

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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

The progress being made on the tariff bill in the Senate indicates it will pass, with the feature removing the duty on sugar, to be effective in 1916.

Charles McGougan a young man of Fayetteville was killed at a turpentine factory at Perry Florida, last Sunday by a negro employee. The negro shot McGougan and he in turn shot the negro, both the men died about the same time.

Mrs. Nance, the mother of George Nance, who is in Rockingham jail for killing his wife in Hamlet, last week says her son is insane and she has no fears of his being convicted, but thinks the jury will commit him to an asylum or hospital.

George Coley shot and instantly killed Lawson Hatley near Albemarle last Tuesday night. It is said one of the men asked the other to play cards with him and he refused to do so when words passed between them until Coley drew his pistol and killed Hatley. Coley is in jail.

Harry Thaw, the slayer of Stanford White and who was confined in an asylum for the criminal insane in New York, made his escape from that institution last Saturday. He rushed through the gate as the gate man opened it for the milkman, jumped into a waiting automobile and made good his escape before the authorities realized what had happened. It is thought he has gone to Europe as no trace of him has been discovered up to this time. The presumption is there was a vessel waiting him off the Connecticut coast at the time he escaped. Later it is reported that Thaw has been captured in Canada.

Good Advertising Results.

(Asheville Citizen.)

In casting about for the various agencies contributing to the present prosperity of Western North Carolina, in the matter of tourist patronage, the unusual work of the Southern Railway this year, "aided and abetted" by the Western North Carolina Association and the Board of Trade, stands out in a most notable manner and certainly calls for grateful appreciation on the part of the citizenship of this section. The conditions of Asheville are duplicated in all the neighboring resorts, each one sending reports of all records being broken. Viewing such conditions, we should not be unmindful of the fact that the Southern Railway this year is offering extraordinary inducements in the way of passenger rates to bring the tourist into Western North Carolina.

Attorney General Bickett has been frequently mentioned as a probable candidate for Governor in 1916 and while in Statesville last week he was greeted by many people as "our next Governor." Mr. Bickett did not deny or affirm, but it is the general opinion that he is in a receptive mood and that he will be in the race "if the way be clear"—that is to say, if he thinks it worth while. Mr. Bickett is an able and popular man and will doubtless have a strong following if he is a candidate.—Statesville Landmark.

CONDEMNED MAN ARRANGES FUNERAL.

Walter Shelton, the white man who was convicted of first degree murder in Rockingham Superior Court—he killed his wife—and sentenced to die November 28, evidently does not expect to escape the death penalty. The Reidsville Review says that before Shelton was taken to the State prison where he will await electrocution, he sent for a Reidsville undertaker and stated to him that he wanted to arrange the details for his funeral before he left the county. Then, just as a man arranges the details of some business transaction, Shelton said that he wanted the Reidsville undertaker to go to Raleigh on the day of the electrocution and take charge of his remains. He made it plain that he did not want the matter of expense to interfere with his having a decent burial, and expressed a desire to have the best metallic casket the undertaker could supply. The casket he desires is to be covered in black broadcloth. He also requested that flowers sufficient to completely cover his grave be purchased.

A list of pall bearers and flower-bearers were named. The list of pall-bearers included the three lawyers who defended Shelton at his trial, two other Reidsville lawyers, an alderman of Reidsville, a barber and a doctor. The flower bearers included the Reidsville postmaster, county superintendent of schools, prominent business men and others.

Shelton manifested no emotion in arranging the details for his funeral. He said he had sufficient life insurance to meet the expense. Ex.

THE BOY AND THE CIGARETTE ALSO, THE LAW.

(Charlotte Observer.)

It is against the law in North Carolina for any boy under 17 years of age to smoke cigarettes. Know that? So, and what is more, any person who gives the boy a cigarette, or cigarette tobacco, as well as any one who sells the same to a boy, can be fined for the offense. Still further, the law requires the officers of the law "every police officer in the State of North Carolina," it reads, to ask the boy caught smoking to tell where he got the cigarette, and on being told, to forthwith issue a warrant for the arrest of the party so offending. If the boy refuses to tell, he shall be hauled up before a magistrate, mayor or recorder, as the case may be, and tried for a misdemeanor. The old cigarette law was amended in this stringent manner. Of course no attention is going to be paid to it. The streets of Charlotte are filled withurchins smoking cigarette fiends every day and the enforcement of this law would paralyze the delivery service of the whole town, and might even break up some of the Sunday schools. But all the same, the parent who is worried by his boy smoking cigarettes has it in his power to give painful trouble to both the boy and the one who gives him or sells him cigarettes.

Some wives not only believe that their husbands are a treasure, but that they are also treasure.

When you are in trouble and don't know what to do, don't try to do anything.

MR. CARL TAYLOR KILLED.

While Crossing The C. & N. W. Tracks One Mile South of Newton.

Mr. Carl Taylor, of Mount Croghan, S. C., met an untimely and tragic death on Wednesday afternoon near Newton, N. C., when he was run down by No. 10 of the Carolina & North Western Railway.

Mr. Taylor was in his automobile, and from the appearance of the road it seemed that he had made several attempts to climb a little slope leading across the railroad, and it is presumed that about the time he had succeeded in making the ascent, the train approached and struck him. As it had been raining he had the curtains of his machine up and this, together with the noise of his machine in his efforts to climb the slippery slope, no doubt was responsible for his not hearing the approach of the train.

Mr. Taylor spent several days in Lenoir visiting his cousin, Atty. S. A. Richardson, and while here met many of our people who will be shocked to hear of his tragic death.

Owing to some letters found on Mr. Taylor's person, it was learned that he was acquainted with Mr. Richardson, who was immediately notified and left at once for the scene of the accident.

THINGS THAT MAKE ONE TIRED.

(Greensboro Record.)

Doesn't it make you tired to read in some paper that the Hon. So and So had "this honor thrust upon him," when as a matter of fact the man has been legging and working for the job for months? Even Mr. Wilson worked for the presidential nomination; then he worked to be elected. A candidate for town-ship constable does the same thing, and it is right and proper, yet the home papers perhaps others speak of Mr. Jones or Mr. Brown having "this honor thrust upon him," just as if he did not want it, as if he was in fact undecided whether he would take it or leave it for some of the smaller fry to take. The truth is we would like to take a look at a man who has had an office thrust upon him. He would be a drawing card in a dime museum.

Imposing On The Railroads.

(Charlotte Observer.)

The Observer is quite in sympathy with the railroads that are asking the Postmaster General to give an increase in pay for transporting parcel post matter. The evidence is that while the Government collected \$11,266,800 increased revenue from the parcel post business in six months the railroads got no increase in pay for the extra service. And now the Government has made an order that is certain to vastly increase the parcel post business, all of which will further pile up on the railroads without extra compensation. The matter of the pay of the railroads is controlled by Congress, and it is to Congress they must look for relief. The conditions since the establishment of the parcel post practically puts the Administration in the attitude of a robber. As a matter of common justice, Congress should act in behalf of the railroads. It is not fair to dump all this free business on the common carriers.

THE COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Only cases of Minor Importance Have Been Disposed of up to This Time.

Court opened Monday afternoon at 2:30, with Judge J. L. Webb presiding, the judge being detained in Morganton by the Hennessee murder trial. Mr. W. T. Payne was made foreman of the grand jury, with Deputy Clarke Steele as officer in charge. The Judge's charge to the grand jury was comprehensive, covering points in law which every citizen should know, and he gave much wholesome and helpful advice.

Following is a list of the most important cases disposed of up until yesterday afternoon.

S. Watson, bawdy house, guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Hugh Munday, resisting officer, guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Azor Estes, Tex. Clarke, f. and a. judgment suspended, owing to fact that parties have married in good faith.

David Chester, larceny, judgment suspended on payment of costs. Charley Coffey, a. w. d. w. not guilty.

Jack Dutton, a. w. d. w. Defendant pleads guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Early Brinkley, a. w. d. w. guilty, \$15, and costs.

Harl Sudderth, a. w. d. w. guilty. J. C. Eller, Chas. Pearson, F. T. Deft. Eller not guilty, Pearson, guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Janus Corpening, a. w. d. w. Deft. pleads guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Ed. Price, a. w. d. w. Guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs. Bond of \$200. for good behavior.

Adam Dyson, larceny, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Jay Benfield, nuisance, guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Grover Kirby, Boyd Kirby, John Fowler, a. w. d. w. Defendants plead guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of costs. Bonds to show good behavior for 18 months.

Adam Dyson, pleads guilty to two charges—larceny and breaking jail.

Jas. Clay and Ed. Oxford a. w. d. w. judgment suspended or to Oxford upon payment of one-half the cost Clay to pay fine of \$20 and \$30. to defendant Oxford and half the cost.

Bedford Holsclaw a. w. d. w. guilty \$75. and one-half the cost.

Henry Teeters a. w. d. w. guilty \$25. and one-half cost.

Clarence Norwood resisting officer, guilty \$5. and cost.

Joe Duck c. e. w. guilty judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Can A Chewer Go To Heaven.

(State Journal.)

A news article says that a church at Forest City, Rutherford County, has been broken up because of its stringent ruling that no member should dip snuff, chew tobacco, or wear jewelry. The church had made this ruling and it seems that the members were quietly submitting until an evangelist came along and said that the lid was on too tight, whereupon the whole membership, with the exception of seven deacons, walked out and formed a new church. This illustrates the folly of trying to regulate the conduct of people on points that are not sinful per se, but are mere matters of opinion.

HENNESSEE IS NOT GUILTY SAYS JURY.

(News and Observer.)

Morganton, Aug. 18.—The jury in the case of Dr. E. A. Hennessee, charged with the murder of Gorman Pitts, at Glen Alpine, near here last winter, after being out since Saturday night returned a verdict of not guilty, upon the opening of court here this morning.

Pitts was killed in a fight at Glen Alpine on the afternoon of January 18. In the fight six men were seriously injured. Dr. Hennessee himself bearing ten wounds in his body from a knife and sustaining a fractured jaw bone. Hennessee was taken to a hospital, and his life despaired of for several days after the engagement. The fight started early in the afternoon when Hennessee and Pitts engaged in a fist fight. Hennessee went to his home and armed himself and returned to the scene. Bad blood had existed between the Pitts and Hennessee families for some time and the fight was a signal for a general melee. Pitts died several days after the affair.

Before liberating him, Judge Webb required Dr. Hennessee to give a bond of \$1,000 for his appearance in other cases pending against him of assaults with deadly weapon. The bond was readily given, and he was soon surrounded by his family and friends with whom he returned to his home in Glen Alpine.

It is hoped that all trouble is ended between the Hennessee and Pitts factions in Glen Alpine, but there are many who predict that it will never end until more blood is shed. The men of both families are noted for their coolness and grit, and if a second fight ensues, it is feared much blood will be spilt.

STEAMSHIP WRECKED ON ROCK.

Juneau, Alaska, Aug. 18.

Twenty five or more passengers and seven members of the Pacific Coast Steamship company's steamer State of California, perished Sunday morning in Cambier Bay, 90 miles south of Juneau, with many passengers imprisoned in their state rooms.

The steamship left Seattle last Wednesday night for Skagway and way points. The purser lost all of his records and it is not possible to give a complete list of the missing.

The uninjured survivors, crew and passengers are being taken to Seattle on the steamer Jefferson and will arrive there Thursday.

A great hole was torn in the bottom of the ship. The vessel, cargo, mail and express, are a total loss. The ship was valued at \$400,000.

The steamship Jefferson, of the Alaska Steamship line, southbound, heard the wireless call of the sinking vessel and turned back to rescue the survivors who had taken to small boats and life rafts. Ten of the passengers had suffered so severely from exposure that it was necessary to take them to a hospital in Juneau for treatment.

The State of California, an iron steamship of 2,276 gross tons, was built at Philadelphia in 1879 and carried a crew of 75 men. For many years she had carried passengers between Puget Sound and San Francisco.

The wrecked vessel was commanded by Captain Thomas H. Cann, Jr., who had command of the steamship Valencia on her last trip from Seattle to San Francisco and who was transferred to another steamer when the Valencia reached that port, thus barely missing being on that ship when she went ashore at Cape Beads B. C., January 22, 1906, with a loss of 117 lives.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

WILKESBORO.

Singling Brothers circus will show at Grandin September 11. Their show is transported in ten or twelve oars.

A rattlesnake four and one-half feet in length is the reptile which Mr. R. E. Caudill has brought back to North Wilkesboro with him from the Blue Ridge. In the same community from which this one was slain another one five feet was killed this summer and others which were smaller ones.

At the store of the Giant Lumber Company near his home in Union township Saturday evening about 6 o'clock Mr. W. J. Palmer was struck by a bullet accidentally from a little 22 calibre rifle which he had just loaded and placed on the counter preparatory to killing some chickens. A child managed to get hold of the gun while he was about 60 feet distant toward the rear of the store getting some cartridges and discharged it, the ball sticking him in the breast. That night after coming to North Wilkesboro the doctor located and removed the bullet from his right side.

Messrs. Fox and Adams of Lenoir, were here last of the week, figuring with Prof. B. B. Dougherty in regard to making the brick for a new dormitory for the Appalachian Training School. We are informed that this work will begin soon and they will make a million and one half brick. This good old institution is some day going to be a college for our mountain counties, if it keeps climbing.—Watauga News.

THE DIFFICULTY OF KEEPING A RICH MAN IN JAIL.

(Daily News.)

A man is found guilty of crime by the courts, and at the same time it is determined that he is insane. The State thereupon detains him in a prison hospital so that he may have the opportunity of medical care if it be possible to nurse him back to sanity, and may be restrained from doing any further injury.

The patient would not be allowed to carry with him to his hospital ward a pistol, dagger or knife. He is not allowed to have poison or any element potential of mischief in his possession. Persons who visit him may be prevented from conveying such things to him.

Yet the law does not seem able to prevent the reception and use of money by a person so im-mured. And money is the most potent agency of all. Money means instruments of escape, weapons, facilities for flight.

Here is your "one law for the rich, another for the poor" presenting a difficult aspect. Out-law the checks of a criminal or insane man, permit him to have no conferences with friends or relatives except in the presence of prison officials; there is still the daily contact of warden and prisoner, the opportunity to plot and to promise. It would be difficult to man a prison with officials so honest as to be immune from the extreme temptations of cupidity. You can hardly keep a rich man in jail, once you get him there, if he is determined to get out.