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## NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

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

### Her Purse Snatched.

Charlotte, Special. — The purse-snatchers in Charlotte are continuing operations without a let up, and another bold attempt was reported by the police, this making perhaps the twelfth or fifteenth to take place recently. The victim was Miss Josephine Worrel, stenographer in a local insurance office. She was seized and thrown to the ground and her purse torn loose from her hand, to which it was fastened, by a ribbon. The continuous repetition of these offenses all of which are the work of black men has stirred the city to a considerable degree. The police are exhausting every means to capture the supposed gang of purse-snatchers. Miss Worrel came to the city last Sunday from Atlanta, Ga., and had just taken up her residence at No. 704 East Fourth street. She has a position in the office of the New York Life Insurance Company. She carried in her purse about \$30. The police officers thought that two of the leading purse-snatchers who have been operating in this city, had been captured in the person of Roper Wallace and J. A. Swopsey, colored, one of whom was arrested Tuesday and the other Wednesday. The occurrence, however, indicates that these two are not entitled to blame for all of this fiendish work that has been going on. There are evidences of the fact that the snatchers are organized and judging from the success of their efforts lately, they must be well organized. They are about as shrewd a set of law-breakers as the local officers ever met with. A reward of \$100 has been offered by the mayor for the capture of the party or parties guilty, and public feeling is very high.

### Young Lady Attempts Suicide.

Gastonia, Special.—Miss Bell Nichols, a well known young lady of Grover, attempted to commit suicide Tuesday. The effort at self-destruction was due to a fit of mental derangement to which she has been subjected for several months. Miss Nichols had been under the treatment of physicians for the past three or four months, but recently returned to her father's home near Grover, apparently very much improved. Tuesday morning she borrowed her father's pocket knife on the plea that she wanted to trim her finger nails. A short time afterward she mysteriously disappeared from the premises. The alarm was sent out and a searching party consisting of about thirty-five people was organized and a search begun. After several hours the young woman was found late Tuesday afternoon, wandering around in a patch of woods near the town. She had cut her breast open, stabbed herself near the heart and slashed herself a number of times on the neck. She had removed her shoes and had wandered around, apparently crazed, but thinly clad. She was taken at once to her home and physicians dressed her wounds. These are not considered of sufficient seriousness to cause death, but the doctor fears that she has contracted pneumonia from spending the day in the woods, thinly clad and with portions of her body exposed to the cold.

### Six Deaths.

Tarboro, Special.—County Health Officer, Dr. W. J. Thigpen, reports six deaths in Tarboro during the month of January. Three of these were under two years of age.

### Killed His Wife.

Asheville, Special.—A special from Marshall tells of another murder committed in Madison county Thursday night when Mrs. John W. Rondon was done to death. The husband is accused of the crime which was committed near Barnard and the message stated that officers had gone from Marshall to place Rondon under arrest.

### School Term Shortened.

High Point, Special.—At a meeting of the school board this week it was decided to have only eight months of school this year instead of nine as has been the case the past several years. This was made necessary on account of the money in hand. For sometime an eight month school term was held but the board thought best to give the pupils as many months in the year as possible and would not now be changed if the money sufficient was available.

### Has Two Husbands.

Winston-Salem, Special. — During the recent session of the legislature a bill passed validating the marriage of Joseph Ridenhour to Mrs. John Davis, both of Davidson county. Mrs. Davis, who was a Miss Reid, married John Davis. Davis left the country and was gone a number of years. Hearing that he was dead, his wife, many years after his disappearance, was married to Joseph Ridenhour. Some time ago Davis came back to Davidson county and found his wife married again. Her position was embarrassing, because she thus had two husbands living although all parties were innocent of any wrong in connection with the marriage. Accordingly the legislature was asked to validate the second marriage. Senator Redwine opposed the bill, contending that if it passed the woman would thus have two husbands living. Senator Blair favored the bill and spoke highly of the woman. The bill passed its reading in the Senate by practically a unanimous vote.

### Statesville's New Bank.

Statesville, Special. — The Merchants & Farmers Bank, the new banking institution, has secured temporary quarters with the Statesville Realty & Investment Company on Center street, and Messrs. F. B. Bunch and J. A. Knox, officials of the bank, are busy completing arrangements to open for business. All of the capital stock has been paid in and the company has filed its report with the corporation commission. The certificate from commission is expected Thursday or Friday and the bank expects to open for business next Wednesday, the 12th. The business will be conducted from the offices of the Realty & Investment Company until the bank's permanent quarters in the Patterson & Anderson block are ready for occupancy.

### Look Out For Fake Dollars.

Salisbury, Special.—Spurious silver dollars of the date of 1899 are being freely circulated in Salisbury and officers are at work on the case, with a fair clue to the original dispenser of the curios. The coin is a splendid imitation and one was recovered by Grocer H. E. Ruffy last Saturday evening without question. Another was presented him by a lad whom Mr. Ruffy detained and questioned. The boy said his father had given him the money to make some purchases and inquiry of the father proved the truth of the lad's statement. The man said he had been given the money by a Spencer merchant and it is this clue upon which the officers are working.

### Another \$10,000 Suit.

Hickory, Special.—Reports has it that this city is to have another suit for \$10,000 for false arrest and imprisonment. Some time ago, in the night time, a gang of masqued men tore up the C. & N. W. railroad track on the north side of the Hickory freight depot. Next morning the section boss, with his crew of men, started to put the track back. Mayor Ciley forbid it. But the section boss would not listen to the city officers, and proceeded to put the track back. The policemen arrested him and placed him in the lockup. He was not locked up but a little while. Now it is stated that he has sued Mayor Ciley (who since then has resigned as mayor) and the city for \$10,000 damages for false imprisonment.

### Buy Interest in Winston-Salem Co.

Winston-Salem, Special.—W. J. Brothers, of Eastern North Carolina, has acquired by purchase a considerable interest in the A. F. Messick Grocery Company and will make this city his home after March 1st. He will have an official position with the above well known wholesale grocers with whom it is understood he has made a considerable investment.

### Farmers Holding Cotton.

Charlotte, Special.—There is no doubt of the fact that farmers in Mecklenburg are holding to their cotton this month with more than usual tenacity. The recent meeting of the State Division of the Southern Cotton Association, and the near approach of the annual meeting of the Southern Cotton Association in Dallas, Texas, have undoubtedly served to stimulate the farmers to more stringent efforts in holding their cotton.

## PRESIDENT ANSWERS CHARGE

President Roosevelt Answers Charge of Playing Politics

### GIVES REASONS FOR HIS ACTS

Chief Executive Characterizes the Charges as "False and Malicious," and in an Exceedingly Lengthy Epistle to William Dudley Foulke, of Richmond, Indiana, He Enters Into a Detailed Defense.

Washington, Special. — President Roosevelt has made answer to the recent statements that he has made use of Federal patronage to further the presidential interests of Secretary Taft. The answer is in the form of a letter addressed to William Dudley Foulke, of Richmond, Indiana, and includes a letter from Mr. Foulke to the President suggesting the need of such a statement.

The President begins by characterizing the charges as "false and malicious." He follows this with an analysis of all appointments sent by him to the senate for its action to show that in no case has the proximity of a presidential contest influenced his action. The President's letter to Mr. Foulke in part follows:

#### The President's Letter.

The statement that I have used the offices in the effort to nominate any presidential candidate is both false and malicious. It is the usual imaginative invention which flows from a desire to say something injurious. Remember that those now making this accusation were busily engaged two months ago in asserting that I was using the offices to secure my own renomination. It is the kind of accusation which for the next few months will be rife. This particular slander will be used until exploded, and when exploded those who have used it will promptly invent another. Such being the case, I almost question whether it is worth while answering; but as it is you who ask why, the answer you shall have.

Since the present Congress assembled two months ago I have sent to the Senate the names of all the officials I have appointed for the entire period since Congress adjourned on the 4th of March last, that is for 11 months. Excluding army and navy officers, scientific experts, health officers, and those of the revenue cutter service. I have made during this period about 1,352 appointments subject to the confirmation by the Senate, 1,164 being postmasters. Of these, appointments in the diplomatic and consular services and in the Indian service have been made without regard to politics; in the diplomatic and consular services more Democrats than Republicans having been appointed, as we are trying to even up the quotas of the Southern States. In nominating judges I have treated politics as a wholly secondary consideration, and instead of relying solely upon the recommendations of either Senators or Congressmen, have always conducted independent inquiries myself personally through members of the bench or the bar whom I happen to know, or through Attorney General Bonaparte, Secretary Taft, who was himself a judge, Secretary Root, because of his great experience at the bar, or Senator Knox, who was formerly my Attorney General. In a number of the other offices, chiefly assistant secretaries or heads of bureaus here at Washington, but also Governors of Territories or men holding peculiar position—such for instance, as that of commissioner of education in Porto Rico—and also in a few other cases, notably those of marshals in certain of the Western States, but including various officers, also here and there throughout the Union, I have either felt that the position was of such a character that the initiative in the choice could only with propriety come from me or from one of the Cabinet officers, or else I have happened to know of a man of such peculiar qualifications that I desired to appoint him on my own initiative.

The President goes at length into all his appointments, and shows that he has in no instance shown a purpose to further the interests of any candidate, but has had only the good of the public service in view.

### Pert Paragraphs.

Credence should be given to one skilled in his particular profession. Private rights must yield to public convenience in case of necessity. He who doeth iniquity shall not have equity. A green winter makes a fat churchyard.—Old Saying. In the British Columbia Parliament it was declared the residents of Vancouver might arm against the Japanese. So. 7-'08.

### PURE FOOD

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Dr. Geo. W. Carey in his book on "The Biochemic System of Medicine" says:

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"Of course, there is a trace of other salts and other organic matter in nerve-fluid, but potassium phosphate is the chief factor, and has the power within itself to attract, by its own law of affinity, all things needed to manufacture the elixir of life. Therefore, when nervous symptoms arise, due to the fact that the nerve-fluid has been exhausted from any cause, the phosphate of potassium is the only true remedy, because nothing else can possibly supply the deficiency."

"The ills arising from too rapidly consuming the gray matter of the brain cannot be overestimated. Phosphate of Potash, is to my mind, the most wonderful curative agent ever discovered by man, and the blessings it has already conferred on the race are many. But 'what shall the harvest be' when physicians everywhere fully understand the part this wonderful salt plays in the processes of life? It will do as much as can be done through physiology to make a heaven on earth."

"Let the overworked business man take it and go home good-tempered. Let the weary wife, nerves unstrung from attending to sick children or entertaining company, take it and note how quickly the equilibrium will be restored and calm and reason assert her throne. No 'proving' are required here. We find this potassium salt largely predominates in nerve-fluid, and that a deficiency produces well-defined symptoms. The beginning and end of the matter is to supply the lacking principle, and in molecular form, exactly as nature furnishes it in vegetables, fruits and grain. To supply deficiencies—this is the only law of cure."

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"I wrote evenings and feeling the need of sustained brain power, began eating a small saucer of Grape-Nuts with milk, instead of my usual indigestible hot pudding, pie, or cake for dessert at night. "I grew plump, nerves strong, and when I wrote my brain was active and clear; indeed, the dull head pain never returned."

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### NEWSY GLEANINGS.

A grip epidemic prevails in Washington.

Our money system is the worst in the world, according to Chairman Fowler.

Lord Londonderry accused the British Liberal Government of cowardice in dealing with Ireland.

Justice Gaynor told the People's Forum at New Rochelle that the courts were abusing their power.

It was revealed at a court trial that only three keepers guard 700 prisoners in the New York Tombs at night.

Rhode Island intends to organize sixteen companies of coast artillery, a much larger force than was expected.

Minister Hayashi declared in Tokio Japan meant to closely limit emigration to the United States and Canada.

Brooklyn trolley cars killed 102 persons last year, according to the annual report of the Board of Coroners.

In 1907 American makers produced \$80,000,000 worth of automobiles, and in 1908 the output will be 50,000 cars valued at \$100,000,000.

Russia threatens to upset the Balkan situation if Austria persists in her plan for direct rail connection from Vienna through Macedonia to Athens.

A clique of crooks or stock-jobbers sought to create a bank panic in New York by warning heavy depositors of perfectly solvent institutions, by telephone, to withdraw their balances.

Negotiations were opened for the appointment of a Turkish diplomatic agent accredited to the Vatican to deal directly with the Papal officials on the protection of Catholics in Turkey.

Charles F. Murphy, of Tammany Hall, sued the Broadway Magazine for \$50,000 damages for libel. He also sued for similar amounts five firms and individuals who circulated or sold the magazine.

### Pacific Decrees Are Promulgated.

London, By Cable.—Decrees restoring constitutional government, re-extending immunity from prosecution to members of the Cortes, releasing deputies arrested by former Dictator Franco and restoring the freedom of the press were gazetted in Lisbon, according to dispatches. Correspondents all agree that Lisbon is quiet and now believe that danger of further disorders is over.

### Big Car Plant is Burned.

High Point, N. C., Special.—The biggest fire in the history of the city in dollars and cents occurred here Sunday night when the main plant of the Southern Car Company was destroyed by fire, together with all machinery. The loss is between \$30,000 and \$100,000 and covered by only one-third insurance. There were twenty-three cars worth several thousand dollars each almost ready to go out, and these were also destroyed. The origin of the fire is now unknown.

### AN OLD MISTRESS.

A visitor to one of the stately ancestral homes of Virginia who was being shown about by an old colored retainer paused before a painting. "Exquisite!" he exclaimed, rapturously. "That must be an old master." Uncle Neise shook his head. "No, suh," he replied, "tain't ole marster." Dat's ole Mistis Al'son.—Youth's Companion.

### FEMININE NEWS NOTES.

Mrs. George B. McClellan, mother of the Mayor of New York City, is a great favorite at Nice, Italy.

Many messages of sympathy were sent to Queen Amelie of Portugal from all the capitals of Europe.

More than 6000 women are employed in the Russian Secret Service. Some draw a salary of £2000 a year.

The Gil Blas of Paris, says that Mme. Anna Gould intends to sell her property in Paris and return to New York.

At Lansing, Mich., the Constitutional Convention voted down by a vote of 47 to 24 a proposal for woman suffrage.

Miss Annie Lynam, private secretary of Representative John Wesley Gaines, of Tennessee, received \$50,000 under the will of her uncle.

Mrs. Burton Harrison, who has lived in strict retirement since her husband's death a couple of years ago, is again in Washington, D. C.

At Birmingham, Ala., Miss Catherine Comer, daughter of Governor and Mrs. B. B. Comer, was married to W. Morely Buck, of Port Dover, Canada.

Miss Phoebe Cousins, former temperance advocate, told the Senate Sub-Committee on Judiciary at Washington that prohibition was a fraud and a failure.

Miss Lenore Birnbohm, only daughter of Mrs. Camille Birnbohm, well known in women's clubs, left her home in New York City to devote her life to social settlement work.

Miss Helen E. Flack, confidential bookkeeper for a New York City manufacturer, got the stock gambling mania and is now held in \$5000 bail on a charge of stealing checks.

Lady Rosemary Cairns is declared to be the handsomest girl in London's younger set. She is but eighteen years old and is the only daughter of Arthur William, the second Earl of Cairns, who died in 1890.

Robert S. Smith, a farmer living near Muncy, Pa., lost a good cow recently by a strange accident. One of her horns caught under the manger and in her frantic efforts to free herself she threw her body completely over and broke her neck.



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