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NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

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

Shocking Goldsboro Tragedy

Goldsboro, Special.—One of the most shocking tragedies in the history of Goldsboro occurred here Tuesday night, when Howard Bain made a murderous assault upon his wife and two-months-old baby, shooting the former three times through the chest with a .32 calibre revolver. The balls went through the body, inflicting wounds from which the woman can hardly recover. It seems that on account of some family trouble Bain and his wife were not living together, having been separated a month or more. Mrs. Bain was at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCullen, who keep a boarding house here, and had just retired for the night when she was asked by her husband, who had come to her room, to get up and open it. Immediately upon opening the door the report of a pistol firing in rapid succession was heard by Mr. McCullen in another part of the house. Mr. McCullen rushed to the scene, just in time to prevent the fourth shot by throwing his hand under the hammer of the pistol as it came down, terribly lacerating his hand. It is said that one shot was aimed at the baby, but struck the mother instead. McCullen being a much larger and stronger man than Bain and having a nerve than which there is no better, succeeded in over-powering and disarming the would-be murderer. Without waiting for assistance, McCullen took Bain to police headquarters, where he was turned over to the authorities and locked up. It is known that Bain was drinking yesterday, but today he is sober and seems to suffer no remorse of conscience. In fact, he was heard to say this morning that he only regretted losing his job and the fact that he did not fire six shots into his wife instead of three. Bain gives no reason for the act except to say, "A jealous woman will make a man crazy enough to do anything." It is reported that parties have heard him assert that he was going to kill his wife and baby, which goes to prove that the act was premeditated.

Jury Springs Sensation.

Asheville, Special.—A sensational incident occurred in Superior Court when the grand jury returned true bills of indictment against the Asheville Pharmacy, the proprietor and a clerk, charged with selling whiskey without license. An investigation revealed the fact that a dinner party was given at one of the hotels recently and that champagne was served. It further developed that the champagne, a case, was purchased from the Asheville Pharmacy. It was alleged by the officers that the goods were sent to the dinner, and that afterwards a physician's prescription was given. The pharmacy proprietor and his clerks maintain that the case of champagne was delivered when the physician's prescription was presented. Warrants will be issued tomorrow, and the trial will probably be had this week. It is not unlikely that others will be involved in the affair.

Dead at His Post.

Fayetteville, Special.—Henty Usery gatekeeper at the lower Hay street crossing of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, was found dead in his booth near the track shortly after he went on duty, about 7 o'clock, Thursday morning. He literally died at his post. A friend passing by looked in to say good morning and found the gate keeper sitting in a chair, apparently asleep in a natural position, with his hat on his knee. A closer examination disclosed the fact of his death. Usery was 75 years old and a Confederate veteran.

Celebration at Apex.

Apex, Special.—The laying of the cornerstone of the new public school building at Apex on Easter Monday was an occasion which attracted a great crowd to that progressive place, and the exercises were full of interest to all. The school building in Apex is a splendid one and was erected at a cost of \$7,000.

Salisbury's B. & L.

Salisbury, Special.—The Citizens' Co-operative Building and Loan Association, which was organized in this city about a year ago, is having good times. The subscription list now numbers eighteen hundred shares and is being increased every Saturday. Already a good many new, modern houses have been built in and around the city through this association, while others are in course of erection at this time. L. E. Heilig is president and A. L. Smoot secretary and treasurer.

Fair Acquitted.

Charlotte, Special.—The jury in the case of the State vs. the Mecklenburg Fair Association and the Board of Directors brought in a verdict of acquittal. The prosecution had withdrawn the charge of permitting immoral shows and the case was reduced to a charge of permitting gambling. The evidence having been completed the session was taken up in argument, in which the attorneys in the case delivered themselves of things both interesting and full of closest moral distinction. In this case Mr. Heriot Clarkson, the Solicitor, was stockholder in the concern which his duty called him to prosecute. He had, however, refused his dividend, when the same was tendered some time since. The verdict of the jury is pretty generally accepted as correct.

Shot Holes and Gashes.

Spencer, Special.—With 22 inches of gashes in his body and head, John Shaw, a colored fireman on the Southern Railway, is in Rowan jail charged with shooting five holes in Bob Watts, a colored preacher in East Spencer Monday night. It all occurred at an ordinary colored festival in a hall in the colored settlement and in the meelee Sharon Holmes, a bystander, was also shot twice and is severely injured. The colored preacher, who was attending the festival, and whom Shaw accuses of slashing him with a razor, is in a critical condition at a hospital in Salisbury, and his recovery is unexpected.

Cox is President.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The biennial convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon adjourned after the election of officers. The selection of time and place for the next convention was left with the new officers, these being as follows: President, Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh; Vice-president, W. R. Johnson, of Crescent, Va.; Secretary and Treasurer, T. McN. Simpson of Spartanburg, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and the District of Columbia were represented at the convention, which was one of the best ever held.

Christian Endeavor Meet.

Elon College, Special.—The North Carolina State Convention of Christian Endeavor convened here in annual session at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. The sessions are being held in the college chapel, and a large number of delegates is in attendance. The Christian Endeavor Society of Elon College is one of the strongest and most active of the societies in the State union, and as hosts to the convention the members are giving the visiting delegates the most cordial and hospitable entertainment, and in this way they are receiving the heartiest co-operation of the community, and they are leaving nothing undone.

He Shot Another.

Asheville, Special.—J. B. Allison, who several months ago shot and killed a young man named Roberts, from Charlotte, while Allison had Roberts under arrest, shot a negro here last week and inflicted injuries from which it is feared the man will die. Allison is now employed as stable manager for a local dray company, and says that he caught the negro stealing hay; that he called to the man to desist, whereupon the negro drew a weapon. A vicious looking knife was found beside the negro after the shooting.

Safe Blowers Failed.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Safe blowers entered the postoffice at Rural Hall last week but they failed to enter the safe though it was badly damaged by the explosives used. The robbers were evidently frightened away, as they departed without securing either money or stamps. There is no clue to the guilty parties.

Series of Three Fires.

Durham, Special.—A series of three fires in the city and country destroyed five houses in quick succession. At least two of the fires were of incendiary origin.

Tar Heel Items.

Secretary Taft has consented to visit Greensboro on the occasion of its centennial celebration in October and deliver an address, provided nothing unexpected occurs to prevent his doing so.

ON SECOND-CLASS MATTER

Interesting Explanation of the Post Office Ruling

ABOUT EXPIRED SUBSCRIPTIONS

Third Assistant Postmaster General, Hon. A. L. Lawche, Explains the Relations Between Newspapers and the Postoffice Department in an Address Before the North Carolina Press Association.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—The meeting of the North Carolina State Press Association here last week was an event of much interest. One of the prominent features of the meeting was the presence of Hon. A. L. Lawche, Third Assistant Postmaster General, who addressed the publishers upon the relations of the postoffice department to the press of the country. The address was of especial public interest at this time, because of a recent ruling of the postoffice department concerning delinquent subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals which are entitled to postage at second class rates. The substance of Mr. Lawche's address was as follows: The speaker briefly stated the rates of postage fixed by Congress on the first-class rate of two cents for each ounce or fraction thereof on written matter or matter sealed against inspection; the third-class rate of one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof on printed matter other than newspapers and periodicals, including books, circulars, etc., and the fourth-class rate of one cent per ounce or fraction thereof on all matter (usually merchandise) not embraced in the other classes. The first, third and fourth-class rates are for the general public.

Rate a Special Privilege.

The publisher of a newspaper or periodical admitted to the second-class enjoys a rate of postage for his product not accorded to any other citizen or class of citizens, or to any other industry—a general rate of 1 cent per pound and a free rate within the county of publication under prescribed conditions.

The next lowest rate of postage is that granted to the general public on mailing of newspapers and other periodicals which have been admitted to the second-class at the rate of 1 cent for each 4 ounces or fraction thereof. The next cheapest rate is that on books and other printed matter, of 1 cent for each 3 ounces or fraction thereof.

The statistics of the Postoffice Department show that there is an average 42 sealed letters to the pound. The business public and the people generally therefore pay at the rate of 54 cents per pound on their letters; they pay an average of about 10 cents per pound on mailings of books and other printed matter, and about 20 cents per pound for merchandise, the government gaining over the ounce rate by reason of taking advantage of the fractions of an ounce offered.

The Extent of the Favor.

The extent of the privilege or favor conferred upon the publishers of legitimate newspapers and periodicals by the special rates of one cent a pound is disclosed in the fact that newspapers and periodicals enjoying the second-class mailing privilege constitute 67 per cent of the matter carried in the mails, but yield only 4 per cent of the total revenues. All other classes of mail matter—the letters, the circulars, the books, and merchandise, and under the franks of members of Congress—comprise but 33 per cent of the total weight of the mails and yield about 96 per cent of the revenue. A change in the rates of mail transportation will not affect this proportion. A change in the relative percentage of second-

class matter carried as compared with other matter would, however, affect the expenditure for transportation, as the expense for carrying the mails is determined largely by weight.

The second-class rate is in reality a subsidy—a "privilege," as it is termed in the act of 1901, to be allowed only when the terms under which it is granted are complied with and to be continued only so long as the conditions of the law are met. It is provided by statute that when conditions are not maintained the privilege may be annulled after a hearing granted to the publisher.

The Desire of the Department. Mr. Lawche explained that the policy of the department is to cure, so far as possible under existing law, some of the gravest abuses of the second-class mailing privileges, while imposing the least amount of inconvenience and annoyance to legitimate publishers—those who do not attempt to evade the spirit and purpose of the law by padding their subscription lists with free subscriptions, fake subscriptions, expired sub-

scriptions, etc., for the purpose of securing a wider field for the circulation of advertising matter at increased rates.

The pound rate for newspapers and periodicals which meet the restrictions of the statute was defended on the ground that they are the one great educational factor of our country in their true intent and purpose as recognized by Congress in framing the law. Furthermore, second-class matter originates a vast amount of first, third and fourth-class mail matter. That fact, however, should not be made the excuse for allowing all sorts of abuses. The conditions surrounding second-class postage were intended to directly favor the legitimate, and at the same time protect it from the illegitimate publication.

The point was emphasized that the object aimed at is to protect both the publisher and the government, and give the people the real benefit of the low rate of postage, while protecting them from unscrupulous publishers. A far better understanding of the rule will doubtless result from the information given in the address.

Negro Shoots White Man.

Hickory, N. C., Special.—The controversy between four young white men and two negroes at 7 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Connelly Springs resulted in the negro's shooting Pat Berry in the forehead, killing him instantly. The negroes so far have not been captured. The last seen of them they were making their way in the direction of Hickory.

Sidney Herbert Lacy Dead.

Orlando, Fla., Special.—Major Sidney Herbert Lacy, journalist, soldier and historian, died at his home at Maitland. Over the pen name of Sydney Herbert he had for years contributed an interesting article each Sunday for The Savannah Morning News. He was the best posted man in the United States on the history of the civil war, viewed from both the Federal and Confederate sides.

Alleged Yeggman Arrested.

Greenville, S. C., Special.—A white man giving his name as W. J. Henry was lodged in the county jail Saturday, charged with blowing open the safe in Carpenter Bros.' store Monday night. He was arrested at Duncan's, a town near this city. The evidence against him looks pretty strong and he will be held for trial in all probability.

Head Official Old Inhabitant Association Dead.

Washington, Special.—John Edward Libbey, president, and Charles B. Church, vice-president, respectively, of the Oldest Inhabitants' Association of the District of Columbia died here. Mr. Libbey was born in this city November 23d, 1837, and Mr. Church at Jefferson, Frederick county, Maryland, September 11th, 1826. Both men had long been identified with the lumber business.

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DEATH LIST REACHES 500

The Hurricane Which Swept Over Eight States Friday Left a Path of Death, Desolation and Want in Its Wake—Death List is Estimated at Five Hundred and Hundreds Are Seriously Injured.

Atlanta, Special.—As a result of the storm which swept into Georgia after having done extensive damage in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, 25 persons are dead and at least one hundred were injured, while many others received bruises and scratches from flying debris in a dozen towns in this State.

Homes Swept Away.

At Cave Springs, near Rome, where the largest loss of life occurred, nine persons were killed and nine injured, while a score of negroes are reported to have been more or less badly bruised. In this vicinity the wind swept a path half a mile wide and five miles long from the outskirts of Cave Springs in a southerly direction to Hamatie. There is not a house left standing in the storm-swept area. Hearn's Academy, at Cave Springs, was badly damaged. At Cameo two negro section hands were killed, and one white man is reported dead at Stinson.

At Columbus Mrs. Vila Norris and her daughter were instantly killed by the destruction of a pavilion at North Highlands in which they were staying. The property loss in this section will be heavy.

Griffin reports that three white women were killed and eight white persons injured and a property loss of \$50,000 sustained. The path of the storm at this point was directly over the cotton mill and cottages of the mill operatives. Twenty-five of these cottages were entirely demolished and the escape of their occupants is considered miraculous.

Ten Negroes Killed.

The boiler and engine room and the roof of the card room of the Rushton mills were blown away, as was the commissary room. The Oak Hill Baptist church and Levette chapel were destroyed, while a score of other buildings sustained great damage. Physicians of the city rushed to the scene of disaster and gave prompt relief to the injured, who were removed to hospitals as quickly as possible. Hundreds were bruised and some by flying missiles. A public meeting was held Sunday to raise funds for the injured.

At Chipley, Mrs. Frank Hopkins and Mrs. Forrester and 10 negroes were killed, while the husbands of the two women were seriously injured. Practically every business house in Chipley was more or less damaged; the hotel, in which there were 11 guests, was blown down, but none of its occupants was injured. All the warehouses were

damaged and not a negro house is left standing. The residence of H. A. Middlebrook was lifted from its foundations, carried 150 yards and deposited in its new position without being damaged.

The depot and three freight cars were blown away at Harris, a small station three miles from Chipley. One report says that six white persons and two negroes were killed at that place.

Engineer Neisler Killed.

Engineer Samuel Neisler, of Abbeville, S. C., and a negro brakeman were killed, and Fireman G. C. Brown seriously injured when a freight train on the Seaboard Air Line ran into a washout at Tucker, 16 miles from Atlanta, early Saturday.

The storm was first felt in Atlanta shortly after midnight, when numerous houses in the southeastern section of the city were unroofed. The storm then jumped nearly a mile to the eastern edge of the suburbs, where three houses standing close together were demolished, while houses on the opposite side of the street were left untouched. A vivid electrical display accompanied the torrential rain and wind. Many houses in the city were struck by lightning and their inhabitants given bad scares, but no one was injured. A large suburban electric car, making its last trip to College Park, was blown from the track at East Point and its passengers compelled to walk two miles in the blinding rain.

The usual freaks were played by the wind, one roof having been transferred from a house to a nearby building. Twenty-seven prisoners were in the little town jail. The roof was lifted completely off the jail, leaving rain and debris beating in upon the exposed prisoners, but so terror-stricken were they that not one gained his freedom. None of the prisoners was seriously injured. The wreckage which remained on the site of a lumber mill near town consisted largely of splinters from the size of toothpicks up to small sticks.



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