

# The Polk County News.

Three Cents the Copy.

INDEPENDENCE IN ALL THINGS.

Subscription Price, \$1.00 Per Year in Advance.

VOL. XV.

COLUMBUS, POLK COUNTY, N. C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1909.

NO. 30.

## 2 WOMEN FEUDISTS SLAIN

### They Were Fighting Posse to Allow Men to Escape.

#### Mother and Daughter Sacrifice Their Lives in the West Virginia Feud of Christians and Daniels.

Williamson, West Va.—Firing from the doorway of their home on a sheriff's posse to give the men of the family opportunity to escape, Mrs. Charles Daniels and her sixteen-year-old daughter were shot to death near Devon, Mingo County, by the officers.

The shooting grew out of a family feud between the Christians and Daniels on the borders of Kentucky and West Virginia. The Christians lived in Mingo County, West Va., and the Daniels in Pike County, Ky.

About three weeks ago George Christian ventured to the Kentucky side and was slain by Jim Daniels. Christian and Daniels were brothers-in-law, and had formerly been allies. After the killing of Christian the two families and their friends became involved. The Christians got warrants for Jim Daniels and his brother, Charles, and led a posse of Pike County officers to the home of the Daniels. When the officers approached within a few feet of the house Mrs. Daniels and her daughter opened fire with rifles.

Mrs. Christian was wounded in the head and one other member of the posse was shot in the arm.

The Christians and the officers opened fire. Mrs. Daniels was shot down in the doorway. Her daughter stood over her and fired upon the posse until she dropped dead across her mother, struck by three bullets.

The officers closed in, but by retreating their own lives the mother and daughter had enabled the men to escape.

## FIVE DEAD IN AUTO WRECK.

### Family All Hit Wiped Out by Electric Car's Crash.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Nicholas Jacobs, a real estate dealer, his two daughters and his two sons are dead, and Mrs. Jacobs and her two months' old baby are dying as the result of a collision between an automobile they were riding in and a trolley car on the Los Angeles and Santa Ana line, six miles from Los Angeles.

Two other sons of Jacobs, Peter and John, and Miss Josephine Solon, nineteen years old, jumped from the automobile and escaped with slight injuries.

While an electric car in which the injured persons and the bodies of those killed had been placed was coming to Los Angeles it collided with a car on the Central avenue line at Seventh and Central avenues in Los Angeles and eight other persons were injured, some seriously.

## COURT ENJOINS STRIKERS.

### Restrains Picketing and Other Activities in Indiana Dispute.

Bedford, Ind.—A temporary restraining order was issued by Judge Wilson, of the Circuit Court here, against the striking employes of the Bedford stone mills.

The order was granted upon a plea by the operators asking for an injunction preventing the strikers from picketing the stone mills or railway stations, gathering on the streets, intimidating workmen, visiting the stone mills or interfering with the workmen in any way.

## HOOKWORM IN DIVORCE CASE.

### Judge Grants California Wife Decree on That Diagnosis.

San Francisco, Cal.—Judge Graham has divorced Anita Coover from David R. Coover. The hookworm was the cause.

"My husband was dull, stupid, lazy, languid, slow," said Mrs. Coover.

"He must have been a victim of the hookworm," said the court.

## DOG FIGHT EXCITEMENT KILLS.

### Wealthy Farmer Dies While Trying to Save Own Canine.

Woodstock, Va.—To the excitement of trying to separate fighting dogs was attributed the sudden death of Robert T. Painter, a wealthy farmer living north of this city.

A strange dog entered Painter's yard and attacked his dog. Painter went to the rescue and hardly had reached the animals before he fell unconscious, dying in a few minutes.

He was fifty-six years old and leaves a widow, two sons and three daughters.

## KILLS WOMAN BY MISTAKE.

### Conductor Then Fights Again, Slaying Negro in Fight Over Transfer.

Memphis, Tenn.—In a dispute here over a street car transfer, Conductor J. H. Lowry shot and killed two negroes.

The car was crowded with passengers when Lowry drew a revolver and shot at a negro with whom he was disputing. His aim was bad and the bullet struck a negro woman, killing her. His second shot killed the negro man.

## DR. COOK CANNOT BE FOUND

### Brother Quiets the Exasperations By Saying the Doctor is Near New York Taking a Rest.

New York, Special.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook dropped completely from public view Sunday. Not even John R. Bradley, whose money was behind his polar explorations, knows where he is. Confiding his secret to only one man and perhaps to his wife, the Brooklyn explorer slipped quietly and mysteriously away, leaving behind a string of puzzled and exasperated friends, and a debate more acrimonious than that which followed his announcement of September last that he had discovered the North Pole on April 21, 1908.

Charles Wake, an insurance man of this city, appears to be the only one who knows the mystery of Dr. Cook's whereabouts. And Wake is firm in his resolve to keep his lips sealed until Cook himself sees fit to take the public into his confidence.

A New York dispatch says that they found Dr. Frederick A. Cook Sunday night, that is, an authoritative statement was issued by his brother, W. L. Cook, saying that the explorer, who mysteriously dropped from public view Saturday, was still in the vicinity of New York, recuperating. He was on the verge of a nervous breakdown and his retirement was absolutely necessary.

The statement, as issued by Mr. Cook follows:

"Dr. Cook is in the vicinity of New York trying to get a much-needed rest. If he decides to go to Europe there will be no secret concerning his departure. I think that his friends and critics alike should be charitable enough to allow him to rest until his health is fully restored. He has not been reading the newspapers in the last few days and is not responsible for the statements that have been issued by those who were acting as his spokesmen.

"In sending his data to Copenhagen, Dr. Cook has fulfilled his obligations to the public."

## WALTER WELLMAN SPEAKS.

### Takes Strong Ground Against the Claims of Dr. Cook—Believes Him an Impostor.

Washington, Special.—Walter Wellman, whose preparations for a conquest of the North Pole in an airship were abandoned upon the announcement of the claims of Dr. Frederick A. Cook and Commander Robert E. Peary issued here Sunday night a long statement in which he analyzes the narrative of the two explorers, declaring that of Peary "precise, workmanlike, consistent, credible in every particular," and denouncing that of Dr. Cook as a self-evident and even deliberate imposture.

"Cook's story is suspicious both in what it does tell and what it does not tell," Mr. Wellman declares. "He is generally vague and indefinite but, like most men of his class, altogether too precise at the wrong place. Nowhere does the story ring true. It was always an approximation of reality itself. This is true of his figures, his description, everything.

"Those of us who have had a share in Arctic work," says Wellman, in considering his analysis, "and who have felt anxiety that no blot of fraud should stain the proud record of effort and sacrifice, had a first hope—that Dr. Cook would be able to demonstrate his good faith. This was dissolved in the analysis of his own story. A second hope—that he was the victim of some hallucination of mental illness and himself believed he had been to the Pole though of course he has not, vanishes in the light of earlier and subsequent events. There remains, though one says it with keenest alternative that the journey which he did make, and the report which he gave of it, were deliberately planned from the outset."

The gist of Mr. Wellman's finding is that with his meager party and equipment Dr. Cook could not possibly have accomplished the feat for which he claims credit, that his astronomical data are too minutely precise to have been made under the claimed conditions in the field, and that the explorer's dash for the lecture platform and his acceptance of "crowds of flowers placed upon his head by innocent women and children" before submitting his field records to scientific examination all conspire to his discredit.

## Triple Murder and Assault.

Frontenac, Kan., Special.—A triple murder and an assault on a woman was enacted on a lonely road a mile north of here some time Friday night. The dead are Mr. and Mrs. William Bork, Germans, of Frontenac, and their son, who was 2-1/2 years old. Mr. Bork was presumably killed while trying to defend his wife. The child probably was slain because the murderer wished to silence him. The Borks were Friday night, when they started to drive home to Frontenac from the home of Mrs. Bork's mother two miles out in the country.

## DEATH BY EXPLOSION

### Boiler Explodes, One Killed and Another Scalded.

Tarboro, Special.—Tuesday morning a boiler on the farm of J. P. McDowell exploded with terrible force. Joe Sessums, a colored man, was killed and Nathaniel Whitfield was severely scalded. The engine was wrecked and the gin house blown down. Steam pressure is supposed to be the cause of the explosion. The boiler was of 30-horse-power, but was made to run a 50-horse-power engine.

## Good Prospect For a Tobacco Fair at Durham.

Durham, Special.—A committee of the merchants Wednesday afternoon took up the matter of a tobacco fair in Durham with the result that a men composing it were President P. bring it her as soon as possible. The hearty recommendation was made to W. Vaughan, who is accredited with having more to do with the new Erwin cotton mill than any other man, Messrs. W. A. Barbee, A. E. Lloyd, B. F. Kronheimer and T. J. Lamb and they are to confer with the board of tobacco trade as well as the manufacturers. The prizes for the best tobacco would be raised from individual and organization sources and it is hoped that there could be as much as \$2,000 given in prizes for the various tobaccos displayed.

## S. H. Kress & Co. to Erect a Building at Fayetteville.

Fayetteville, Special.—Mr. Seymour Burrell of New York, chief architect of S. H. Kress & Co., owners of the many 5- and 10-cent stores bearing that name throughout the country, has arrived in this city to inspect the site recently purchased by Kress for the purpose of erecting a store here. After going over the matter thoroughly with Mr. T. H. Sutton, Jr., of T. H. Sutton, Jr., & Co., local real estate dealers, Mr. Burrell declared that a four-story building may be erected, the two upper stories consisting of offices. Work will be begun early in the spring. An additional strip of land has been purchased from Ledbetter Bros. for \$750.

## Bad Fire at Durham.

Durham, Special.—A fire that burned the Imperial Tobacco Company's cooper shop, caught the factory, burned a Norfolk and Western coal chute, partly destroyed the T. B. Tally wood and coal yard, broke out Friday morning about 4:45 and was checked an hour later. When discovered, the blaze had enveloped the cooper shop, filled with the driest and most inflammable woods. The inhabitants of that district were unacquainted with the alarm system and the fire had gained such proportions that when the companies responded it was so hot that it was impossible to show water on the burning center. Houses all about began to smoke and fences conducted a blaze all over the residence district. When the fighters turned the hose on the houses they saved all of them ready to ignite and confined suffered a loss of \$3,000 covered by insurance.

## Aged Man Victim of Assault.

Rockingham, Special.—F. G. Puncke, an old German who runs a restaurant and bakery in this city, was found lying unconscious under a stove in the rear of his shop Thursday afternoon with two big gashes in his head. Charged with the deed, Elmore Maner and Alec Covington, two young white men, are being held in the county jail without bail. The injured man is still unconscious and will probably die. There were no eye-witnesses to the affair and the motive of the old man's assailants is unknown. Maner and Covington were seen running from the restaurant about the time the assault is thought to have been committed.

## Ashworth Acquitted of Killing Jones.

Fayetteville, Special.—The trial of W. A. Ashworth for the accidental killing of Daniel Jones has been decided, Ashworth being acquitted after a ten minutes' session of the jury. In August last Ashworth shot and killed Jones in a playful scuffle.

The State was ably represented by Mr. McIntyre, of McIntyre & Lawrence, Lumberton. Mr. J. G. Shaw, Mr. A. S. Hall, Cook & Lewis and the solicitor.

## Dr. Battle Appointed Surgeon General Raleigh.

Raleigh, Special.—Dr. Robert S. Young, of Concord, the Surgeon General of the North Carolina National Guard, has resigned and as his successor Governor W. W. Kitchin has appointed Dr. S. Westray Battle of Asheville, the assistant surgeon. Col. Young has for over twenty years, been an officer of the State Guard, and under the law his resignation makes him Brigadier General, as he advances one rank.

No race is safe from cholera. It is deadliest to negroes.

## TAR HEEL CHRONICLES

### News Notes Gathered From All Parts of the Old North State.

### N. C. Boys Victorious.

Ashland, Va., Special.—Thursday night in the college chapel in the enemies' territory Wake Forest upheld her record in oratory and debate in having never lost a series to any institution since she began to debate in 1897, in defeating Randolph-Macon College for the second consecutive time, the decision of the judges was unanimous.

The question was: "Resolved, That the Federal government should secure its entire revenue from internal taxation rather than from customs duties." Randolph-Macon had the affirmative and had her opponents at a disadvantage in having the opening and closing speeches. However, this disadvantage was overcome by the imaginative minds of the Tar Heel speakers who had broken several microscopes before they left Wake Forest in studying the actions of the amoeba before he was hatched out. It was a spirited contest and each team fought its opponent until the fall of he gravel, contesting every point and conceding no man as an authority.

### Little Boy Burns to Death.

Statesville, Special.—A distressing accident occurred at Monbo, Catawba county, Sunday about noon when a little son of Mr. Jacob Oren was burned to death in the barn on his father's premises. Mr. Oren's family are employed in the cotton mill of the Monbo Manufacturing Company and live on the land of the company.

Sunday about the hour named the little boy, who was just 4 years old, got hold of some matches and went to a small barn on the premises. It is supposed he struck the matches anyway, when the barn was found to be on fire the building was so enveloped in flames that the boy could not be rescued. His charred remains were found in the ashes of the building and were buried Tuesday. The barn was a small building and contained only a small quantity of feed.

### Mrs. Lipscombe of Durham Cuts Her Throat With Razor.

Durham, Special.—Mrs. Susan E. Lipscombe, one of Durham's prominent women, committed suicide Thursday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. G. Sexton with whom she was temporarily living.

The deed was executed with wonderful nerve for a woman. Friends and the family had just eaten dinner when Mrs. Lipscombe went for her afternoon nap. One of the ladies wanted her to come down and play an old melodeon for amusement and going to her room found her lying in her own blood with her head cut half off, the windpipe and carotid arteries severed completely and death undoubtedly instantaneous.

### General Carr to Speak.

Durham, Special.—General Julius S. Carr has been invited by the great commercial congress which meets in Washington December 6 and 7 to make an address upon the subject "Opportunities for manufacturing in the South."

This is the only subject assigned to a North Carolinian. It is the favorite of the general who has been all his life a manufacturer and has wrought wonders in Durham. He will discuss the subject from the standpoint of retrospect and prospect. He is at work on his figures now and taking North Carolina and Durham as the object lesson, there will be as delightful a piece of history as the visitors have ever listened to.

### May Gets Three Years.

Yorkville, Special.—Charlie S. May, former treasurer of the city of Rock Hill, who was indicted, by the York county grand jury this week for breach of trust with fraudulent intent pleaded guilty to the charge and was Wednesday sentenced by Special Judge Moore to 3 years' imprisonment in the county jail.

He commenced to serve his sentence at once.

### Farmer Slain by Son-in-Law.

Goldsboro, Special.—Inflamed by liquor, Owen Ginn, a wealthy farmer of Snowhill, Wayne County, entered the home of his son-in-law, Samuel Joyner, late Monday night and opened fire upon Joyner as the latter lay abed. Escaping the first few shots Joyner managed to reach his pistol and returning the fire, killed Ginn instantly with the first bullet. Earlier in the day Ginn made an attack upon his wife and shot and painfully wounded his young son, who was making a valiant defense of his mother, and who finally worsted his father.

## ALABAMA VOTES AGAINST

### Prohibition Amendment to Constitution Lost by Majority of 1,800 or 20,000.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—All indications point to a majority of between 18,000 and 20,000 in Alabama against the prohibition constitutional amendment Monday. Chairman J. Lee Long, who has been in charge of the fight against the amendment, claims that the majority against the amendment will be fully 20,000. Jefferson county, in which Birmingham, the largest city in the State, in spite of the fact that the fight has been concentrated here, gave a majority of over 1,000 against the amendment. Mobile, Montgomery and Cullman counties show the largest majorities on the victorious side and it appears the amendment has carried in but three counties, Talladega, Macon and Sumter, with Lee in doubt.

Monday's election being the first time the State has ever had an opportunity to pass on the prohibition question, is regarded as especially significant. Still it cannot be regarded as a straight anti-prohibition victory because of the personal politics that has been injected into the issue. Its association with the administration of Governor B. B. Comer and his reputed ability to name a successor to the governorship in Judge S. D. Weakley, author of the prohibition bills, have figured prominently in the result.

A significant feature of the result is the fact that sentiment against the amendment is so widespread. Rural precincts, small towns and cities alike are, for the most part, returning substantial majorities on the winning side.

There has never been seen here anything like the enthusiasm shown in Birmingham over the result. The result everywhere is regarded as a distinct repudiation of the present State administration which has been particularly radical in its so-called reform program.

### Kills Sweetheart's Father.

Camilla, Ga., Special.—Pursuing his eloping daughter who had run away from home with Columbus Huey, T. J. Sellers, one of the wealthiest farmers of Mitchell county, was shot to death in the public road 10 miles southwest of here Saturday afternoon, when he caught the fleeing couple. Leaving his body in the road, Huey and Miss Sellers, it is alleged, went on, driving rapidly in a buggy, intending to complete the elopement with a wedding.

### Cotton Crop Estimate.

New Orleans, Special.—The Times-Democrat in presenting its correspondents' final reports on the cotton crop of 1909, states that the consensus of opinion points to a total of 10,625,000 bales.

The figures by States are: Alabama, 1,050,000; Arkansas, 725,000; Georgia and Florida, 2,000,000; Louisiana, 350,000; Mississippi, 1,100,000; North Carolina, 725,000; Oklahoma, 625,000; South Carolina, 1,150,000; Tennessee, 300,000; Texas, 2,600,000; total, 10,625,000.

Norway's seaweed, used as fuel, yields a greater revenue than do the fisheries of that country.

## NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Grave alarm is felt in Paris regarding the elections in Great Britain.

The Columbia Alumni completed a census of the living graduates of the institution.

On Tenerife all the villages in the Las Flores region were evacuated by earthquake.

The London Spectator points out a plan whereby the Lords might evade the constitutional issue.

President Taft wishes Judge Horace H. Lurton to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Peckham.

Both Unionists and Liberals in England predict victory for their respective parties in the coming elections.

Premier Balfour said that the proposed British tax on raw cotton would violate the fundamental principles of fiscal reform.

Attorney-General Wickersham spoke in Kansas City, suggesting modifications of the interstate commerce and anti-trust laws.

The Viceroy of Pe-Cho-Li has been punished for failure to carry out the ceremonial prescribed at the burial of the Empress Dowager of China.

M. Paulhan made a trip from Moulmelon to Chalons, France, and return, sixty kilometers, in fifty-five minutes. He reached an altitude of 1000 feet.

The report of the commission from Canada and the United States on the protection of waters from pollution so as to preserve fish life was completed.

The Pilgrims of London gave a farewell dinner to J. R. Carter, former Secretary of Embassy at London and now American Minister to Servia, Rumania and Bulgaria.

Noted N. C. Editor Dead.

Reidsville, N. C., Special.—Col. John R. Webster, aged 64, Confederate soldier, once Speaker of the House of Representatives and editor of Webster's Weekly, died early Sunday morning as a result of the second stroke of paralysis which he suffered just a week ago. Col. Webster was a vigorous editorial writer and his paper had a wide reputation for the brilliancy of its editorial page.



### TELEPHONES

Are a Necessity in the Country Home.

The farther you are removed from town to railroad station, the more the telephone will save in time and horse flesh. No man has a right to compel one of the family to lie in agony for hours while he drives to town for the doctor. Telephone and save half the suffering.

Our Free Book tells how to organize, build and operate telephone lines and systems. Instruments sold on thirty days' trial to responsible parties.

**THE CADIZ ELECTRIC CO.,**  
201 CCC Building, Cadiz, Ohio.



## 1 CENT IS ALL IT WILL COST YOU

to write for our big FREE BICYCLE catalogue showing the most complete line of high-grade BICYCLES, TIRES and SUNDRIES at PRICES BELOW any other manufacturer or dealer in the world.

### DO NOT BUY A BICYCLE

from any source, or on any kind of terms, until you have received our complete Free Catalogue illustrating and describing every kind of high-grade and low-grade bicycles, old patterns and latest models, and learn of our remarkable LOW PRICES and wonderful new offers made possible by selling from factory direct to rider with no middlemen's profits.

**WE SHIP ON APPROVAL** without a cent deposit. Pay the Freight and allow 10 Days Free Trial and make other liberal terms which no other house in the world will do. You will learn everything and get much valuable information by simply writing us a postal.

We need a **Rider Agent** in every town and can offer an opportunity to make money to suitable young men who apply at once.

### \$8.50 PUNCTURE-PROOF TIRES ONLY \$4.80 PER PAIR

Regular Price \$8.50 per pair. To introduce We Will Sell You a Sample Pair for Only \$4.80. (CASH WITH ORDER \$4.55) NO MORE TROUBLE FROM PUNCTURES.

Result of 15 years experience in tire making. No danger from THORNS, CACTUS, PINS, NAILS, TACKS or GLASS. Serious punctures, like intentional knife cuts, can be vulcanized like any other tire.

Two Hundred Thousand pairs now in actual use. Over Seventy-five Thousand pairs sold last year.

**DESCRIPTION:** Made in all sizes. It is lively and easy riding, very durable and lined with a special quality of rubber, which never becomes porous and which closes up small punctures without allowing the air to escape. We have hundreds of letters from satisfied customers stating that their tires have only been pumped up once or twice in a whole season. They weigh no more than ordinary tires, the puncture resisting qualities being given by several layers of this, specially prepared fabric on the tread. That "Holding Back" sensation commonly felt when riding on asphalt or soft roads is overcome by the patent "Basket Weave" tread which prevents all air from being squeezed out between the tire and the road thus overcoming all vibration. The regular price of these tires is \$8.50 per pair. All orders shipped same day letter is received. We ship C.O.D. on approval. You do not pay a cent until you have examined and found them exactly as represented.

**FULL CASH WITH ORDER** and enclose this advertisement. We will also send one nickel plated brass hand pump and two Sampson metal puncture closers on full paid orders (these metal puncture closers to be used in case of intentional knife cuts or heavy gashes). Tires to be returned at OUR expense if for any reason they are not satisfactory on examination.

We are perfectly reliable and money sent to us is safe as in a bank. Ask your Postmaster, Banker, Express or Freight Agent or the Editor of this paper about us. If you order a pair of these tires, you will find that they will ride easier, run faster, wear better, last longer and look finer than any tire you have ever used or seen at any price. We want you to be so well pleased that when you want a bicycle you will give us your order. We know you to send us a small trial order at once, hence this remarkable offer.

**COASTER-BRAKES,** built-up wheels, saddles, pedals, pumps and repairs, and everything in the bicycle line are sold by us at half the usual prices charged by dealers and repair men. Write for our big SUNDAY catalogue.

**DO NOT WAIT** but write us a postal today. DO NOT THINK OF BUYING a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone until you know the new and wonderful offers we are making. It only costs a postal to learn everything. Write it NOW.

**MEACY CYCLE COMPANY, Dept. "L" CHICAGO, ILL.**