

## THE SMITH FAMILY.

### Each One of Them Wanted to Lead in Prayer.

A former resident of Kernersville, now practicing his profession in Greensboro, visited his old home the other day and tells an old story with new frills. He attended a revival meeting near his old home and says when the preacher finished his sermon he said:

"Will Bro. Smith lead in prayer?" whereupon twenty-three Smiths arose. The preacher thought he would be a little more explicit and said: "I mean Bro. John Smith." Twelve Smiths then sat down, leaving eleven still trying to lead in prayer.—Greensboro Record.

## THANKS FOR SHIPMAN.

### His Work as Assistant Commissioner Has Been Appreciated.

The Council of State yesterday tendered a unanimous vote of thanks to Mr. M. L. Shipman, Assistant Commissioner of Labor and Printing, for his efficient work in comparing the bids for state printing, and ascertaining which was more advantageous to the state.

Governor Glenn expressed his pleasure that so much accurate information had been obtained concerning this expensive item of state government.

After reviewing the report, Mr. N. B. Broughton, of the firm of Edwards & Broughton, and one of the bidders, said that the comparison could not have been better made.

Mr. E. M. Uzzell, to whom the contract was awarded, said that the report contained more information concerning state printing than had ever been collected before, and indicated a vast amount of labor.—Raleigh News & Observer.

## RALEIGH'S PRIMARY HELD.

### The New System of Voting Works Admirably.

Raleigh, N. C., April 21.—A second primary will be held in Raleigh next Tuesday to nominate a mayor, a police justice, a tax collector and in the second division of the first ward a member of the executive committee.

The only official named by the city at large who received a majority yesterday was W. W. Wilson, the present city clerk. The vote for clerk was Willson 850, Jos. S. Correll 544.

In the second primary the two candidates receiving the highest vote will run again. The vote on mayor was Jas. I. Johnson 706, Frank Stronach 567, J. S. Wynne 228.

For police justice the race is now between Thomas Badger, who got 529 votes and B. C. Beckwith, who received 389. The other candidates for this office received: Chas. Separk 371, R. G. Reid 92, M. B. Barbee 63.

The second race for tax collector is between C. F. Lumsden, with 578 votes, and Jno. S. Jones with 372. Geo. S. Terrell received 279 and H. J. Heilig 226.

In the race for alderman Wm. Boylan got in by one majority in the first ward and J. Sherwood Upchurch has one majority in the second division of the fourth ward. The election was orderly and the Australian ballot system worked satisfactorily.

## Eve Surprised Him.

"And now, Johnny," said the Sunday school teacher "is there anything you don't understand about Eve and the serpent?"

"Yes'm."

"Well, what?"

"How'd Eve kent from havin' a fit when she seen it comin'?"—Detroit Tribune.

## GLENN WILLIAMS SICK.

### Is in New York for Treatment and Considered Seriously Sick.

Three big cases against N. Glenn Williams, the big Yadkin county distiller, which were to have been tried at Greensboro Federal court, have been transferred to Charlotte for trial in June. These cases have been continued from time to time since 1903.

One case is for alleged rectifying frauds, one for violating section 5451 of the revenue laws, and other libel suits on a bond for over \$15,000.

The cases had been set for trial last Wednesday, but Tuesday morning a statement was filed with Judge Boyd from Dr. Somers, of Winston, stating that the defendant had consulted him Monday, and finding him to be seriously ill had hurried him at once to Dr. Osler, the New York scientist. The cases were on this account transferred.

## SAM JONES IS HELD UP.

### Threat is Made That Unless Command is Obeyed, "Either You or I Must Die."

Montgomery, Ala., April 20.—Rev. Sam P. Jones, of Cartersville, Ga., the well known evangelist and lecturer had an unusual experience here today with another minister who threatened his life. Mr. Jones was in Montgomery en route to Tuskegee, Ala., where he tonight delivered a lecture to Booker Washington's school. Sam H. Wyndham, a Methodist preacher, whose home is at Dothan, Ala., accosted him on the street and persuaded him to accompany Wyndham to the latter's room in a hotel. No sooner were the two in Wyndham's room than the preacher turned to Mr. Jones, after first locking the door, and placing the key thereto in his pocket and said:

"G d has directed me to go to Dothan, (Ala.) and get married, and to take you with me to perform the ceremony. Then we are to conduct a meeting in Dothan, after which we will return to Montgomery and conduct a meeting here.

"If you don't assent to this either you or I must die."

### Jones' Escape

At this moment a bell boy knocked at the door and informed Mr. Jones that he was wanted at the telephone. Excusing himself he managed to leave the room and needless to say, did not return. He was followed to the depot, however, by Mr. Wyndham, who was arrested there by Detective Payne. Wyndham, who is a former inmate of an insane asylum, and who has been three times divorced from the woman he wishes to wed again, is held at police barracks as a suspicious character.

It is not known at this time just what disposition of his case will be made.

Among those going abroad for the London season there is a large sprinkling of Beef Trust employees.

Dr. Osler wants Congress to put an export tax on girls. The same law might well contain provision for an export bounty on physicians.

General Batianoff complains that "the Japanese are not only tricky." We have noticed that also that they generally manage to turn the odd trick.

Mr. Yerkes manifests touching sympathy with Chicago. It is noteworthy, however, that Mr. Yerkes never exhibited any of this tenderness when he was in control of the street railway situation in that city.

The Supreme court's labor law decision rendered by Alton B. Parker as Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals. Perhaps Judge Parker should not be blamed, however, as he rendered the decision after he had been made a presidential candidate and he naturally looked with a lenient eye on the claims and wishes of the labor agitators.

The U. S. Supreme Court, has delivered a knockout blow to the labor unions. The court, in the case of a New York law which limited the working day of employees in bakeries and confectionery shops to ten hours, has decided that no State has the right to place an arbitrary limit on the working day of those engaged in healthful occupations. This is equivalent to declaring unconstitutional in advance the eight hour labor law which the labor unions have been beseeching Congress to enact.

By inference, the United States Supreme Court holds that, by virtue of its right to protect the health of its citizens a State may place an arbitrary limit on the working day in those industries which are manifestly unhealthful.

When Governor Hanley of Indiana says he never saw the inside of a saloon his friends don't know whether to take it as a joke or a hint.

## AN EDITOR HAS A FIGHT.

### Editor Deal of Wilkesboro Chronicle Knocked Down by Agent Samuels.

North Wilkesboro special, 17th, to the Raleigh News and Observer.

There is blood in the face of the moon in the state of Wilkes. R. A. Deal, the fearless editor of the Wilkesboro Chronicle is badly disabled, owing to an assault made upon him by Revenue officers Samuels and Hasty, two of Blackburn's henchmen. The story of the affair which is shaking old Wilkes from center to circumference runs this way:

In the last issue of the Chronicle the following editorial appeared, headed: "Is it Graft or What?"

"There are some strange reports coming in from the Lewis Fork section. Six revenue officers went up there Monday. Our information is that word was sent up Saturday and on Sunday the coppers disappeared, and the revenueurs found nothing as usual. Our informant says it is commonly reported and believed that there are about fifteen blockade distilleries running pretty regularly, except for a day or so when the officers make their periodical visits and that each distiller puts \$30 a month into the 'missionary box' so as to receive the proper information concerning visits.

"Until last election Lewis Fork was a democratic township, but by involving many in revenue matters and promising them immunity from the law and making confidential arrangements with others, it gave a good majority for Blackburn at the last election. Hence this special favor to that township. The other day up in that section the champion blockade slooped hog was killed, weighing about 450 pounds and in order to keep off 'suspicion' they filled up some fellows and ladies of leisure and placed them along the highways to 'Ouse the Watts law,' while the hog slayer proceeded. Our informant says he knows what he is talking about. We do not know. It is fact, however, that most of the 'block' business in the county is done in that section and the revenueurs are unable to find a coo-per. They appear to look only for the democratic brand and they are not there. It's the republican 'special' that are doing the business."

When Officers Samuels and Hasty returned to Wilkesboro from Lewis Fork they were red in the face. Editor Deal, though having been sick in bed for several days, had gotten up and gone down to the postoffice to get his mail. He is a small, frail man, but of great courage. Samuels and Hasty met him and Samuels accosted him with the query:

"Who is the author of that damned lie?" Deal replied: "I don't know as I have to give it unless I want to."

"It is your own damned lie," replied Samuels, swinging his big fist full into Deal's face, knocking him down.

It was at once seen that Deal was senseless, but Samuels jumped on him beating him over the head and face.

Hotel Keeper Wehborn rushed to Deal's aid when Hasty drew a Colt's pistol and exclaimed: "I dare any man to touch Samuels. He is giving the damned scoundrel what he deserves."

But this did not hold back the crowd. Brave Mich Vannoy and C. U. Davis pulled Samuels off. An outraged public at once assembled and it looked as if the revenueurs would be dealt with on the spot, but wiser counsel prevailed. The revenueurs sneaked off to the mayor and begged to submit, but the mayor would take no submission and had them arrested and placed under bond to appear before him on the 21st.

By dark the streets at Wilkesboro were alive with mad men from the country districts, and it was with difficulty that violence to the revenueurs was prevented.

Next Saturday trouble is feared when the revenueurs are tried for the assault on Deal. Messrs. Fiely and Hendren, W. W. Barber and J. W. McNeill are to prosecute, while it is said the new convert, H. L. Greene, will defend. This looks like another chapter in the Yerkes eighth district contract with the distillers.

The Watts law and the Federal laws are defied. It is time for President Roosevelt and Governor Glenn to take hold.

## Pointed Paragraphs.

We all think we got the worst of it. It does not take up any more time to be polite than disagreeable.

It is not what you say, but how you say it. It means friends or enemies.

Don't neglect work that is really important for reform work that doesn't amount to anything.

It is the involuntary impulse of nine in ten when picking up a postal card to turn it over to see what is written on it.

Those women who look "as if a wind could blow them away" can usually sweep and dust all around their heavier sisters.

Occasionally a person is smart enough to accept a favor and get things twisted around until he seems to be the one who is conferring a benefit.—Arlinton Globe.

## SCHOOLS GET \$200,000.

### All This Fund has Been Disbursed by the Treasurer.

State Treasurer B. R. Lacy has completed the disbursements of the school fund of \$200,000 to the public schools of the various counties. This sum is composed of the \$100,000 which was distributed per capita, and the \$100,000 to increase the school terms to four months. This is the only disbursement to schools made during the year by the state treasurer.

The county to receive the largest apportionment for school purposes was Wilkes, which was given \$5,734.23.

Dare county receives the smallest amount in the regular per capita disbursement, this being only \$242.80, but the supplemental amount it gets increases its total to \$2,549.90, which makes it the largest distribution in proportion to population. Dare county pays only \$1,400 in taxes.

## Slayer of Sergius Sentenced.

Moscow, April 18.—The supreme court today imposed the death sentence on Kaleiff, who killed Grand Duke Sergius. The only person present through the trial were members of the entourage of the late Grand Duke Sergius and counsel, of whom two were assigned to Kaleiff. The prisoner's mother was not admitted, but remained in the corridor.

When Kaleiff was arraigned he replied, "I am not a criminal and you are not my judges. I am a prisoner. We have a civil war; I am a prisoner of war, not a criminal." Twelve witnesses were examined. Prior to passing sentence the president asked Kaleiff if he would repeat the crime if he were given his liberty. He replied, "Without doubt I would repeat it if ordered by the revolutionary committee, to which I am attached."

When sentence of death was passed Kaleiff shouted:

"Execute your judgement as openly as I have acted before the eyes of all."

The date of the execution has not been specified.

Prominent members of Congress believe that the stand-patters have won a victory over President Roosevelt and that no tariff revision will be accomplished at the next session of Congress. Perhaps that is just as well. No adequate revision could be expected from the present Congress and if none is attempted the people will insure a Democratic majority in the next house.

Some of the Republican statesmen are taking seriously the proposition of the whiskey distillers and the brewers that there be imposed a tariff on coffee. They admit that such a tax would prove a hardship to the poor people but they think it would yield more revenue without sacrificing the interests of the "infant industries."

The Senate committee on Interstate Commerce is now holding daily sessions with the purpose of recommending to Congress such railway rate legislation as will least annoy their friends, the railway magnates.

Mr. E. H. Harriman has already picked his candidate for President for 1908, in the person of Charles Warren Fairbanks. This means the opposition of Mr. J. P. Morgan to Mr. Fairbanks and several aspirants for high preferment are seeking the favor of the railway king. Of course the people are not to be consulted in the selection of a Republican candidate for President.

Senators who have come to Washington to hold railway rate hearings declare their belief that there will be no extra session next fall. It is, of course, impossible to make predictions on this subject with certainty, but it may be asserted without the slightest doubt that at the present time the President expects to call Congress in extraordinary session some time in October.

## NEW RAILROAD SCHEME.

### Asheville North Carolina to be One Terminus.

A railway connecting Asheville with Weaverville, the educational town ten miles north of this city and the gateway to the Yancey county section, over which there has been much talk the past few years, and toward which there has been directed much energy and labor, is practically an assured fact, and the dream of the people of the northern section of Buncombe for a railway seems to be shortly realized.

It was learned from an authoritative source that the road will be built by the Asheville and Craggy Mountain Railway Company, commonly known as the Howland Improvement Company, the steam road from the terminus of the trolley line in Charlotte street to Beaver Dam, and that in all probability work will be commenced in ten days.

A committee of citizens of Weaverville has for some time been engaged in securing rights of way between the new bridge across the French Broad river, four miles below Asheville, and the town of Weaverville, and so successfully has this work been accomplished that, with the exception of two or three properly owners, deeds granting rights of way for the road have been signed.

Two surveys have been made for the proposed road, it is said, but as yet no selection has been made as to which route will be adopted. It is probable, however, that a station will be built almost in the heart of the town.

The road will be operated for the accommodation of both freight and passengers. It will be broad-gauge and will be operated by steam locomotives.

By the terms of the rights of way, granted by property owners, the company is obligated to complete the road within eighteen months. It is believed that with the completion of the road to Weaverville it will be extended to Burnsville, in Yancey county, a distance of forty miles.

## MR. GUDGER IN RALEIGH.

### The Congressman Visits Capital City on Professional Business.

Congressman J. M. Gudger, Jr., spent yesterday in the city and left for his home in Asheville on an early train this morning. He spent some time in the office of the secretary of state looking up a number of land grants and procured a charter for the Madison county Bank.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Gudger called on Governor Glenn for the purpose of filing an application for the pardon of Ephriam Hensley, a white man serving three years in the penitentiary for manslaughter. He submitted to the charge without trial and was sentenced by agreement of the solicitor and counsel for the defense, the latter being Mr. Gudger. The sentence was imposed at the February term of the Madison county court. The charge against the prisoner was aiding and abetting in the killing of a white woman by the name of Rachel Shelton. The shot that killed the woman was fired by Andy Hensley, who really shot at another man with whom he and Ephriam Hensley were engaged in a row. Andy Hensley succeeded in making his escape and has never been caught.

The contention is that Ephriam really had very little if anything to do with the killing, further that he is an old and inoffensive man, being 64 years old and that whatever degree of guilt he may be he has already been sufficiently punished.

The governor has as yet taken no action in the matter. Along with the application filed by Mr. Gudger is a recommendation from the solicitor of the district that the pardon be granted. Also endorsements on the application from a number of citizens who are familiar with the case.

Last night Congressman Gudger had a conference at the Yarrowburgh with Mr. M. L. Shipman, assistant commissioner of labor and printing, who is chairman of the democratic executive committee of the Tenth congressional district, and directed the strenuous campaign last fall in which Mr. Gudger was re-elected to congress by a greatly increased majority.—Post.

The president has taken steps to prevent any legitimate news regarding his hunting expedition from getting into print. In the mean time he must not be surprised if the newspapers describe his shooting flying bears on the wing and other equally improbable feats of prowess.

## NEGRO RUNNING FOR OFFICE.

### The G. A. R. Witnesses an Interesting Scramble.

A special from Newport News says that at the meeting of the department of North Carolina and Virginia of the Grand Army of the Republic yesterday there was a hot fight between Chas. H. Osborne, prominent white man at Phoebus, Va., and Isaac Powell, colored of New Bern, for the office of commander, the negro losing by only three votes. The special follows:

Newport News, Va., April 19.—Department of Virginia and North Carolina, Grand Army of the Republic, held its annual encampment in the theater of the National Soldiers' Home at Hampton today. About 100 delegates were in attendance. Capt. John C. Fowler, of Richmond, department commander, presided over the sessions of the encampment. Just before adjournment this evening the following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

Commander, Charles H. Osborne, Phoebus, Va.; senior vice commander, Isaac Powell (colored), New Bern, N. C.; junior vice commander, Lewis Daley, Norfolk, Va.; medical director, Dr. James P. Carter, Norfolk; chaplain, Henry Rook, Portsmouth; assistant adjutant, A. A. Hager, Phoebus; delegates to national convention encampment at Denver, Dr. James P. Carter, Norfolk, and Frank M. Worth, National Soldiers' Home; alternates, W. A. Parsons, Richmond, and Francis McCabe, Soldiers' Home.

There was a hot fight between Osborne and Powell for office of Commander, the negro losing by only three votes.

The women's Federation of Clubs is discussing the question, "What is the best preventive of divorce?" If we were consulted we should venture to suggest three good meals a day served at home every day in the year.

It is unkind to suggest that a presidential candidate possessed of the fire and enthusiasm of Vice President Fairbanks would have to go hunting on an ice-breaker after polar bears.

There is something wrong with our judicial system. Many of the Postoffice officials who were indicted under circumstances which left little doubt of their guilt are still at large and untried.

## His Grief.

"John," said Mrs. Twicewood, you are a brute! You don't express any sorrow that my mother is dying. I don't believe you'd care if all my relatives died!"

"Yes, I would, Maria," answered the brute cheerfully. "I often find myself greiving over the death of your first husband."

## An Idea of the Loss.

We read the report that 200,000 men were killed and wounded on both sides in the battle of Mukden, without fully realizing what those awful figures mean. Here are a few aids to the imagination. Two hundred thousand casualties equal:

- Three hundred Iroquois Theatre disasters.
- A hundred and fifty Slocum disasters.
- Eighty Johnstown floods.
- Thirty Galveston floods.
- The total population—men, women and children—of a city like Minneapolis.
- The population of the states of Idaho and Nevada combined.
- The entire Boer population, of both sexes and all ages, of the two South African republics which resisted the whole power of the British empire for over two years.—Collier's Weekly.

## Costliest Pup in the World.

The costliest pup in the world is scheduled to reach America in the next few days. This collie puppy, Southport Sculptor, was purchased in England by Samuel Untermeyer, and is now on its way to America.

On its arrival here it will be taken to the kennels of the owner at Greystone, the country place of Mr. Untermeyer. The price paid for the dog was 700 pounds, or \$8,500.

Mr. Untermeyer has never seen the dog for which he has paid out this big sum of money and will not until it reaches America. He was familiar with the bench record of the puppy and the purchase on the advice of his agents in England.