

### Smuggling Jewelry.

Philadelphia, July 14.—When Mrs. Annie Abbott, who once shone on the stage in this country and in Europe as the "Little Georgia Magnet" reported the theft of jewelry valued at \$200,000 her home in North Creighton street to the police, it attracted the attention of the customs officials. They had received information that she had brought into this country at various times jewels worth more than \$80,000 upon which there was no record of duty paid, and began an investigation. Mrs. Abbott said that she had brought about \$87,000 in jewelry to this country from Europe. She made three trips, landing in New York in 1897, and at San Francisco in 1901.

"At Baltimore I showed men in the uniform of custom house officers my jewelry. I told them that the jewelry was presented to me by friends. I gave one man \$25, another \$10, and a third \$5. They passed me through and I did not have to pay any duty. I thought it was all right.

"When I landed at San Francisco I again showed the jewels and gave a man \$50 for passing me. I have not seen any men from the customs since then, but am ready to meet them at any time and tell them all about my jewelry."

Special Agent George W. Stratton of the customs service declined to say what action the government proposed to take.

### First Sentence to the Electric Chair.

In Robeson county Superior Court this week Walter Morrison, colored, was convicted of criminal assault, his victim being Polly Rogers, a Croatian Indian. Judge Lyon sentenced Morrison to death and unless the case is appealed or a reprieve or commutation granted, Rogers will be put to death by electricity in the State penitentiary at Raleigh on the 10th of September.

This is the first death sentence under the law passed by the last Legislature, which requires all executions to take place in the State prison and by electrocution. The law requires the judge to put his sentence in writing, a copy to be filed with the clerk of the court and the warden of the State prison at Raleigh.

### New Cannon Invented.

Pittsburg, July 14.—That a hand made cannon not much longer than a man's arm will fire a projectile through a seven-inch steel plate has just been successfully demonstrated here by Carl Schmelz, who manufactured the gun with crude tools at his home.

Mounted on wheels, its height is not more than two feet. By an arrangement the breech and an odd construction of the rifled barrel, Schmelz has proved that the cannon can withstand the highest explosive.

He made a clean hole through the plate in his demonstration. He says the gun can be fired one hundred times in rapid succession without becoming heated.

### Will Contest Election.

Bristol, Va., July 13.—On the ground that 125 illegal votes were cast in the local option election held here last week which resulted in a victory for the "wets" by 32 majority, the temperance leaders this evening decided to contest the election and selected a committee with power to proceed to retain counsel and file suit attacking the legality of the election.

### C. & N. W. Depot at Yorkville Destroyed by Fire.

Charlotte Observer.

Yorkville, S. C., July 15.—The freight and passenger depot of Carolina & North Western Ry., located East Liberty street, in this place was destroyed by fire this morning between 1 and 2 o'clock, together with the contents of the building. The loss is total except a part of the waiting room for white and colored people. The amount of the loss cannot be stated accurately at this time because of lack of information as to the amount of freight stored in the depot, but a reasonable estimate as to total loss, including the building, freight and the furniture and office fixtures belonging to Mr. E. W. Long, the agent, would be between \$2,000 and \$3,000. The origin of the fire is not known, but is attributed to rats and matches.

### Will Build a Sample Road.

A delegation of Mt. Airy citizens, headed by Mr. Thomas Woodruffe, went before the Surry commissioners at Dobson at their last meeting and asked an appropriation of \$500 to help build a mile of road near that town. The request was presented by W. Carter and the money was appropriated. The citizens estimate that it will cost about \$3,000 to build the mile of road and will raise \$2,500 by private subscription. The News says it is the purpose of Mr. Woodruffe and the other citizens to show to the people what a great thing it would be if Surry had her roads properly made and thus start a work that will not stop until all the public highways are a credit to the county.

### \$100,000 Short.

New Orleans, July 14.—Wyatt H. Ingram, Jr., trust officer of the Hibernia Bank and Trust Company, of New Orleans, was arrested at his home here this evening on the charge of being a defaulter and forger.

"It was declared that Ingram's defalcations have extended over a period of fifteen months.

Ingram was said to be too ill to arrest when officers reached his home. But District Attorney Adams insisted that the accused be brought to prison without delay. He was carried to police headquarters in an ambulance.

### Do Grub Worms Produce Sassafras?

There is a legendary story that sassafras sprouts spring from defunct grub worms, but the editor of this paper could never be made to believe it until Saturday last, when Lee Caskey brought to this office a partially petrified grub worm from which was a growth of some kind of vegetable matter. Indeed, it was a sprout of some kind, but whether a sassafras or something else we are not prepared to say. The writer, however has heard many men assert the fact that if you pull up or dig out a young sassafras sprout you will invariably find a grub worm at the root.—Hazel Green Herald.

"Is it possible that we old farmers who have been digging up sassafras sprouts for 40 or 50 years never discovered the grub worm at the root. I reckon we never did, and I guess we never will."—C.

Get DeWitt's Carbolized Witch Hazel Salve when you ask for it. There are a great many imitations, but there is just one original. This salve is good for anything where a salve is needed to be used, but it is good for Piles. Sold by J. E. Shell, Lenoir Drug Co. Granite Falls Drug Co.

### Prophecies Snow For July

This startling warning comes from no less a personage than a celebrated scientist astronomer, Edwin Fairfax Nulty, who has devoted a month to the study of the newest discovered comet, said to be gyrating at present round in space some millions of miles away from the earth.

Prof. Nulty from his long study of the now comet asserts that the people of Boston and elsewhere in the same zone that have been sweltering under the merciless rays of the sun may soon be going about with earlap and mufflers, and his prediction that the snow shovels will be used is thoroughly borne out by the movements of the newest celestial disturber.

Only once has the comasphere or head of this body been seen, and then for only a very short period, but the tremendous radiance to its light from the comma, or tail of the traveling body is said to be the power by means of which the people of Boston and vicinity may within a short time enjoy a variety of weather that will cause the oldest inhabitant to hold up his hand in amazement.

Already, declares Prof. Nulty has the light from this comma reached and so flooded the planet Mars that it is possible strange things have happened there by this time.—Ex.

"We are willing to lend our overcoat to some one that thinks they will need it for the balance of this month and take our chance with the snow."—News.

### The Oldest Tree in the World.

The oldest tree in the world is said to be a cypress tree standing in the province of Cheputtepec, Mexico, with a trunk 118 feet 10 inches in circumference. This has been shown to be (as conclusively as these things can be shown) about 6,260 years of age. Nor is this so remarkable when one stops to think that, given favorable conditions for growth and sustenance the average tree will never die of old age. Its death is merely an accident. Other younger and more vigorous trees may spring up near it, and rob its roots of their proper nourishment; insects may kill it, floods or winds may sweep it away, or the woodman's axe may fell upon it. If no such accident happens to it a tree may flourish and grow for century upon century and age upon age.

### Gamewell Items.

Editor-News.  
May I slip in and say a few words about the folks at Game well?

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Watson, gave an ice cream supper, to a number of the young folks, Saturday night.

Miss Bessie Parsons, visited Miss Jessie Puett, Saturday, and Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Cook, preached at Gamewell, Sunday evening. Hope he will come back, and preach again soon.

The farmers, are about through working corn.

Miss Grace Tuttle, is visiting in Virginia this month.

Some one robbed one of Mr. Kelley Thompsons, bee gums, Saturday night.

There will be a singing convention at Collettsville, next Saturday and Sunday, Clarks Chapel, Flemings Chapel, and Green Valley are going to sing. Success the the News.

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### Ncie Dance.

There was a nice little dance given by the young men at The Martins last Friday evening. The large dining room was cleared and tastily decorated with cut flowers and made an ideal dancing place.

About twelve or fifteen couples participated in the dance, while quite a number of spectators were present.

A pleasant innovation, to the men at least, was the fact that they dispensed with coats while dancing, the dance being a "shirt-waist dance." The music was furnished by the Lenoir Orchestra, assisted by Prof. Rumble, and it was fine.

### Some More Weather Signs.

Last Sunday, the 11th, was the first dog day and it didn't rain. According to the old saying, we will have forty days of dry weather; but they tell us if the moon changes in the fore part of the day we will have rain, and if that be so we will have plenty of rain during this month. See Blum's almanac for changes of the moon during July. The dog day sign says no rain. The moon changing sign says rain. So there you are. We will see what we see.—Lenoir News.

[With the sign of the Virgin Mary's visit failing, and two sure signs directly opposite, the believers in signs are in a truly pitiable plight this year. The only sign that we ever knew of, that did not fail was that of a bent pin on the seat of a chair, which indicates an early spring.—Lincoln Times.

### North Carolina Wheat.

The Western wheat farmers, of whom we read so much do not know it all. Here is General Jule Carr, who always dresses like a gentleman and wears a carnation in his coat lapel, running a threshing machine on his Oconeechee farm and sacking up 5,000 bushels of wheat. The Durham Sun says it is worth \$10,000 converted into flour—and all off of 130 acres.

### Aho Items.

Rye harvesting is on and the crop is good.

We are having sunshine now and the indications are a good hay crop will be harvested, and crops generally look well excepting fruit. We will have but little fruit in this vicinity owing to late frosts.

I notice Bristol, Va. has voted to retain her saloons. I suppose they are tired of sending their money away to build up other towns and cities and have decided to keep their money at home and at the same time secure some revenue in the way of license taxes from the liquor traffic. I say "hurrah for Bristol." It is bad policy to send our money out of the State to build up other communities, as North Carolina and some other pretended prohibition States are doing.

Success to The News.

S. G. L.

### To the Committee of Caldwell County.

Have you secured a teacher for your school? If you have not write Miss Ella Kirby, Boone, or Granite Falls, N. C. who is Sec. of the "Caldwell County Teacher's Association of the A. T. School" and she will send you a list of the best teachers in the county, who are now attending the Normal part of the Appalachian Training School.

A good teacher is known by the effort they make to be a better teacher.



## This Is The Store Summer

## Brides, That Wants to See

## You! Won't You Come?

You unquestionably desire to serve your own best interest and those of the man you wed! Then the one best way to serve them is through the Housefurnishing aid of the Bernhardt-Seagle store.

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Charlotte, N. C. Jan. 23, 1909.

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### He Made a Scoop.

A paper in a good sized town in Oklahoma recently published this item:

"The business man in the town who is in the habit of hugging his typewriter had better quit, or we will publish his name."

The next day thirty seven business men called at the office, paid their subscriptions and left behind them thirty seven columns of advertising, and told the editor not to pay any attention to little foolish stories.

### Bowel Complaint in Children.

When six months old the little daughter of E. N. Dewey, a well known merchant of Agnewville, Va., had an attack of cholera infantum. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was given and effected a complete cure. This remedy has proven very successful in case of bowel complaint in children when given according to the plain printed direction can be relied upon with perfect confidence. When reduced with water and sweetened it is pleasant to take, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. For sale by J. E. Shell, Druggist, Dr. Kents, Druggist.