

TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

Will Tour the State.

Wilmington, Special.—John A. Fox traveling director of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress who has been here from Cincinnati since Monday acquainting himself with the project for a 30-foot depth of water from Wilmington to the sea, left for an itinerary of the State, speaking to the business men of the principal cities on the question of the government improvement of waterways as a solution of the railway freight rate problem it being now generally recognized that the railroads base all inferior rates on the water transportation facilities afforded at the ports. Mr. Fox was the guest of Capt. Earl I. Brown in charge of the United States engineer's office, here for an inspection of the government improvements already existing in Wilmington, and spoke to a large delegation of Southport business men receiving from them assurances of their hearty support in the movement. Mr. Fox will speak at Asheville, October 18th; Charlotte 21st; Salisbury 22d, High Point 23d, Greensboro 24th, Winston 25th, Raleigh 28th, Durham 29th, Goldsboro 30th, Wilson 31st, Fayetteville November 1st returning to Wilmington for a waterways convention which it is proposed to hold here the fifth for the purpose of receiving concerted action upon the part of North Carolina toward securing the improvement....

John Charles McNeill Has Passed Away.

Charlotte, Special.—John Chas. McNeill, poet and raconteur, whose contributions in verse and prose to the Charlotte Observer and one of the leading magazines have attracted national attention, died Thursday afternoon at his ancestral home in Scotland county, aged 33. He was a master of arts of Wake Forest college and for some time professor of English in Mercer university. He had published one volume of verse under the title "Songs, Merry and Sad," and a second, "Under the Persimmon Tree," was in preparation. In 1905 President Roosevelt personally presented him with the Patterson memorial cup for the most gifted literary work of the year. He came of a distinguished line of Scotch ancestry.

Killed by a Train.

Greensboro, Special.—Stephen Price a white lad en route to this city from his home at Revolution fell from the Madison train some distance from Greensboro. Whether the boy was killed by the fall or met death under the Mount Airy train which came along a few minutes later and ran over the body is not known, but the body was horribly mangled. It was brought to this city and prepared for burial and will be sent to Stoneville for interment.

Clothes Caught Fire.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Miss Maria Stolz aged 65 an invalid of several years was burned to death near Behnha station. She was sitting in front of the fire place at the home of a relative when her dress ignited. Her clothes and hair were burned off before assistance arrived. Her body was charred and she died in fifteen minutes.

Gen. Carr Re-elected.

Raleigh, Special.—General Julian S. Carr was re-elected as the General Commandery of the North Carolina Division of United Confederate Veterans at a most enthusiastic meeting of that organization held in the Senate chamber.

Orphanage Officers Resign.

Satesville, Special.—Rev. R. W. Boyd, who has been superintendent of the institution since it was founded eighteen years ago, and Rev. A. Shorter Caldwell, financial agent, tendered their resignations to the regents of the Barium Orphans' Home at the meeting of the regents Friday, and the resignations were accepted.

Indicted on Charges of Assault.

Leesburg, Special.—Walter Copeland, of Hillsboro; Jefferson Hummer, of Blount; Mason Redman, and John Rhodes, of Hamilton, were each indicted by the grand jury of Loudoun county for felonious and malicious assaults. Andrew Woolingham and Jackson Woolingham, both of Hardesty, Page county, were jointly indicted for the murder of Robert C. Carlisle, near Blount, on June 24. They are, respectively, father and son, and their plea is self-defense. The trouble arose over a daughter of Andrew Woolingham, who was Carlisle's housekeeper.

Mooreville New Bank.

Mooreville, Special.—The board of directors of the Merchants' and Farmers' Bank met Tuesday night and Mr. A. W. Colson was elected as cashier, Mr. E. W. Brawley having been elected president at a previous meeting. The question of a location for the bank building was brought before the board and it was decided to purchase the corner lot belonging to Mr. J. C. McLean where the red front store now stands. The bank will move the wooden structure on the corner and will erect a handsome and commodious structure for their banking house.

Enthusiastic Temperance Move on at Salisbury.

Salisbury, Special.—The anti-saloon league's meeting is pronounced by those attending it as the most enthusiastic temperance move yet projected in this town. The attendance was placed at two hundred and a roll call developed three hundred members of the association. The question of election was then taken up with the decision to hold it about the 1st of February.

Big Transfer Sheds.

Spencer, Special.—Within a few days the Southern Railway Company will open a mammoth transfer shed, the largest in the world, at Spencer with five miles of trackage and other facilities for handling 500 cars of freight per day. The sheds, which are being removed from Salisbury to Spencer as a matter of economy to the Southern, will be in charge of Mr. Ed. Marsh, and Supt. J. W. Wassum, of the Spencer terminals.

Christian Conference.

Elon College, Special.—Dr. J. O. Atkinson with Rev. J. W. Wellons, as co-pastor, has just been unanimously called to the pastorate of the local church in this place, for the next year. Dr. Atkinson was for several years a professor in Elon College, and is now editor of the Southern Christian Sun, the organ of the Southern Christian Convention, whose editorial office is located at the college. Dr. Atkinson is easily one of the most able pulpit orators in the South.

Handsome Asheville Residence Nearly Goes Up in Flames.

Asheville, Special.—The handsome residence of Dr. Lambertson had a narrow escape from destruction by fire Friday morning about 1 o'clock. The residence is unoccupied for the time being while the interior is being remodeled, and Friday workmen placed fires in the grates. Some live coals, it is presumed, rolled out on the floor and started the blaze.

Realty Company Organized.

Fayetteville, Special.—The Fayetteville Insurance & Realty Co. has been organized, capital \$100,000 with L. A. Williamson, T. G. McAllister and W. D. McNeill incorporators. Messrs. Williamson and McNeill are prominent manufacturers of the city, and Mr. McAllister is a leading business man of Randolph county, who will make his home here.

New Railroad Agent.

Mt. Airy, Special.—Mr. Claude Shelton, who has held a position with the Southern Railroad at Durham some time, has been appointed agent at this place. Mr. M. Ellis, the agent here, was forced to resign on account of ill health. Shelton is familiar with the work at this place.

Derailment of Entire Train.

Pensacola, Fla., Special.—By the breaking of a flange on a wheel of the baggage car of the first section of five special trains bringing Florida troops to Pensacola for the encampment at the army fortifications, the entire train was derailed about 149 miles east of Pensacola on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. No one was killed and only a few of the men were injured. The train was torn up and the other trains had to be derailed.

CHEATED HANGMAN

The Franklin County Rapist, Under Sentence of Execution Wednesday, Relieves the Sheriff of the Unpleasant Taking of Life by Hanging Himself in His Cell, a Wire Being Used as the Instrument of Death.

Louisburg, Special.—Thomas Upchurch, the negro rapist who was under sentence to hang here next Wednesday, hanged himself in his cell at the county jail some time Saturday night. He was found this morning suspended from the top of the steel cage by an old piece of wire such as is used in baling hay. He had evidently fixed the wire around his neck and then jumped off his bunk. The wire was embedded in the flesh of his neck out of sight, although the skin had not been cut. His eyes and tongue, fearfully swollen, bulged from his head, and when discovered the body was stiff and cold. The wire was just long enough to permit the ends of his toes to touch the floor and in his death agony the skin and flesh had been literally worn away in the effort to gain a footing. The body presented a horrible sight and with it a most sickening odor. It was taken down and laid out in a room in the front part of the jail, where it will be kept until the people from the section of the county in which he committed the awful crime may have the opportunity to view it and satisfy themselves that he is really dead.

Now that Upchurch is dead, there are open expressions of pleasure that the sheriff has been spared a disagreeable job and that the town next Wednesday will be spared the presence of a morbid mob to gloat in the excitement of the hanging. Upchurch was carefully watched and everything that he could possibly use to injure himself with was removed from his cell, and it is a mystery how he procured the wire. The gallows on which he was to have been executed had been built and now stands in the jail enclosure. His relatives have not as yet signified their intention of claiming the body and the disposition of it is now unknown.

Electricity for Thomasville.

Thomasville, Special.—On Saturday the board of aldermen of this town at a full meeting granted Mr. B. F. W. Bryant, of Boston, Mass., a franchise for furnishing electric lights and power for the town. The time limit of the franchise is 30 years, and a contract was made for him to light the town for 10 years. The franchise will be turned over to a company being known as the Thomasville Light & Power Company, composed partly of citizens of this place and with some Northern capital. The company proposes to erect a modern plant at a cost of \$25,000, and it is agreed to furnish the town with 24-hour service. The rate agreed upon are very low. The plant will be completed by the first of the year, the exact location has not been determined upon, but will be in the incorporated limits and more than likely on the belt line. This enterprise will be a great help to small industries, to obtain power cheaply.

Escape From Guilford Jail.

Greensboro Special.—Saturday night three negroes escaped from the county jail here. They sawed their way out, first cutting the bars of their cell and then those in the window, jumping to the ground. The escape was discovered shortly afterwards, as the jailer had received some information that something crooked was going on, but he heard of it too late to prevent the escape of the prisoners. One of the men was awaiting trial for assault with a deadly weapon. Another was awaiting trial for larceny and the other was awaiting an appeal from the Supreme Court, he having been sentenced to two years for cruelty to animals. The officers expect to soon have them behind the bars again.

Returned Testament Found 43 Years Ago.

Winston-Salem, Special.—At Plymouth, 43 years ago, Mr. William Sprinkle, of Vienna township, (this county, found a testament belonging to Ambrose L. Hendee, who enlisted in the Civil war at Cuba, Alleghany county, N. Y., in Company F, Eighty-fifth Regiment, New York Volunteers. Mr. Sprinkle kept the testament until Saturday, when he mailed it to Mr. Hendee at Martinsville, O. The name and address of the owner of the testament is written in the book. It is also stamped in the back of the testament. A short time ago Mr. Sprinkle opened a correspondence with some one in New York State and learned that Mr. Hendee was residing in Martinsville. Mr. Sprinkle is over 80 years old and is one of the country's best known citizens.

WILL BREAK TRUST

Big Seizure of Tobacco While in Transit

OTHER SEIZURES WILL FOLLOW

Custom Authorities at Norfolk Attach Shipment of Leaf Tobacco and Cigarettes From Durham and Consigned to British-American Tobacco Company, Great Britain.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—A shipment of leaf tobacco and cigarettes said to be valued at \$7,000, from Durham, N. C., consigned to the British-American Tobacco Company, of Great Britain, has been attached by the government here and is now being held by the customs authorities. The action was brought following a conference here last week between Collector of Customs Hughes, United States District Attorney L. L. Lewis, and a representative from the Department of Justice at Washington.

Washington, Special.—The Department of Justice has issued the following statement concerning the tobacco seizure at Norfolk Monday:

"The collector of customs at Norfolk, Va., under direction of the Secretary of the Treasury at the instance of the Attorney General, and in conjunction with the United States attorney for the eastern district of Virginia, has seized 175 cases containing 8,750,000 cigarettes, valued at \$7,272.50, which were in transit from factories of the British-American Tobacco Company, Limited, located in Petersburg, Va., and Durham, N. C., to New York and foreign countries.

Forfeited to Government.

"This seizure was made under Section 6 of the Sherman anti-trust law, which reads as follows:

"Any property owned under any contract or by any combination, or pursuant to any conspiracy (and being the subject thereof) mentioned in Section 1 of this act, and being in the course of transportation from one State to another, or to a foreign country, shall be forfeited to the United States, and may be seized and condemned by like proceedings as those provided by law for the forfeiture, seizure and condemnation of property imported into the United States contrary to law."

"The information on the seizure will be filed Tuesday at Richmond and will state the cause of seizure to be that the property was owned under a contract entered into in 1901 by two American tobacco companies, that is to say, the American Tobacco company, with three great English concerns, namely, the Imperial Tobacco company, of Great Britain and Ireland, Limited; Ogdens, Limited, and the British-American Tobacco company and the American Cigar company, Limited, in which contracts it was agreed substantially that the American and English companies should not compete with one another in the territories given to each. In this contract the corporation named in effect divided up the world among them, so far as the tobacco business was concerned. The information also contains counts charging that the tobacco was owned by a 'combination in restraint of trade' and 'pursuant to a conspiracy in restraint of trade,' which is a mere variation of the language of the charge stating the causes of forfeiture.

"This is a proceeding in rem, that is to say, against the property itself, and not against the individuals. If the owners of the property want to make defense, they must come into court and claim the property, and file their written pleadings, denying the charges set out in the information, and show that the unlawful combination in restraint of trade charged in the information does not in fact exist.

"This is the first time that proceedings have been taken to enforce this section of the Sherman law."

If the administration follows up its seizures of tobacco owned by trusts as it goes from state to state or as it is listed for foreign shipment as the law requires there is good reason to believe that something will really be done to the trusts after all.

Preparing for W. C. T. U. Convention

Columbus, Special.—Rather elaborate preparations are being made for the State convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which will be held in this city October 23 to 25. The list of delegates is a long one and shows that every section of the State will be well represented. It will be in a may a jubilee convention, celebrating the triumph of the temperance forces in Georgia in enacting temperance legislation. The work of assigning delegates to various homes in the city is now in progress.

TRAINING SCHOOL BOARDS

The Trustees of the Stonewall Jackson Manual Training and Industrial School Effect Organization.

Concord, Special.—The organization of the board of trustees of the Stonewall Jackson Manual Training and Industrial School is complete with the following officers and standing committees, all of whom serve for two years: Chairman, J. P. Cook, Concord; vice chairman, J. H. Tucker, Asheville; secretary, Dr. H. A. Royster, Raleigh; treasurer, Caesar Cone, Greensboro.

Committee on superintendent: J. F. Cook, Concord; Caesar Cone, Greensboro, and J. J. Blair, Wilmington.

Acting and auditing committee: J. P. Cook, ex-officio chairman, Concord; Caesar Cone, Greensboro; J. H. Tucker, Asheville; H. A. Royster, Raleigh, and Mrs. Cole, Statesville.

Visiting committee: Mrs. Burgwyn Weldon; Miss Shaw, Rockingham; Mrs. Reynolds, Winston-Salem.

Committee on schools: J. J. Blair, Wilmington; Mrs. Faison, Charlotte; Miss Shaw, Rockingham.

Committee on finance: Caesar Cone, Mrs. Faison, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Burgwyn, and Mrs. Cooper, of Henderson.

Committee on industries: J. H. Tucker, Dr. Royster, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Coble, of Statesville, and Mrs. Erwin, of Morganton.

Committee on buildings: Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Burgwyn, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Faison and Mrs. Erwin.

Committee on rules: Miss Shaw, Mrs. Erwin and Mrs. Coble.

By resolution of the board, at its meeting in Greensboro on the 8th, the selection of the superintendent and the fixing of his salary is left with the committee on superintendent with full power to act. It is understood that this committee is now receiving a number of applications and is considering them along with others who have been suggested as suitable persons for this most important position. It may be a month or more before this committee concludes its deliberations and makes an announcement of its selection.

To Personally Inspect Sites.

The numerous propositions for the location of the institution were referred to the acting and auditing committee with full power to act. This committee will have the benefit of a personal investigation into the sites and plans of several institutions of the kind before coming to any final decision as to location. In addition to this, it is understood that this committee or a representation of this committee will personally visit all the sites offered for the location, in order that the committee may be in possession of all necessary information regarding merits of the several propositions. It is further announced that this committee will take up the matter for final disposition within the next three weeks.

The work before the trustees of the Stonewall Jackson Manual Training School is a big one, but all the members of the board are enthusiastic on the subject and nothing will dampen their earnestness. They quite naturally expect the hearty sympathy and help of the good and benevolent people of the State to aid in getting this institution started off on a healthy and substantial basis. It is a work that should and does appeal to the great heart of the State, and it is not a broad prophecy to expect many able men and women of the State at the proper time to respond liberally to the development of the plans of the trustees.

ATTEMPTED HEINOUS CRIME.

Claude Riggsbee Is Wanted by Officers For an Attempt at Rape on Mrs. Calvin Page, of Morrisville—Attacked Her as She Was Walking Along Road About Night.

Durham, Special.—Officers here are diligently on the outlook for the man Riggsbee, who is wanted for attempted criminal assault near Morrisville Thursday night. The meager particulars of this incident reached here from Raleigh Saturday afternoon, but the main facts were learned late, and it was also learned that no arrest of the fugitive had been made. The news was that one Hugh or Hugh Riggsbee was the man wanted for an attempt at criminal assault upon Mrs. Calvin Page. Later a message said that Claude Riggsbee was the one wanted, and that the officers all over this section were asked to look for him, as it was thought certain that he is now in this part of the country. The particulars of the attempted criminal assault show that it was a vicious attempt at a terrible crime. Mrs. Page was walking along the road about night when she was attacked by Riggsbee, and the brute, as reported here, made an effort to drag her into the bushes nearby. Getting loose from the man, she ran screaming, and this frightened the assailant and he escaped. She recognized him as Claude Riggsbee, however.

Late News In Brief

MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

Millions more will be required build wider locks for the Panama canal, and this is likely to require the canal company.

Governor Hughes' recent speech are regarded as aimed directly President Roosevelt's most vulnerable points.

Chairman H. S. New calls the Republican National Committee to meet in Washington December 6.

The New York Clearing House committee made a determined effort to prevent any crisis in banking circles.

President Roosevelt has concluded his hunt and was received Monday in Vicksburg on his way back to Washington.

Great preparations have been completed for the aerial contests in St. Louis, beginning Monday.

Mrs. Wong Sun Yue, sister of Mr. Howard Gould, complained to the San Francisco chief of police that she was being dogged by Gould detectives.

E. H. Sothern, the actor, injured his hand during the production of "Hamlet" in Cleveland, Ohio.

Thirty-five hundred men have been laid off in the Pittsburg district.

The Disciples of Christ report their collections of last year to have been \$8,260,305.

The Brooklyn Navy Yard is working night and day to complete repairs on the battleships which are to go to the Pacific.

P. A. B. Wildener is said to have parted company with Thomas F. Ryan as the result of the Interborough Metropolitan scandal.

A violent earthquake was recorded on the seismographs at Washington Albany and elsewhere but it was probably a submarine disturbance.

The death list in the Fontana (Ind.) powder mill disaster numbered 38.

Charles H. Dickey, of a Baltimore in an address to the National Gas Institute, presented the duty of public-service corporations to the people.

Admiral Evans will command the fleet on its voyage to the Pacific, but some other commander will succeed him before its return.

The Interstate Commerce Commission concluded its hearing on the uniform bill of lading.

The local option fight in Delaware has become very hot.

Six members of one family were suffocated by smoke in Gloversville, N. Y., their home having caught fire.

It is rumored that Mrs. Cornelia Vanderbilt, whose daughter is to wed Count Szechenyi of Hungary will also marry a foreign nobleman.

The sponsors of American warships are to form an organization.

Gen. Webb Syck, a Civil War veteran is believed to have killed his third wife a young woman with whom he had just returned from a bridal trip and committed suicide near Pikeville, Ky.

A number of coal operators of West Virginia will go to Charleston this week and consult with Governor Dawson regarding the shortage of labor, and means of relief will be suggested and discussed.

Charles E. Hanson, who sued the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company for \$5,000 for personal injuries, lost his case before the Federal Court in Martinsburg.

The House of Deputies of the Episcopal Convention, spent the entire day in a discussion of the negro problem.

Col. Richard La-motet Maury died in Richmond.

Justice William J. Gaynor delivered an eloquent address at Brooklyn Day exercises at the Jamestown Exposition.

A professor at Western Theological Seminary has figured out when the flood and other Old Testament events occurred.

The Bishop of London preached to Wall street.

There were further declines in stocks, but Wall street assumed a more hopeful attitude.

The president succeeded in killing a bear.

Governor Hughes declared that he was not seeking the presidency.

Twenty-four more were injured by the Carnegie building.

Three persons were injured and scared by a bear.

One dozen Tongues