. Manning, R. B. Redmere, A. L. Young and C. S. Bond were present. The report was merely read for information as it was of no particular value, no reformatories having been visited. The trustees are not in any event required to adopt the report of this committee. It was decided to meet at Greensboro at the Benbow Hotel, when other officers will be elected and bids or proposals for gifts or sale of sites for buildings be transacted.

Stocking Pigeon River.

Canton, Special.—The United States Fish Commission has sent a large lot of young trout and bass to Wayneville to be distributed in the head waters of Pigeon River. These fish were turned over to the Wayneville Gun & Rod Club to be distributed on the property of the Champion Fibre Company and is the upper portions of Pigeon river. The Champion Fibre Company is working in connection with this club in an effort to preserve the fish in Pigeon river. Altogether there were 30,000 speckled trout and California bass which were distributed. The trout were put in the east fork of Pigeon, while the bass were put in the west fork of Pigeon, on the Champion Fibre Company's property.

Preacher Says He is Innocent.

Gastonia, Special.—The Rev. J. H. Arnold, a traveling evangelist, whose arrest and imprisonment on the charge of bigamy at Chester, S. C., is in Gastonia, having come here last week. Mr. Arnold says he is a much maligned man and thinks the press has done him a great injustice. He was charged at Chester with cruelty to a young boy and fined \$50, in default of which he went to jail. Wednesday he was released on condition that he leave Chester. In a lengthy letter to The Columbia (S. C.) State he presents his side of the case. He has employed counsel and may institute suit against the town of Chester for false imprisonment and arrest. He says he is an innocent man.

Madison to Have an Overall Factory.

Reidsville, Special.—Madison is to have an overall factory. The capital stock has been subscribed and a site will be selected within the next few days. The name of the new enterprise is to be the Madison Overall Manufacturing Company and will employ a half hundred operatives, mostly female help. It is learned that efforts are also being made to build a cotton mill and that a practical mill man from eastern Carolina has notified Mr. F. B. Kemp that if he will put the movement on foot he will take \$20,000 worth of the stock, and Mr. Kemp says that if Madison will raise \$40,000 he will raise the other \$40,000 out side and the mill will be assured.

Bold Negro Robber Arrested.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The principal of a series of bold and daring robberies was arrested here when Patrolman Thompson took in custody Will Johnson, colored, shortly after he had entered the residence of Mr. John Kimball on Main street and stolen a pair of pants and other articles. The thief was discovered as he left the building. It developed later that he, during the last few days, made several attempts to enter residences, but at all places so far reported to the police he was frightened away.

Lightning Kills Five.

Raleigh, Special.—Lightning struck the power house of the electric plant at Buckhorn Tuesday afternoon, killing five men and injuring between 20 and 25 others. Owing to wires being down, it is impossible to obtain the extent of damage to the property. The extent of damage to the property has not been learned.

HE MADE BIG HAUL

President of Chicago Company Skips to Canada

LEAVES WIFE AND CHILDREN

Defalcations Have Been Going on for at Least Two Years—He Has Little Stock.

Chicago, Special.—The appointment of a receiver for the properties of the Belding-Hall Manufacturing Company followed close upon the heels of the discovery by the creditors of the concern that its missing president, Jesse Judson Hall had appropriated to his own use at least \$315,000 of the corporation's funds.

As far as can be discovered every dollar of this money went into mining stock which was backed up with no tangible property, theatrical ventures which made no money and other securities which the creditors are willing to sell in a lump for something less than \$4,000.

Indications were that Hall would not voluntarily return from Canada and that criminal prosecution would be instituted to bring him back to this country by the First National bank, which holds notes of the company aggregating \$100,000.

It appears that Mr. Hall has been "borrowing" the company's money for at least two years. There has been little effort on his part to conceal this fact. The money taken out of the business was secured only by promissory notes signed by Hall. As he has no other property than the \$80,000 worth of Belding-Hall stock which is worthless until all outstanding bills are paid, it is expected that the \$315,000 which he "borrowed" and the \$40,000 which he lent to responsible persons \$355,000 in all will be a total loss.

A pathetic feature of the case is the condition of the missing man's two children who are living at the Hall home in Winnetka in charge of a housekeeper. Since Mr. Hall left Chicago they have heard no word from him, neither have they received any money with which to meet the household expenses.

Charlotte Observer Has Bad Fire.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—Fire originated in the job printing department of the Charlotte Observer Printing House at an early hour Monday morning did damage to the extent of \$100,000. The job printing and bindery department were totally wrecked, and the newspaper plant was greatly damaged by water. The morning paper came out from the presses of the Evening News. There will be no suspension of The Observer, not an issue being missed. A deaf and dumb boy who was asleep in the building at the time, was burned to death.

Five People Injured in Railroad Wreck.

Helena, Ga., Special.—By the derailment of an eastbound Seaboard Air Line passenger train at Wilcox creek, one mile from here five persons were seriously injured and many others slightly cut and bruised. The seriously injured are: Baggage-master Siler.

Two colored mail clerks.

Colored passenger, name unknown. The entire train with the exception of the engine and rear coach left the track and went into the creek. All the cars except the first class coach, which was left standing on the brink of the trestle, were demolished. The cause of the accident has not yet been ascertained.

Drowned Herself.

Staunton, Va., Special.—Mrs. Eugene P. Coiner drowned herself in Meadow creek Sunday morning. She left her home to go to the home of her mother, Mrs. J. D. Miller, with whom she was going to a picnic. Despondency on account of ill health is supposed to have been the cause of the suicide. Mrs. Coiner leaves a husband and three children.

Secretary Root Honored.

Mexico City, Special.—Secretary Root has been elected an honorary member of the Geographical Statistical society of Mexico City, the third oldest scientific society in the world. A committee of the most distinguished scholars of this republic has been appointed to present Mr. Root with the documents of membership upon his arrival here. This honor is conferred only upon scientists, scholars, ecclesiastics and statesmen who are world famous.

HOW FAR IMMUNE?

Status of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Explained

REGARDING STANDARD OIL FINE

Attorney General Explains the Part the Department of Justice Played in Connection With Alleged Immunity Granted to Chicago & Alton Railroad Regarding Rebates to Standard Oil Company.

Lenox, Mass., Special.—Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte has issued a statement regarding the Standard Oil case in the Illinois court. The Attorney General's statement is as follows:

"On August 11th Judge Landis asked in substance that the Department of Justice consider portions of the transcript of testimony in the case of the United States against the Standard Oil Company of Indiana in order to determine whether the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, its officers and employees, were entitled to the benefits of an agreement assuring it and them of immunity against criminal prosecution in connection with the granting of certain rebates to the Standard Oil Company.

"The Department, in compliance with the desire of Judge Landis, examined the above mentioned records and carefully investigated the entire subject, and as a result of such investigation the Attorney General on August 29th wrote Edwin W. Sims, United States attorney at Chicago, informing him in substance that the agreement was shown to have been made in June or July, 1906, by C. B. Morrison, Mr. Sims' predecessor in office; that Mr. Morrison's action appears to have been duly authorized at the time by the Department; that in the opinion of the Department the arrangement had greatly facilitated the indictment and conviction of the Standard Oil Company, and that while certain portions of the evidence might be fairly open to unfavorable comment, the Department regarded the government as bound in good faith, and also as a matter of public policy to give the effect to the agreement.

"Mr. Sims was instructed to read this letter when the grand jury reconvened in September, and to take such further action to the foregoing end as might seem to the court and to himself appropriate in the premises.

"The Department learns that Mr. Sims did not comply with those instructions by reason of his having had called to his attention very recently certain new, and, in his judgment, material facts, which he thought should be submitted to the Department for its consideration before its conclusions should be finally announced. For this purpose he asked and was granted by the court a delay of three weeks. The Department is not as yet advised as to what are the facts thus ascertained by Mr. Sims. It has great confidence in his sound judgment and devotion to duty and it awaits his report before taking further action in the premises. Inasmuch, however, as the circumstances of the case may be liable to misconstruction, it is deemed proper to submit now the present statement to the public."

Drowned in Can of Milk.

Washington, Pa., Special.—Raymond Lane 1-year-old while in the father's dairy fell head foremost into a full can of milk while no one was about. The child was wedged fast and was drowned.

Storm at Fort Gaines.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—A heavy wind and rain storm, with blinding electric flashes, passed over Fort Gaines, Ga., last week. All wire communication was cut off and no word was secured nearly noon all day. The storm prevailed over a wide territory, but no loss of life has been reported. Great damage is reported to crops.

South Dakota After Lower Fares.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Special.—A movement for the reduction of passenger rates on all railroads operating in South Dakota will probably be inaugurated by the State board of railroad commissioners at its meeting to be held in this city. It is proposed to reduce the fare to 2 1/2 cents per mile, the commission having been authorized to put such a rate in effect by the State Legislature during its session last winter. The interests of the various railroads having lines in the State will be looked after at a later meeting by their passenger traffic representatives.

A SAVAGE MURDERESS

Quarreling With Her Husband, Joseph Peeples a Farmer of Bedford County, Va., Edmonia Peeples Kills Him in Savage Manner and Then Hitching a Mule to a Wire Tied Round the Man's Body, Hauls the Corpse to the Woods and Hides It In the Brush Body Was Discovered Sunday and the Murderess Arrested.

Lynchburg, Special.—Details have just reached here of the shocking murder last Saturday night of Joseph Peeples, a Bedford county farmer, aged 40, who lived in an isolated section ten miles from Lynchburg. The man was killed by his wife, Edmonia Peeples. The woman alleges that the deed was committed in self-defense.

The particulars indicate that Peeples returned from Lynchburg, where he had been drinking and a quarrel ensued. The woman secured a shot gun and it is alleged shot her husband in the face. He fell to the ground and while in a prostrate position his wife rushed to him and with a large rock beat his head into a jelly. When life was extinct it is said she tied a wire around the body hitched a mule to it and dragged the remains to the woods where the body was covered with bushes.

The crime leaked out Sunday afternoon, when the body was discovered, and Mrs. Peeples was arrested, being taken to Bedford City late at night where she was locked up.

Commonwealth Attorney Humphries of Bedford county is at work on the case and the woman will be given a hearing next Saturday.

The son of the prisoner sides with her, but an 11 year old daughter who was at home at the time, claims not to have seen the crime.

Trans-Atlantic Wireless.

Halifax, N. S., Special.—Plans made by the Marconi Company for the establishment of a trans-Atlantic wireless telegraph service have now been practically completed and it is definitely announced that the first message will be sent this month. The stations are located at Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, and Clifton, Ireland. The Glace Bay station has been much improved to meet the demands of trans-Atlantic business. The commercial rate will be five cents per word and the press rate half that amount. Exhaustive tests have recently been made in the transmission of trans-Atlantic messages, and the promoters are confident that the service will meet all requirements.

Japan Takes Island.

Manila, By Cable.—American residents of the Philippines are much perturbed over the Mikado's seizure of Pratas island, close to the Philippine archipelago. Officialdom is discreetly silent, but men connected with branches of the insular government openly express a fear that the step is but the first of a contemplated series of aggressive movements against the United States colonial interests in the Orient. Hopes are still expressed that the Mikado's government of the government, but by an exploitment will repudiate the seizure which was not by accredited representatives of the party from Formosa.

Jews Shot Down.

Odessa, By Cable.—The Black Hundreds began rioting here alleging that the Jews were responsible for the explosion of the bomb in the courtyard of the central police station here Saturday, resulting in the deaths of an artillery officer and four policemen. The rioters ran through the streets inhabited by Jews, firing promiscuously right and left. Three men were killed and from 50 to 60 wounded. The mob indulged in other brutal excesses, and beat down many victims with flexible rubber sticks.

Newsy Paragraphs.

The rapid increase of the negro population in Philadelphia and New York is making the negro problem acute in the North.

Labor unions are vitally concerned in the anti-boycott suit now before the United States Supreme Court.

Sovien hunters looted the Swedish cruiser Fylgia of whatever they could lay their hands on.

Standard Oil Hearing Postponed.

New York, Special.—The hearing scheduled for in the inquiry designed to revoke the charter of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, the parent body of the Standard Oil Company is postponed until Thursday at the request of the Standard's attorneys. The specific charge is that the company and its subsidiaries "entered into a conspiracy to monopolize and restrain commerce in petroleum and its products in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law."