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## NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

### Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

President-elect Wilson has declined to accept President Taft's offer to place at his disposal one of the navy's big battleships to make a trip to the Panama Canal zone.

Aaron Tonkel, dry goods merchant of Durham, was sentenced in the Federal court in Raleigh Saturday to six months in jail and \$500 fine for fraudulent use of the mails in that he wrote false statements of his assets to R. N. Sutton & Co., wholesale merchants of Baltimore, in order to procure credit.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Women were given the right to run for office in San Francisco by the adoption of an amendment to the charter at yesterday's city election. Of the 37 amendments voted on all those which through increased salaries to city officials or employees, would have increased taxation were decisively defeated.

Again a proposition to cut down the mileage of congressmen from 20 cents a mile to actual traveling expenses, has been defeated in the house. Republican Leader Mann defended the present rate, saying that congressmen brought their families to Washington, which was a good thing, as it kept the statesmen from carousing around. —Catawba County News.

The Spartanburg grand jury in its recent report recommended a compulsory education law as a preventive of crime, and the recommendation is a good one. Within the last two months there has been an alarming outbreak of homicide and lawlessness generally in South Carolina; and unless some means is found to stem the tide there is no telling what the final result will be.

Troop M, 13th United States Cavalry, in command of Captain Coates, which has been doing patrol duty on the Mexican border, has been searching in the vicinity of Deming the last few days for the band of Mexican rebels which a week ago invaded New Mexico. The American cavalrymen assert that the band, which at first numbered about 25 or 30 now numbers close to 100, of whom a number of San Carlyos Indians are members.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The common towel was ordered abolished from railroad cars, vessels, all other inter-state vehicles and from stations, by Secretary MacVeagh of the Treasury Department today in an amendment to the inter-state quarantine regulation. The decision follows closely the abolition of the common drinking cup from use in interstate carriers. Towels may be used again only after having been sterilized in boiling water.

J. A. Smith, aged 80, was gored to death by a Jersey bull near Athens, Ga., Thursday. The same day Joseph Rudolphs, an employe of a dairy of Los Angeles, Cal., met death in the same way. Some time ago the bull killed a fellow-employe and Rudolph determined to avenge his comrade's death. He entered the enclosure where the animal was confined with a revolver, knife and club. Before he could use any of his weapons the bull charged and gored him so badly that he died.

### Why Trains Run Late. (From The High Point Enterprise.)

On November 16 last, the Interstate Commerce Commission made a ruling (the railroads had nothing to do with the ruling) limiting all passenger trains on all lines to 48 miles an hour, and all freight trains on all lines to 25 miles an hour. It is our understanding that the demand for this rule was due to the recent wrecks caused by engineers trying to make up lost time. Under the recent ruling if a train is late it cannot run over the prescribed rate of 18 miles an hour. The ruling is to safeguard the public from train wrecks. Many of the engineers throughout the country have requested that speedometers be attached to their engines, to exonerate them in case of accident where otherwise they might be charged with exceeding the speed limit.

### Our Advertisers.

You will find most of the leading business men of the town calling your attention to something special in their various lines in this issue. Read every ad and don't go "orderin' off" for something, when by seeing what your home merchants have, you can get the same goods at the same price and often times cheaper, besides patronizing home industries and be keeping your hard earned dollars at home, where they may wander back into your hands again.

The following list of new advertisements appear in this issue, look them up: Courtney's Department Stores, "Worry Savers and Pleasure Givers." The Racket, "Santa Claus' Letter." First National Bank, "A Christmas Gift Suggestion." Dellinger's Cafe, "Good Things to Eat for Christmas." Dula's, "All Kinds of Fine Jewelry as Lasting Reminders." W. E. Castor & Co., "Fancy Groceries and Meats." Bernhardt-Seagle Co., "Handsome Steele Ranges." K. A. Lipk, "Rings as Suitable Gifts." "Good Times," Then Save Money through the Building and Loan Association. "Christmas Flowers," see J. G. Abernethy. N. H. McRary, "Pictures as Suitable Gifts." Bank of Lenoir, "The Wisdom of a Bank Account." Lenoir Drug Co., "Cigars for The Smoker." Thompson-Lyerly Shoe Co., "Practical Gifts for the Whole Family." The Book Store, "Christmas Editions." Pulliam's, "Scarfs."

Dr. L. R. Wilson, chairman of the North Carolina Library Commission, states that the campaign of Statewide scope now under way for the extension of traveling libraries to every rural district in North Carolina is meeting with favorable recognition. Two educational forces, The Teacher's Assembly and Literary and Historical Society, have heartily endorsed the movement, and it is evident that the next body of lawmakers will take the educational step in hand and push it to the forefront along with other progressive States. —Gastonia Gazette.

It is doubtful if some people ever say just what they think, even when they talk to themselves.

### ATTRACTING ATTENTION. (Charlotte Chronicle.)

The proposition to adopt the commission form of government here in the place of the present cumbersome and antiquated system is attracting the attention of the entire press of the State. The people have gained the impression that Charlotte is progressive and wide-awake. It seems to be taken for granted everywhere that the matter has been settled and that the commission form is absolutely assured, and surprise is expressed in many instances that Charlotte has not taken this progressive step before.

Wilmington and Greensboro are already enjoying the benefits of the commission form and it is not improbable that Winston will adopt it by an amendment to its charter just as Charlotte proposes to do. The fact is that cities of more than a few thousand inhabitants all over the country are turning toward the commission form. It is a natural progression. People are beginning to realize as never before that the government, from national to municipal, is theirs and they are as never before beginning to assume the responsibilities that are felt because of that realization. Taxpayers are realizing that when they pay taxes that it is not the last of it and that they should have a word to say about how that money is spent. Under the system of government in operation in Charlotte now between 25 and 50 per cent is wasted through inefficiency, lack of co-operation between the various departments of the city government and because of the absence of business methods in the administration of the affairs of the city. This is not because of the lack of ability or the want of public spirit upon the part of the many officials of the city, but because of the crude, wasteful and loose form government we have.

Under the commission form efficiency will be easy to secure and economies will be effected that are impossible now. Further, the voters of the city will be all-powerful at all times. If efficiency is not secured in any department the responsibility is easily placed, because one commissioner is accountable to the voters for each department. And not only is the responsibility easily placed: the cause is easily removed. The commission form, with the initiative, referendum and recall in operation, is ideal from the standpoint of the taxpayer and the voter.

### A Typographical Error.

We had the misfortune to have a "pull out" in our forms last issue and the type quoted us as saying that The Courtney Department Stores wanted to sell their Coat Suits really worse than they did and were offering \$22.50 suits for \$7.50, which should have been \$17.50. We hope that no one tried to "force a sale" at this price and take this means of correcting same.

The death knell of the high school fraternity in New York City will be sounded at the next meeting of the board of education, when formal action will be taken approving a new rule submitted on high school abolishing secret societies on the ground that they have a detrimental influence on the students.

### OFFICERS LIVES ARE SAVED

#### Revenue Men's Lives Saved by Plucky Young Moonshiner During a Raid.

(Anniston Star and Hot Blast.)

Deputy Revenue Collectors P. B. Bush and W. H. Barton yesterday made one of the most important still captures in some time, gathering in five men, whom they afterward released, not having a marshal with them, and confiscating five guns, as well as destroying a big still a few miles out of Ironaton, Talladega county. Incidentally, the lives of the officers were probably saved, they say, by the action of the moonshiners' picket, who had been captured, and who voluntarily walked in front of the officers to prevent his friends from firing on the revenue men.

Earlier in the day the officers had found some wildcat whiskey at the home of three of the distillery crowd, and had passed unwittingly the picket on guard near the still. During the afternoon they returned, having a pretty good idea of where to look for their quarry, and by good luck managed to surprise the picket, who gave the name of Burk Wyatt.

This picket was stationed about 200 yards from the still and was armed with a shotgun. He warned the officers that there were four men at the still, and all were armed, having seen the officers pass in the morning. He declared they intended to shoot to kill in defence of their still.

The officers told him they were going on, anyway, and did so. When within about 50 yards of the still the young fellow declared he was not going to see them shot down, and said he would walk in front of the officers, for, he said, "the boys will not shoot me."

The officers collected a Springfield rifle, a double barreled shotgun and three single barreled shotguns, which were brought to Anniston last night. All the guns were well oiled and in very good condition, and the officers said were loaded when captured.

[Mr. Bush was a revenue officer in this section for a long time and is well known in this section, living about 7 miles southeast of here.—News.]

### The Poultry Show.

The Poultry Show which will be held on December 27th and 28th will be the first attempt for The Caldwell County Poultry Association along this line, but it is already assured that it will be a success, as a number of letters from out of town persons and personal inquiries are received daily. The premium list is not fully complete yet but there is a long list of prizes that will warrant the exhibit of fowls from all over the western part of the state. A small charge of 10 cents per single fowl and 25 cents for a pen of not over five birds will be charged to defray the expenses of providing the coops, feed, and taking care of the birds while on exhibition. Everybody is urged to bring their chickens, turkeys, ducks, etc and put them on exhibit and show the people what we can raise in this county. Besides you know you will be proud of a Blue Ribbon or a Cash Prize, so don't fail to have your fowls here.

Some men carry their money in purses that shut a good deal easier than they open.

### A GREAT OPPORTUNITY. (Charlotte Chronicle.)

The State of North Carolina offers greater opportunities for the dairyman and the raiser of beef cattle than does Pennsylvania and other States in the North where thousand of fine cattle are bred annually. This is the statement of Mr. R. S. Curtis, head of the department of animal husbandry at the central experiment farm of the State Department of Agriculture at Raleigh. According to Mr. Curtis, who was here yesterday, we have not only the advantage of climate: which is really an important consideration, but also of cheap feed and long term of pasturage. The pasture is essential to the profitable raising of cattle and North Carolina especially the piedmont and mountain section, is rich in good pasture lands, mostly undeveloped and unused at present.

North Carolina, in common with the rest of the South, raises less than one-fourth of the meat it consumes and on the other more than three-fourths we pay freight from the West and a tremendous profit to the packers. This state of affairs exists despite the fact that our farmers could keep their cattle on pasture six months in the year and have an unlimited supply of wholesome feed in cotton seed meal and hulls, while a few acres of corn turned into silage makes a cheap food that is almost indispensable for both the dairyman and the raiser of beef cattle, giving the ration just the balance that is necessary for the best results.

Conditions are rapidly changing, however, in the opinion of Mr. Curtis, who is thoroughly in touch with the cattle and live stock industry, both in North Carolina and throughout the country. The people of the State are rapidly awakening to the value of good cattle and are constantly breeding and feeding large numbers. In fact no other Southern State is making such strides in the live stock industry. There are many herds of pure bred dairy and beef cattle in the State and just recently Mr. Howell at Waynesville imported the nucleus of a herd of Shorthorns from Pennsylvania, three of the six cows weighing in the neighborhood of 1,600 pounds each.

Not only are Tar Heel farmers beginning to realize the value of good cattle, but they are beginning to pay attention to other farm stock. Pure bred hogs, the most profitable of all farm animals under ordinary conditions, are becoming more common. With intelligent and proper care the sheep will return the greatest dividends on the capital invested, but the worthless, wandering cur makes sheep-raising almost impossible in most sections of the State. However, with the awakening will come a law that will make the existence of wandering canine very precarious and then the industry will be revived. And between cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry North Carolina will some day be growing her meat at home.

New York, Dec. 11 The lowest recorded price for stock exchange seat since 1907 was reached this week when John H. Reynolds, Jr., sold his seat to Frederick Lewisohn for \$55,000. The previous low record was \$58,000. Three weeks ago seats were sold at \$75,000.

### ALLEN CASE NOW ENDED

#### Floyd and Claud Allen to be Executed and Four Serve Sentences.

Wytheville, Va., Dec. 11.—Twenty-five years in the penitentiary was the penalty Sidna Allen will pay for the part he played in the shooting up of Carroll County Court house on the fourth of March last, when five persons, including the presiding Judge, the sheriff and the Commonwealth's attorney were killed by members of the Allen clan and a number of others wounded. Allen's nephew, Wesley Edwards, will spend 27 years in the penitentiary.

These two sentences were the result of a compromise this afternoon following a verdict of voluntary manslaughter.

The results of the Carrol Court house Tragedy are:

SLAIN.  
Judge Thornton L. Massie,  
Commonwealth's Attorney  
Foster.

Sheriff Webb.  
Juror Fowler.  
Miss Ayers, a bystander.

### RESULT OF TRIALS.

Floyd Allen, under death sentence.  
Claude Allen, under death sentence.  
Sidna Allen, 35 years in prison.  
Wesley Edwards, 27 years in prison.  
Sidna Edwards, 17 years in prison.  
Freil Allen, 15 years in prison.  
Victor Allen, acquitted.  
Byrd Marion, case not pressed.

### Whiskey Kills Pneumonia Germs.

New York.—"A spoonful of whiskey taken into the mouth three times a day and spit out will kill pneumonia germs, and so will carbolic acid," said Dr. Wiley in addressing the 134 members of the National Coffee Roasters' Association in the Astor Hotel recently. Dr. Wiley admitted that he drinks coffee and does not approve its use, but says that if there is to be a national beverage he preferred coffee as the least harmful.

### Milkweed as Food.

One of the economic triumphs of the age is the utilization of waste material, and the use of weeds as food staples is a phase of this triumph.

The most interesting of these new "weed foods" is milkweed, the common milk variety that grows in every rock pasture, in meadows and by road sides.

Its large thick smooth leaves are familiar to all, and its deep, dull pink tuft of flowers, and later its seed pods filled with delicate floss and flat brown seeds. When it is broken off a thick white milky juice exudes. This is rich in nutrition.

This common and luxuriant weed is now being cultivated in gardens as a valuable food staple and makes one of the most delicious of vegetables. It tastes almost exactly like asparagus and is cooked in much the same way as spinach it has been found to be rich in natural salts and nutrition and is easily cultivated. —Leslie's Weekly.

The best thing to a man's credit is a bank account.

The man who sits before a comfortable fire all day long can generally think of lots of schemes to keep other people busy.