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## NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

### The News of Old North State Gathered and Put in Condensed Form.

**FOUND WITH THROAT CUT.**

**Mangum Martin, Business Man of Concord, Believed to Have Been Murdered and a Pistol Placed in His Hand For Deception.**

Concord, Special.—A ghastly sight was found Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock by Mary Stafford, a 12-year-old negro girl, when she stumbled over the dead body of Mangum Martin, a well-known business men of the western part of the city. His throat was cut and four bullet wounds were in his head. A pistol holding one cartridge with four empty chambers was found lying loosely in the left hand. He was lying on his back; his feet crossed with his right hand on his right breast. Martin left his store Thursday evening about 8 o'clock, stating to a son that he would be back in a few minutes, but did not return. Believing that something had happened to their father, his five sons began a search for him, in connection with the police authorities. The body was found about 500 yards below the Southern depot on the east side of the railroad, within less than 300 feet of the brick kilns at Brown's brick yard. Mr. Martin left his place of business with $400 on his person, more than $300 being in gold coin A small pocket knife, a box of morphine tablets and 70 cents in money were found on him when the examination was made by Dr. Robert S. Young and Coroner George Richmond. It is believed by a great many that Martin was murdered for his money, and the pistol placed in his left hand to make it appear that the man committed suicide.

This is one of the most horrifying crimes that has ever been committed in this city, and the authorities are already making efforts to ferret out the mystery.

**Slashed a Conductor.**

Asheville, Special. — Joseph W. Brunson, Jr., a railway conductor running between Asheville and Columbia was badly gashed about the head and face by a knife in the hands of Ed Miller, a young white man of this city. Brunson received five slashes. He knocked Miller down and took the knife from him. Miller was arrested. The indications are that Brunson will recover. The fight was the result of an altercation, started by Brunson asking why Miller did not pay a debt he owned him, it is said.

**Big Industrial Corporation.**

Asheville, Special.—It was learned here on absolutely reliable inforamation that a great commercial and industrial corporation is being formed in this section of North Carolina for the establishment and development of industrial enterprises. The capital stock of the corporation will be $5,000,000. Of this amount more than two and one-half million dollars have already ben subscribed and it is believed that the remainder of the five million will be subscribed in six weeks or two months.

**Mother's Peculiar Death.**

Asheville, Special.—A sudden and peculiar death occurred here Friday afternoon. Mrs. Effie Ingle, while attempting to administer a thrashing to her 12-year-old son, was struck by the boy, became overbalanced and, falling to the floor, ruptured a valve of the heart and died in a few seconds.

Charters are granted to the Rockingham Motor Company, at Rockingham, to own and opearte automobiles ,repair the same, etc., $10,000 capital stock, W. N. Everett and others stockholders; the Lenoir Hardware & Furniture Co., at Lenoir, to do a wholesale business, capital $125,000 W. J. Lenoir and others stockholders; the Wilson Marine Grocery Company, Wilmington, wholesale grocers, canners, etc., capital $25,000.

The premium list of the forty-seventh annual State fair October 14th to 19th is issued. E. L. Daughtridge is president of the North Carolina Agricultural Society which holds these fairs which rank among the most successful in the entire South. The board of agriculture this year allows $750 for special premiums for field and garden crops and 14 special crops have been selected all staple crops, in each case the first premium is $25; the second $15 and the third $5. There will also be a set of valuable premiums for truck crops. One of the features of the fair will be the speech by Williams Jennings Bryan Thursday, October 17th.

**Revenue Officer Shot.**

North Wilkesboro, Special.—In a raid up in the Reddies river country on the Wilkesboro and Jefferson turnpike Revenue Officer John T. Shepherd was hot and painfully though not seriously wounded. Officer Shepherd with several other officers, were on their way to cut up a blockade still which had been located not far off the turnpike. Shepherd was in a buggy some distance ahead of the other officers and on arriving in the neighborhood of the still, he stopped to wait for them. He had got out of the buggy and was sitting on the fence beside the road when two unknown men, led by a man named Miller, came across the field and suddenly fired at him twice with a shot gun, knocking him from the fence. several No. 6 shot struck him in the head and others scattered all over his body. His team, standing in the road below, was either struck by some shot or frightened by the noise and ran off, tearing up the buggy. Officer Shepherd recovered himself in time to fire several times at his assailants who were running back across the field, but they escaped, and by the time the other officers came up the still and all fixtsrueerus en-ofiifKPa still and all fixtures had been carried away. Mr. Shepherd was brought here his wounds were dressed and he is now resting as comfortably as could be expected. Miller and the men who were with him when the shooting took place have not yet been captured.

**Herrmit's Hidden Money.**

Asheville, Special.—The executor of the estate of the late William Job Cleveland, the "hermit," of Swannanoa township near Asheville, who committed suicide recently at the age of 86 years, has filed with the clerk of the court an inventory of the estate. It is found that Cleveland left nearly one thousand dollars, all of which was found buried about the premises; also the farm in Swannanoa and 879 shares of stock in concerns and corporations in Georgia, Alabama, New Jersey and North Dakota. The par value of all the stock is more than ten thousand dollars. Although it has not yet been determined just what market value of the holdings will be. The old "hermit" lived a beggarly life at his river home, subsisting for the most part on canned goods. He was generally regarded as queer and the finding of nearly one thousand dollars secreted on the premises causes no surprise. It is believed that there is still other money hid about the place.

**A Human Tigress.**

New Bern, Special.—News comes from Jones Bay or Hobucken, Pamlico county, of the brutal murder of two little negro children, by an infurated woman. Saturday the two children, whose names were not learned were playing before the door of Barbara Tarum who lived near their own when the woman came out and ordered them to leave. The children didn't leave at once, which made the woman mad, and she ran into the house and caught up a gun and deliberately shot them both down as they were running away. One of the children lived about four hours after the shooting and died. The other still had life at last accounts but is not expected to recover. The woman who is a negro was soon arrested and carried to Bayboro where she is now lodged in jail.

**Brains Kicked Out.**

Lenoir, Special.—Mr. James Hickerson was seriously and most probably fatally kicked by a mule late Friday evening near Patterson. The mule kicked him on the head and quite a little of the brain was knocked out. He is still living but unconscious. He has charge of twenty or more teams belonging to J. M. Barnhardt, which haul lumber.

**Bar-Keeper. Uses Monkey Wrench**

Asheville, Special—A nasty affray occurred here when Wiley P. Black, a local bar-keeper inflicted serious injuries with a monkey wrench on one J. C. Wallace, a well-known blacksmith of this city. Wallace was pretty badly beaten up. The trouble grew out of a debt which it is alleged Black owed Wallace. Wallace had done some work, it is said, on one of Black's carriages when the latter sent for the vehicle and Wallace sent back word that the money for the repairs also be sent. The trouble resulted from this and a wordy battle.

## STATE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

**List of Those Recently Licensed By the State Superintendent.**

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction announced the names of those who have been issued certificates as teachers in the new rural high schools. These have qualified themselves as principles of such schools. One of the particular requirments for the latter position is the knowledge of Latin and Greek The list follows: C. B. Alexander, Mattehws; Fred Archer, Chapel Hill; B. W. Allen, Franklinton; W. H. Albright, Liberty; W. F. Allen, Southern Pines; W. J. Beale, Pendleton; W. T. R. Bell, Rutherfordton; N. B. Clayton, Chapel Hill; Miss Laura V. Cox, Winterville; Frank Culbreath, Fayetteville; Mark B. Clegg, Crouse; J. E. Crutchfield, Lillington; Miss Emma Culbreath, Clinton; E. P. Dixon, Liberty; George C. Davidson, Fayetteville; J. M. Downum, Gastonia; J. E. B. Davis, Pine Level; J. B. Everett, Robertsonville; H. W. Earley, Aulander; B. L. Ellis, Clinton; W. R. Freman, Dobson; G. M. Guthrie, Englehardt; M. S. Giles, Fonta Flora; R. C. Holton, Atlantic; L. L. Hargrave, Lumber Bridge; Jackson Hamilton, Marshville; George W Holmes, Henderson; John L. Harris, Lenoir; Holand Holton, Durham; L. R. Hoffman, Lowel; Miss Pearl Johnson, Pittsboro; T. H. King, LaGrange; Alexander H. Koonce, Roper; Miss Meter S. Liles, Tarboro; S. T. Liles, Wiliamston; S. G. Lindsay, Dallas; Miss Elenor D. Mundy, Barboursville; E. L. Middleton, Cary; M. F. McCanness, Chapel Hill; H. C. Marshal, Bryson City; Harlie McCall, Florence; K. H. McIntyre, Holly Springs; Charles E. McCanness, Trinity; Miss Ada D. Michell, Lexington; Miss Clara M. Pegg, Madison; Miss Mary H. Phelps, Scotland Neck; Luther B. Pendergrass, Durham; Miss Susan B. Kenny, Raleigh; E. M. Rawlins, Raleigh; William Robinson, Wilmington; H. E. Riggs, Dobson; A. C. Sherrill, Stanley; A. B. Staley, Pittsboro; Preston Stamps, Parkton; J. I. Singletary, Bladenboro; M. Shepard, Orrum; E. G. Settlemyre, Granite Falls; W. B. Shinn, Ganite Quarry; B. I. Cary, Warsaw; James Templeton, Cary, Warsaw; W. W. Woodhouse, Whiteoak; A. V. Wooseley, Pleasant Garden; L. L. White, Jamestown; G. B. Wetmore, Woodleaf; E. L. Wagoner, Whitehead; A. P. Whizenhunt, Hickory.

**Meeting of Fruit Growers.**

Wilmington, Special.—The eleventh annual meeting of the East Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers Association was held Wednesday afternoon and was well attended. President Wm. E. Springer presided and all the officers were present except Vice President J. A. Brown. The important business transacted was providing means for carrying on the work of the association in view of the destruction of the machinery for colecting the 1 cent per crate tax on berries by Hepburn bill, and the failure of the bill providing this machinery before the late session of the General Assembly.

**Increasing Electric Power.**

Mount Airy, Special.—The city authorities are increasing the eletric power at Buck Shoal power plant by putting in another big wheel. This increase of power will be of great benefit to the city as the lights are not what the business men and residents are paying for. But these difficulties will be out of the way soon and the city will then be the best lighted place in the western part of the State.

**New Enterprises.**

Charters are granted the Bank of Grover, Cleveland county, capital stock $10,000; the Universal Wire Box Company, Durham, $100,000, C. O. Ullman, of Chicago and others stockholders; Eagle Rock Manufacturing Company, at place of that name, Wake county, $25,000; Carolina Amusement Company, Bryson City, to operate a skating rink, etc., $10,000.

**Items of State Interest.**

There are 99 cases on the docket of Durham County Superior Court for violations of the prohibition law.

P. M. Brown, of Charlotte, has bought the Raleigh Acadaemy of Music, paying $36,000 for it.

Mooresville's new three-story public school building was completed last week.

In a test case in Greensboro the new law requiring the payment of board bills was applied. Formerly one could not force payment of a board bill, but now colection can be made legally.

## GENERAL NEWS CONDENSED

**News of Interest Gathered From All Parts of the Country—Paragraphs of More or Less Importance—What the World 's Doing.**

Nearly all of the Governments represented at The Hague have instructed their delegates to work in favor of obligatory arbitration.

The New Zealand Legislative Council rejected the bill making women eligible to election to the upper house.

Two Germans and 110 Chinese were killed by a dynamite explosion in a Chinese mine.

Attorney-General Bonaparte telegraphs District Attorney Parsons, of Alabama, that the entire power of the Government will be used to enforce the decree of the Federal courts.

Mr. Bonaparte says he has no intention of resigning, but is working hard on the trust cases.

J. D. Uzzell, negro editor who is held responsible for much of the recent race trouble on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, gave himself up at Oancock and was taken to Norfolk under strong guard and locked up in the Norfolk jail. Uzzell surrendered to Colonel Nottingham.

Prince Wilhelm, of Sweden, had a busy day sightseeing at Jamestown and attending social functions in his honor. He awarded the trophies to the victors in the boat races between the American and Swedes.

The "Black Elijah" and his followers, who have been creating great excitement among the negroes of Richmond have departed.

Mr. J. N. Wilkinson, of Norfolk, was found drowned in the Elizabeth river.

President Roosevelt declared in his Provincetown speech that there was to be no let-up in his trust and railroad policy.

Senator Foraker in an interview, says there can be no peace between him and Taft.

Two mailbags with $250,000 were stolen from a train on the way from Denver to Chicago.

The arrest of a well-known Armenian in Chicago, it is thought may solve the murders of Father Casper and Tavshanjian, the rich Armenian merchant.

The submarine boat Viper, showed her ability to remain out at sea four days and met every test.

The present Eddy suit has been dropped by the attorneys for the next friends, who say they will shortly begin a new one.

Senator Foraker made a speech in reply to that of Secretary Taft.

Jacob H. Schiff said the Administration's policies were not to blame for the financial situation but ascribed the changes to natural causes.

Ex-Mayor Paul C. Barth of Louisville, committed suicide because he had been legislated out of office and chiticised.

Julius Teich, in a fit of jealousy killed his wife and himself in their New York flat.

Mrs. Lena Scham a widow was murdered in her apartments in Brooklyn. A rejected suitor is reported missing.

Forest fires are doing great damage in Massachusetts and Michigan.

William J. Bryan after a wreck at Rockville, Ill., said he would soon reply to Secretary Taft's speech.

The grave of La Flora S. Baker, a lumberman, was opened after 14 years to satisfy a partner he was really buried.

J. P. Morgan returned from abroad and only smiled when asked if he had read the President's speech.

The report of the Judge-Advocate General shows that nearly half the enlisted men in the army have been tried on some charge the last year.

An 8-year-old boy killed his 2-year-old sister, in York, Pa., with a revolver he didn't know was loaded.

William Hicks was held up in the suburbs of Philadelphia by robbers who got $6,000 and citizens caught two of the three highwaymen and recovered the money.

Emperor William toasted Emporor Francis Joseph as friend and ally and King Edward gave a banquet in honor of his birthday.

Secretary Taft left Washington on the first stage of his around-the-world tour.

Government officials are wondering what is behind the mysterious demand for an investigation into the early transactions of the Chicago and Alton Railroad.

Work on delimiting the boundary between Siam and French-Indo China will soon be commenced.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce gave a love feast to cement the friendship between the United States and Japan.

The International Socialist Congress began at Stuttgart, Germany.

With the telegraph strike a week old each side professes to be as confident as ever.

Three persons were killed and two probably fatally injured when an express train struck an automobile near Great Barrington, Mass.

A large water main in the Shenandoah Valley burst on Sunday and the people of Berryville are now without water, except what can be drawn from cisterns. It will be several days before the break can be repaired.

Major Hemphill, of the Charleston News and Courier, is boomed as a candidate for the United States Senate.

Chaplain Harry W. Jones, United States Navy, gave bail in Norfolk for his appearance in court to face a charge of larceny.

Mr. J. W. Lloyd, a prominent farmer of near Kearneyville, was struck by a Baltimore and Ohio eastbound fast freight Sunday while walking on the track near his farm. He is said to have a fair chance to recover, although internally injured.

**On Track Drunk; Is Killed.**

Kinston, Special.—Eastbound passenger tarin No. 4 on the Norfolk & Southern ran over and killed a white man named Loftin Barfield Friday afternoon shortly after leaving La Grange. Barfield's home is at Lenoir Institute, this county. He was drunk and sitting on the track. His neck was broken and one leg cut off. He was brought to this city and turned over to undertakers. The remains will be sent to his family at Lenoir Institute for burial.

**Will Be No Tariff Revision.**

Washington, D. C., Special.—There will be no revision of tariff in the next Congress, said Chairman Payne of the Ways and Means Committee of the House. "In my opinion, there is a tacit agreement among the Republicans that it would be unwise to agitate revision on the eve of a presidential election. I don't anticipate any depression in the industries of our country and I am certainly not at all worried by the so-called financial panic."

Peanuts are beginning to form an appreciable and rapidly growing item in the foreign commerce of the United States, especially in the import trade, notes the Farmer's Home Journal. Despite the fact that the United States produces probably 12 million bushels of peanuts per annum, her exportations have been in such inconsiderable quantities that the Bureau of Statistics has only recently found it necessary to include peanuts in its list of articles exported. Meantime the imports have also rapidly increased and the total foreign commerce in this article in the year about to end will aggregate nearly one million dollars, the imports having grown in value from less than $6,000 in the year 1900 to about a half million dollars in the present year, while exports for the year will approximate about 300 thousand dollars.

It begins to look, declares the Dallas News, as if the Czar's promises are subject to as great discount as Russian bonds.—Dallas News.

**A MECHANIC-PRIEST.**

**Cure Mends Motor Cars When Not Engaged in Holy Offices.**

Near the northern coast of France, on a route much frequented by motorists, lies the village of Graincourt. Here a beautiful little church is set high among the trees, with a tower reflected tranquilly in a lake that sleeps beside the road, and a cemetery that is buried in verdure. Close by is the home of the priest and around it a strange litter of bicycles, motor cycles, automobiles, oil cans and tools, while the open doors of an out-building reveal on one side a kind of garage, on the other a repair shop. From this building, as the tourist approaches comes a tall figure, with the body of an athlete and the head of a missionary, with bright eyes and a grizzled beard, a kindly smile and muscular arms bared to the elbow. Is this the cure of Graincourt or is it the village mechanic? He is both. Times are hard, since the law separating church from State went into effect, and one must live, explains the cure.

M. le Cure is no martyr, however. His father was a smith, and he grew up with a passion for tools. When the bicycle came in he became an amateur specialist, and the fifteen years he has been mending punctured tires and repairing broken pedals for his flock free of charge. Then came the motor car. With its mysterious life, so powerful in its frail envelope. The motor car won the heart of the cure. He loves it and thinks he understands it. He has even built a car and a motor cycle for himself.

And so the fame of the mechanical cure of Graincourt has gone abroad throughout all the country, and at last he has decided, without any scruple, to make a business of what has formerly been a pastime. He believes in his simple soul that he can be just as good a priest, can administer the sacraments and hear confessions just as well, while he earns his living with his ten fingers.—New York Tribune.

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