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TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

Demented Father Shoots Daughter.

Asheville, Special.—Enraged at his 16-year-old daughter, Nellie, because of a harmless school girl prank, Dr. C. O. Swinney, who recently came here from New York, fired two shots at her, fatally wounding her, and then turning the revolver on himself, he placed the muzzle in his mouth and pulled the trigger, dying almost instantly. Badly wounded as she was with two bullets embedded in the skull, Miss Swinney ran from the room and upstairs to the principal's room before she fell. The tragedy occurred in the reception room of the Normal and Collegiate institute, a large girls' boarding school in this city, where Miss Swinney had been a pupil for the past session. Just what occurred prior to the shooting is not known, as there were no witnesses, and the girl, while still conscious, could give but a vague account. Dr. Swinney, who up to a few years ago had been a prominent physician in New York city, has for some time been in poor health, and of late, it is alleged, his mind has been unbalanced. When Dr. Swinney called on his daughter at the school he was shown into the reception room, and a few minutes later his daughter came down and went into the room, closing the door behind her. She sat down at the piano, her father sitting beside her. Half an hour later girls and teachers were startled by four shots ringing out, and a second afterwards Miss Swinney, with blood streaming from the wounds in her head, came rushing from the room. In a few minutes the wildest confusion reigned, school girls and women teachers running here and there, but Miss Robinson, the principal, speedily restored order and hastily summoned a physician. Miss Swinney was desperately wounded and there is little chance for her recovery. The room in which the tragedy occurred showed signs of a hard struggle. Chairs were overturned, and the piano stool, with one leg broken, was lying in the middle of the room. The father was lying on the floor at one side of the room, face downward, with the revolver, with four chambers empty under him. The attempted murder and suicide were evidently deliberately planned, as before going to the school Dr. Swinney bought a revolver and two rounds of cartridges at a pawn shop. Although it is said his mind has been unbalanced for some time, he had never been violent and his family were totally unprepared for the dreadful tragedy. He was the father-in-law of Dr. J. A. Sinclair, a prominent dentist of this city, and since his return from New York a few weeks ago, Dr. Swinney had made his home with him.

On a Large Scale.

Charlotte, Special.—The Southern Hard Yarn Spinners Association held a meeting in the city last week and spent a large part of their time discussing the curtailment proposition. It was found that half the spindles represented had been idle for some months past now, and the meeting passed further resolutions regarding curtailment, which, when it was voted to keep their actions secret, are understood to provide for continued curtailment on a large scale. Resolutions were also adopted regarding the disposal of yarns on hand, which are selling for about half last year's figures. The meetings were secret.

Mrs. E. C. Murray Dies Suddenly.

Burlington, Special—Mrs. E. C. Murray, of Vincent, ten miles north of Burlington, died at her home Wednesday. Death was sudden, and it was supposed that heart failure was the cause. She leaves a husband, E. Clay Murray, several daughters and sons, among whom are Mr. W. A. Murray, of Mebane.

Kicked in Face by Horse.

Monroe, Special.—The six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Redwine had his nose bone broken from the skull and the plate of the skull broken by the kick of a horse late Thursday afternoon. The boy was taken to a hispital in Charlotte, Drs. Pressley and Gibson, of Charlotte, and Ashcraft, of Monroe, performed an operation and it is thought that the little patient will be well soon. The face was badly lacerated and he will bear a scar.

A Peculiar Case.

Raleigh, Special.—A peculiar sequal to a remarkable pardon case transpired at the executive office of Governor Glenn in the absence of the Governor on his eastern Carolina prohibition campaign. Ed. Hester, colored, appeared there to report that his brother-in-law, Henry Bryant, an escaped convict, had come to his house in Oberlin Friday night and that the officers could get him there. Being questioned, it developed that Bryant had come home with both feet cut off, his story being that he was working for a railroad in Roanoke, Va., and was run over by a train. Private Secretary Arrington had a telephone conversation with the sheriff of the county and they decided it would be best to leave the negro alone. On being assured that his brother-in-law would not be molested. Hester objected strongly, saying that in that event Bryant would be left on his hands. He insisted that the officers of the law take him in hand. A remarkable phase of the case is that Bryant was granted a pardon by the Governor March 16th and thereafter it developed that the negro had escaped on March 2d, two weeks before the pardon was granted. There was a reprimand to the officer for not reporting the escape and the pardon was revoked. Bryant was convicted at the spring term, 1906, of stealing chickens on a wholesale scale. He had a big cave in a railroad cut where he kept his chickens until disposed of. The cave was furnished for living and nearly a hundred chickens were in stock. The city has been infested by chicken thieves for some time and this "find" stopped it largely for quite a while. Governor Glenn offers a reward of $50 for the arrest of George Goodlet, colored, charged with wife murder in Asheville April 11th. The sheriff of the county reported that the negro had fled the county and asked for the reward to be offered.

Syrian Peddler Jailed.

Gastonia, Special.—Joe Moses, a Syrian peddler, was before Magistrate T. H. White, having been arrested near the Ozark Mill on a warrant sworn out by Miles P. Bell charging him with attempted criminal assault on Bell's wife, Mrs. Mattie Bell, who is a daughter of James Holland. It is charged in the warrant that Moses came to the home of Mrs. Bell, who lives about four miles west of Gastonia on the Bessemer City road, while all the other members of the family were away and made indecent proposals to her and laid hands upon her; but she escaped from his grasp and ran to the home of her father, about a quarter of a mile away, screaming for help as she went. The Syrian escaped at the time, but was located at Gastonia and placed under arrest.

New Enterprises.

The Orinoca Telephone Company, of High Point, is granted a charter $5,000 capital, with C. E. Spurgeon, W. A. Motsinger, W. E. Swain and others incorporators, to establish and operate a telephone line between High Point and Davidson.

There is also a charter for the Bailey Lumber Company, Bakersville, capital $25,000 authorized and $5,000 subscribed, by Isaac Bailey, J. M. Bailey and others.

The Tar River Light and Power Company, of Wilson, is chartered to take the place of the Carolina Light and Power Company, capital $1,000 subscribed and $150,000 authorized, the shareholders being M. T. Williams, F. A. Woodard, P. L. Woodard and others.

Another charter is to the Crenwillo Drug Company, of Oxford, capital $10,000, by E. H. Crenshaw, A. H. Williams, W. L. Long and others.

Jim Smith is Not Guilty.

After delibrating for twenty-four hours the United States Court jury Saturday afternoon returned a verdict of not guilty retnrned a vering Jim Smith with conspiracy in the murder of Revenue Officer Hendricks, in the Smithtown section of Stokes county, on December 20th, 1907. Previously Smith had pleaded guilty to the charge of illicit distilling, and for this offense Judge Boyd sentenced the risoner to serve four years in the Federal prison in Atlanta.

ANOTHER FOR CHARLOTTE

Plans For Big Mill to Spin Extra Fine Yarns.

Charlotte, Special.—For the purpose of spinning a very high grade of combined yarns in fine counts, from 60s to100s, two-ply, in warps, skeins and cones, there is now in process of organization another large cotton mill to be situated somewhere in the environs of Charlotte. Those interested in the movement are the following named: Messers. W. W. Hagood, H. C. Henderson, W. A. Watson, Paul Chatham, H. C. Sherill, J. L. Sexton, John R. Pharr, D. H. Anderson, Thomas J. Lillard, Mrs. M. K. Hunt and others, with some out of town stockholders. The authorized capital stock will be $250,000, with $100,000 or $125,000 paid in.

North State News Items.

That the county commissioners will be liable to indictment for failure to comply with the mandatory provision of the constitution of North Carolina, Section 44, Article 9, if they fail to levy a sufficient special tax on property in their respective counties to maintain at least a four months public school term is the feature of a lengthy special letter being sent out by State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner to the commissioners, county superintendents and boards of education. He asks the latter to see to it that the necessity of a levy of this special tax is fully impressed on the commissioners and that the commissioners be furnished with accurate estimates of the amount of special tax necessary for this Purpose. He gives instructions in detail as to the method of ascertaining the amount necessary.

Everything Printing Company, of Greensboro, changes its name to the Harrison Printing Company. A. L Fairbrother continues as president.

The Summerset Undertaking Company, of Salisbury, capital $50,000 subscribed, $25,000 authorized, is chartered, the incorporators being T. W. Summerset and others.

A charter is granted the Anson Brick Company, of Wadesboro, capital $10,000 authorized, $1,500 subscribed, by R. J. Beverly and others.

Wilmington's New Bank.

Wilmington, Special.—The American National Bank of Wilmington, recently authorized by the Comptroller of the Currency, organized by the election of W. B. Cooper, president; George O. Gaylord, vice president, and T. E. Cooper, formerly of Mullins, S. C., cashier. The directors are Maj. John D. Shaw, Rockingham; V. Sibury, Holly Ridge; Herbert McClammy, W. B. McClellan, Cuthbert Martin, George O. Gaylord, A. G. Warren, J. J. Hopkins, T. E. Cooper, Owen Fennell, G. W. Huggins, J. T. King and W. B. Cooper. The bank will have both a savings and commercial feature and exercise a discretion under the national banking laws. The chief executive officers will be bonded in $50,000 each, with other officials in proportion. Busi- will begin May 1st .

Craven Names County Officers

Newbern, Special.—In the Democratic county primary held last week E. M. Green was nominated for the House of Representatives with a majority of about 600. Lane, the present register of deeds, was defeated by S. H. Fowler. F. S. Ernul, the present treasurer, won out over three opponents. All other county officers were nominated. The only special interest was over the offices of register of deeds and treasurer and hard work was done by all candidates for these offices. The vote polled was rather large.

Revenue Cutter Goes to Float British Steamer.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—The United States revenue cutter Onondaga left Friday for Ships Shoal, five miles from Cobb's island on the eastern shore of Vrginia, to assist in the attempt to float the British steamer Glenaen, which stranded while making for the Virginia capes.

Alleghany Republican Convention.

Sparta, Special.—The Republicans of Alleghaney county held a very harmonious convention here Tuesday for the purpose of electing delegates to the State, congressional and senatorial conventions Resolutions were passed endorsing the administration of Roosevelt. Taft was endorsed as being their choice for the next president; Judge Spencer B. Adams was endorsed for State chairman. The delegates to the congressional convention were instructed to vote for Mr. S. G. Parsons, of Ashe county.

41 DIE IN COLLISION

Frightful Railway Accident in Australia

GREAT SUFFERING RESULTED

Australian Trains Collide Killing Forty-One and Injuring Sixty Others—Fire Almost Consumes Wreckage.

Melbourne, Australia, By Cable.—Two trains from Ballarat and Bendigo, respectively, collided late Monday night at Braybrook junction, about 8 miles from Melborne, 41 persons being killed and 60 injured. The Bendigo train, with two heavy engines, crashed into the rear of the Ballarat train. Five cars of the latter train were wrecked. The wreckage took fire and was almost completely consumed. Many of the bodies were unrecognizable when recovered.

The Bendigo train suffered but little damage but the two engines were piled on top of the rear coaches of the other train. Terrible scenes followed the accident, many of the injured being caught in the wreckage and with difficulty rescued. It was a long time before doctors and nurses arrived on the scene and as a consequence intense suffering prevailed among the injured.

For Release of Thaw.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Special.—The first step in proceedings looking to the release of Harry K. Thaw from the State asylum for the State insane at Matteawan, was taken Monday. James G. Graham, of Newburg, appeared as Thaw's counsel before Justice Morschauser, of the New York State Supreme Court at White Plains, and applied for an order directing the superintendent of the asylum to permit Thaw to sign an application for a writ of habeas corpus. The order was promptly issued and it probably will be served at once. According to the usual procedure in such cases Thaw will sign the application for a writ of habeas corpus which will then be submitted to a justice of the Supreme Court for a hearing to determine whether he should be released from the asylum as sane. Probably this hearing will be held before Justice Morschauser at Poughkeepsie. This method of obtaining the release of a prisoner at the State asylum is usually taken when the State lunacy commission is unwilling to declare that the prisoner is sane.

Young Man Kills His Sister.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Special.—News reached here of a most deplorable tragedy near Germantown, Stokes county, when Oscar Tuttle, aged 22 years, son of Mr. John H. Tuttle, a highly respectable citizen and a prosperous farmer, shot and killed his sister, Miss Mollie, who was 28 years old. The brother entered a room where his sister was engaged in making the bed and without warning shot her in the back with a single barrel shotgun, the entire load taking effect. Death resulted instantly.

Abstainers in Session.

Hudson, Mass., Special—With the celebration of high mass, followed by a parade through the streets of the village, the thirty-second annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstainence Union of the archdiocese of Boston was opened here Monday. Plans will be made for the extension of the temperance work of the union among the Catholics of Boston and vicinity.

Cypress Lumber Company Closes Down.

Albany, Ga., Special.—The Red Cypress Lumber Company, at Pretoria, near here, a $400,000 concern, is being closed down ,the purpose being to go into liquidation. The big new pine mill has already closed down and the big cypress mill closes down at once. Over 400 employes will be thrown out of work.

Excitement Among Negroes.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special—There was great excitement here among the colored people over the report that a 4-year-old colored girl had been criminally assaulted by a colored man. Hundreds of negro men and women gathered at the house where the alleged assault is said to have occurred and the negroes, with several police officers, instituted a search for the man. A physician was called in and after a consultation with him it was learned that no crime had been committed.

THE WORK OF CONGRESS

Doings of Our National Law-Makers Day by Day.

The agricultural appropriation bill which was reported to the Senate by the committee on agriculture provides for a number of important investigations. The bill as reported to the Senate carries $11,642,146, an increase of $133,340 over the amount of the bill as it was passed by the House.

The Senate committee recommended an appropriation of $10,000 for co-operation between the Department of Agriculture and the reclamation service in demonstrating the feasibility of crop production on lands under the latter service. Another item of $10,000 was recommended for the purpose of securing hardy forage plants from Siberia for use on the northern portion of the great plains area.

Of the appropriation for demonstrating the best methods of meeting the ravages of the cotton boll weevil $10,000 is made immediately available.

An amendment was made by the committee to the provision in regard to fixing definite grades of grain so that such grades when fixed shall become the official standards for the grading of grain.

Vreeland Measure Lost.

The House committee on banking and currency voted to lay on the table the financial bill offered by Representative Edward B. Vreeland, of New York, as a substitute for the Aldrich bill and decided to report favorably the bill recently introduced by Chairman Fowler, providing for a currency commission to consist of 43 members, 11 members of the Senate, 11 members of the House and 21 others, who must be citizens of the United State.

The action of the committee was taken late in the afternoon, after a meeting lasting all day. Representatives Vreeland appeared before the committee and made a long argument in favor of his bill, saying he thought it would be criminal negligence for Congress to adjourn without passing some measure of protection in the event of another panic this fall. He did not, however, think that a panic was imminent. Mr. Vreeland said that his bill was an emergency measure only, and he favored the appointment of a currency commission to consider a permanent banking and currency law.

Naval Bill is Reported.

After consideration of less than two hours the Senate committee on naval affairs Monday reported the naval appropriation bill to the Senate. It carries $111,546,549, an increase of $7,579,031 over the amount of the bill as it was passed by the house.

On the battleship construction programme the Senate committee adopted the policy of the House, making no change in the provision for two vessels. The President's message advocating the construction of four battleships was not considered, as it was known that the committee was unanimously opposed to that programme. Concerning the construction of colliers a provision was incoroprated in the bill that one should be built on the Pacific coast, which means Mare Island Navy Yard. An appropriation of $1,800,000 was made for the purchase of three colliers constructed by the Fore River Shipbuilding Company. Other important amendments were made as follows:

Amendments to Bill.

Increase of 20 per cent in the pay of officers of the navy and civilian professors and instructors at the naval academy, and of 10 per cent in the pay of the enlisted force, $3,553,969; an increase of the pay of professors of mathematics, constructors' corps and civil engineer corps to equal that of officers of the same rank in the medical and pay corps, $16,450.

For public works, additional appropriations were made as follows:

Portsmouth, N. H., $90,000; Norfolk, Va., $200,000; Puget Sound, $140,000; Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands, for naval station and dry dock, $1,000,000; Charleston, $32,000; marine corps, $65,000. The appropriation for the marine corps, exclusive of public works, aggragtes $621,148.

Fire in Alabama Town.

Eutaw, Ala., Special.—Fire which broke out in the store of the Eutaw Drug Company did damage estimated at about $40,000. Every building on the block fronting Prairie street and running from Boligee to Clinton, was destroyed. There was no insurance. The stores burned were: C. Jeary, F. P. Jarvis, William S. Maw and J. H. Harris, B. D. Palmer, Harwood & McKinley, T. G. Lamb, livery stable; W. W. Holly, D. W. Duncan.

FOR PUBLICITY BILL

Prompt and Favorable Action Strongly Urged

CONGRESS SHOULD PASS LAW

Petition Signed by Committee of the National Publicity Organization Will Be Presented to the Senate and House.

Washington, Special.—Congress is urged to action on legislation requiring the publicity of campaign funds in a petition which will be presented to the Senate by Senator Culberson, of Texas, and to the House of Representatives, by McCall, of Massachusetts. The petition is signed by a committee of the National Publicity Organization and respectfully asks the Congress to enact at the present session a suitable law for the publicity both before and after election of campaign contributions made to national committees to be used in influencing the approaching election of November 3d, 1908.

"The association has limited the scope of its efforts to securing publicity of contributions made to national committees and Congressional committees formed to influence in more than one State elections where members of the national House of Representatives are to be chosen; and to promote by all appropriate means State legislation designed to accomplish in every State the same purpose of publicity.

Co-Operation Necessary.

"It is thought that the wisest method of preventing election corruption through money contributions will be not through national laws alone nor through State laws alone, but through both methods; each cooperating and not conflicting with the other and both making the best and most effective system. There cannot be any doubt of the power of Congress to do what we propose, nor any doubt about the power of the State to provide the additional regulations desired.

"The National Publicity Bill Organization is non-partisan and hopes that the efforts to secure the beneficial laws so much needed will not become involved in the controversies of political parties. But it is impossible to overlook the fact that the present minority party will impose upon the majority party the weighty responsibility for the failure of any legislation, if such failure shall ensue. To avoid such a deplorable political issue, should not the members of both parties unite in postponing all propositions in which there may be a sincere division of sentiment and in passing through Congress without further delay a bill upon which all cordially agree?"

Four Men Killed.

Warrensburg, Mo., Special.—Three men are dead and another is fatally wounded as the result of an attempt of officers to arrest F. O. Hawes: The dead:

James Ryan, city marshal.
Night Watchman Bashashan.
F. O. Hawes.
The wounded:
Night Watchman R. P. Pullock.

Hawes, 22 years old, son of a Johnson county farmer, was returning home on a Missouri Pacific train from a trip to a neighboring town, and it is believed, suddenly lost his mind. His actions were noticed by the passengers, and Warrensburg officers were asked to meet the train. City Marshal Ryan and the two watchmen met Hawes as he got off the train and attempted to arrest him. Hawes drew a revolver and began shooting. At the first shot Marshal Ryan fell dead. Other shots followed, and Night Watchman Basbashan fell dead, shot through the lungs. Night Watchman Pollock was shot in the abdomen. Hawes was shot and killed by a negro porter.

Negro's Body Found Hanging to a Limb.

Fort Worth, Texas, Special. — A special to The Record from Atlanta, Tex., says: Jasper Douglas, a negro was charged in a warrant sworn to with having criminally assaulted his step-sister, a girl of 12 years. Sunday morning his body was found hanging to the limb of a tree near this place. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that Douglas came to his death at the hands of unknown persons.