

THE MARKET. Cotton, per pound 16 1/2c Cotton Seed, per bu. 35c

Rain Tuesday.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy with light rain in extreme west portion tonight. Tuesday rain, not much change in temperature.

Rush Of Shoppers.

Shelby Saturday was flooded with the largest throng of shoppers here this year, as people from all sections of the county, and sections adjoining the county, filled local streets and stores in the first big rush of holiday shopping.

Seventeen Jailed.

County and city officers Saturday and Sunday established a weekend record, in their Christmas sponging program, by jailing 17 people. The majority of arrests centered about liquor law violations.

King's Appeal Filed In S. C.

Attorneys File Appeal For Shelby Man, Take Exceptions To Court Actions.

Chester.—The attorneys of Rafe F. King, of Shelby, who was found guilty of slaying his wife, Faye Wilson King, by a Chester county grand jury at general sessions court here last July and was sentenced to be electrocuted, Friday evening served upon counsel for the state the proposed case on appeals with the exceptions.

The record is very voluminous, embracing about 700 pages of printed matter. There are said to be approximately 80 exceptions. Among the exceptions noted are:

1.—Error in refusing to grant motion to quash indictment made before beginning of trial on the ground that same was multifarious and stated in conjunctive form that the deceased came to her death in six or eight different ways viz: "With his hands and arms and with cords, wires, ropes and belts placed about and around the neck and throat of her, the said Faye Wilson King, did choke, suffocate and strangle, the errors being:

A.—That presentation against the defendant was multifarious and confusing.

B.—That the presentation against defendant was neither clear cut nor definite.

C.—It forced defendant to go to trial without knowing which one of the various instruments, means or manners of death he was charged with having used or accomplished.

D.—In failing to require the state to elect one way in charging how deceased came to her death. That his honor erred in refusing the motion of the defendant for a new trial upon the eight grounds as set forth

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Paragon Store To Close Doors Here Tuesday; Big Sale

Business Widely Known As Fannings And As Paragon, Sells Out. Efrid's Take Stand.

The Paragon Department Store announces today that it reached the final lap in the big sale, and is preparing to close its doors, finally and for all time, next Tuesday night—Christmas Eve.

This event will mark the passing of a notable institution, which, first as Fannings and later as The Paragon, has been an institution in Shelby for a decade.

Joe E. Nash, manager of the store, stated that whatever goods remain over after the sale will be transferred to the Paragon Bargain Place, located on Warren street, and the disposition of them—whether they will be sold at retail or otherwise disposed of—to be announced later. Meantime Mr. Nash, in commenting upon the success of the closing out sale, told The Star that to date (Saturday morning) fifty three thousand dollars worth of goods had been sold for cash.

Meantime, while the Paragon is preparing to vacate the big store, lively arrangements are being made for the moving in of Efrid's. Efrid's will vacate the establishment the last of the month, and take over the Paragon lease. Just what disposition will be made of the present Efrid store is not known.

It has been rumored that Mr. Charles Blanton, the owner, will enlarge the building to a considerable extent, and thoroughly modernize it. But this rumor has not been confirmed. In fact, it is authoritatively stated that Mr. Blanton has no immediate plans concerning it.

The Paragon Department Store had its inception in the Fanning store, on Lafayette street, where

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Famous Hotel Property Goes On Block Here

Land And Remaining Equipment Of Cleveland Springs Company Going at Trustee Auction.

On January 18 that which remains of Cleveland Springs, for many years one of the best known hotel properties in the Carolinas, will go on the auction block, according to announcement made today by Attorney R. L. Kyburn, trustee for creditors.

The hotel property, consisting of many acres of land and what remains of the hotel and equipment following the disastrous fire, located just east of Shelby, will be sold at auction, to take care of indebtedness, at the court house door here Saturday, January 18, at noon.

The first Cleveland Springs hotel, popular and well patronized throughout the Carolinas, was built near the mineral springs there back in the old stage coach days. It was destroyed by fire and later the new hotel was erected by the Cleveland Springs hotel company. This building was practically destroyed on the night of October 15, this year, although quite a bit of the hotel equipment was saved.

What Is To Go.

The sale is to be made, the trustee announcement says, "to obtain funds with which to pay said indebtedness." In addition to the real estate the following will be included in the property thrown upon the auction block: "All the hotel building, the garage, tenant houses, spring houses, swimming pool, and all other buildings and improvements located on said lands, together with all hotel furniture, fixtures, bedding, linen, all kitchen utensils and equipment, all dining room silver, dishes, and equipment, and all golf course equipment, and supplies, and all other personal property belonging to Cleveland Springs company."

Children Selling Christmas Seals

The children in the various city schools are aiding the Woman's club of Shelby in selling the annual Christmas seals from which the proceeds are used for fighting tuberculosis.

The sales made by schools to date follow: Marion 880, South Shelby 645, Graham 630, Jefferson 500, Lafayette 734, high school 250, Washington 2,541.

So far the Washington school children are leading by many seals and the high school children are trailing all the others in sales. During this week all the children in the various schools will attempt to boost their sales to a new high mark with each school hoping to win the final honor in total sales.

Clarence Mull Buys First Auto License

Clarence Mull, assistant cashier of the First National bank was the first car owner to buy a 1930 auto license plate when they went on sale this morning at the Eskridge garage, where a branch of the Carolina Motor club is maintained. All car owners must have their new 1930 license plates by 1930 and they have just two weeks in which to buy. Mr. Eskridge says if the car owners will follow the example of Mr. Mull they will avoid a great deal of trouble.

Mrs. Harry Speck returned last week from a visit with friends and relatives in Little Rock, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Dixon Smith return to their home tonight in Columbus, Ga., after a short week-end visit here with their parents. They came here for Hot Springs, Ark., where they attended a meeting of lumbermen.

Costs \$50 To Grow Acre Cotton Expert Says; Cleveland A Leader

Raleigh.—Cotton farming explains its deathly exponents in the light of farm management specialist R. H. Rogers, of State college, who finds that the planter must make 312 pounds of lint an acre in order to break even at 16 cents a pound.

Cleveland county undoubtedly beats this 312 pounds an acre, but it is doubtful if another county does. Mr. Rogers says that it costs \$50 an acre to produce cotton, no matter what the boll weevil or the sow boss merchant, or the other incidentals, to take an acre of cotton

It Was The Night Before Christmas—



There is but one thought constantly in the minds of Young America, and that is of jolly old "St. Nick." These two youngsters had decided to wait up and see if Santa would pay them an advance visit. But have fallen asleep before they could find out. However, they seem to have met the jolly old man, and are, of course, leaving their orders personally rather than trust to crowded mails.

Santa To Visit Poor Of Shelby; Charity Fund Jumps To \$300

Shelby Business Men And Citizens Loosen Up Purse Strings And Shove \$85 Total To \$300 Over Week-end.

It's going to be Christmas in Shelby, after all, and Santa is going to call on homes where misfortune called ahead of him, thanks to scores of Shelby people who loosened up their purse strings over the week-end and sent The Star's Christmas Stocking Fund for the poor of the town shooting up from the \$85 mark to more than \$300.

The big boost to the fund came from Shelby merchants who gave merchandise equal to \$175. But other cash contributions, also, piled in—\$5 checks, \$10 checks, dollars and halves, and so on.

J. B. Smith, county welfare officer called upon a number of merchants Friday and they readily contributed as they have in the past. However, due to the fact that he is having more charity calls and investigations to make right now than ever before Mr. Smith was unable to visit every firm. At some of the business houses, too, the managers were out and other employees could not say just how much their firms would give. These will contribute later and the welfare officer together with members of the civic committee handling the fund will call on the firms not called upon as yet. Professional men and office workers will also be visited this week by the canvassing committee with the aim of getting \$750 by Christmas as a check of the charity appeals shows that twice that amount will be needed to send Santa to all the unfortunate and stricken homes of Shelby.

Those Who Gave. Previously acknowledged \$65 Horace Kennedy 5 H. A. Thrift 1 T. H. Abernethy 1 T. W. Ebeltoft 5 "Football Winnings" 10 "Two Friends" 15 Miss Ella MacNichols 5

Father Of Mrs. Yates Blanton Dies At 80

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Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Merchants List, 'My Bit', and Total 304.30.

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Holiday Cheer, Pension Checks, Arrives For Vets

Over Seventeen Thousand Dollars Arrive Here For Civil War Veterans And Widows.

Sixty of the boys who left Cleveland county to follow Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, and 89 widows of Cleveland soldiers who have already joined the immortal leaders, are going to have something with which to purchase their Christmas.

Pension checks for 151 veterans and widows arrived here over the week-end and are now being distributed by Clerk of Court A. M. Hamrick.

Is Big Sum. The total amount of all the checks which come to this county is \$17,400, and is one of the largest county pension lists in the state. This sum comes twice each year.

The \$17,400 is divided as follows: Sixty checks of \$182.50 each for Class A veterans. Eighteen checks of \$150 each for Class A widows. Seventy-one checks of \$50 each for Class B widows.

Two checks of \$100 each for negro boat servants who followed their masters through the conflict.

Agents Start 4-H Club Work

Over Two Hundred Cleveland Boys And Girls Enrolled In Re-organized Clubs.

County Farm Agent R. W. Shoffner and Mrs. Irma P. Wallace, home demonstration agent, are reviving the 4-H club work among the farm boys and girls of Cleveland county, an organization considered one of the most beneficial and informing for farm youths.

Working together the two agents reorganized clubs at Mooresboro, Fallston, Belwood, Polkville, Bethlehem, and Bolling Springs. Mrs. Wallace working alone organized two more clubs at Broad River and Patterson Grove.

Enrolled in these clubs are 75 boys and 150 girls. Each club in addition to its regular officers has a girl leader and a boy leader who are members of the county-wide 4-H council and will meet with the county agents to arrange programs for the clubs. The names of all these leaders were not available today, but for several of the clubs they are as follows: Polkville—Jaylen Covington, Inez Ridge; Belwood—Rosemary Feeler, John Warlick; Bethlehem—Holland Dixou, Estelle Barber; Mooresboro—Otis Whitaker, Ethel Lovelace; Bolling Springs—J. B. Eridges, Mary Hamrick.

The boys of each club will assign themselves to some farming project and keep a record of the development of their projects. While the girls will do likewise with the household arts. At the end of the year the county board of education has promised to give a banner to the club which has done the best work.

To Start Business Census In Cleveland

Census Takers For Commercial Census In Cleveland County Are Named.

On January the first, working under the regular census bureau census takers will begin their check of business and commercial firms in Cleveland county. Although put on by the census department this commercial check is separate from the population county which will start about April 1, and for which county census takers will be named later.

W. H. Barkley, of Hickory, census supervisor for the district, has informed H. Clay Cox, local Republican leader, that the following people will take the business census of Cleveland: For Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 townships, Mr. Chas. R. Hamrick of Bolling Springs; for townships Nos. 5 and 6, Attorney B. E. Williams, Shelby; for townships Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, Mrs. Wayland Green, of Mooresboro.

Masonic Meeting. Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. will meet in called communication Tuesday night for work in the first degree. All Masons urged to attend.

Shelby Boys Make One 'Hitch Hike' From Pacific Here

Stranded In Los Angeles Two Boys Catch One Ride From Pacific To Atlantic.

Two Shelby boys—Ed Harris and Carl Gardner—home, and glad of it, from the Pacific coast, Hollywood and Los Angeles, are entitled to claim the world's record for a cross-continent "hitch hike." In one hitch the two youths came from within seeing distance of the Pacific ocean to their home state which runs into the Atlantic.

Harris, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Harris, and Gardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gardner, left here weeks back for the West and California, traveling with Attorney Bynum Weathers in his car. Along about the same time Fred Logan and Brevard Lattimore left by automobile for a visit to the Pacific coast. After touring about Texas, Mexico, Arizona, New Mexico and California, Logan and Lattimore came back to Los Angeles to start the homeward trip. They had heard that the other Shelby party was somewhere in the West but were of the opinion that the others were in Texas. But occasionally one bumps into the proverbial needle in a haystack.

While cutting through a side street from one of the wide Los Angeles boulevards to another, Lattimore and Logan very near struck a man with their car at a street intersection, and upon stopping discovered that the man was Attorney Weathers. After the customary greetings among home folks when all are as far away from home as is possible without getting off the continent Lattimore and Logan inquired about Harris and Gardner and were informed that the two youths were some distance up town waiting in line before an employment office.

Home On 70 Cents. When Harris and Gardner were located the other party soon learned that Harris still had one dime, with which he was nonchalantly starting to a snow despite the distance between him and home and the next meal, and that Gardner had the magnificent total of 60 cents. Some mention was made of home and the two youngsters with a total wealth of 70 cents made a trade for reservations in the Logan-Lattimore car whereby they were to pack and unpack tents, luggage, and eating utensils and thus work their way back.

Saturday night about 8 o'clock during the district elections last June to serve as Director from the Shelby District for the ensuing year found that it would be impossible for him to devote the time necessary to this work, and therefore, resigned his resignation to be effective at the pleasure of the Board.

At the last meeting of the Board, upon recommendation of a number of influential members from district number fourteen, Mr. Z. C. Mauney of Shelby was unanimously elected to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Irvin.

Mr. Mauney has been a loyal member of the association, delivering his cotton and using his influence wherever possible in building up the membership in this district. He comes to the Board highly recommended and with valuable experience, not only as a cotton producer but as an experienced cotton mill man, having held several official positions before giving up his connection with the mills to devote his time to farming. Not only the board of directors and the management welcome Mr. Mauney as a member of the board, but the entire membership, and they assure him their cooperation in working to build up a stronger membership in his district.

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Frank Hoey Moves In New Residence

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoey, former residents of South Washington street, have moved into their handsome new home at Cleveland Springs. The new Hoey residence is considered one of the most beautiful residences in Shelby and an outstanding one in the entire section.

To Have Box Supper.

A box supper will be held at the Beaver Dam school on Thursday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The public of the section is invited as the proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school.

The many friends of Mr. Jack Palmer will be pleased to learn that he is back on the job after a week's illness.

Cleveland Ex-Soldiers Warned That 'Bonus' Period Is Near End

Officials of the Warren Yoyle Legion Post here, today issued the following warning to ex-service men of Cleveland county: "Your last chance to file application for your Government Adjusted Service Compensation Certificate—Uncle Sam's World War 'bonus'—expires at midnight, December 31, 1929. More than a million world war veterans have thus far failed to claim their 'bonuses.' Are you among this number?"

Thousands Attend Funeral Of Mr. Tom Stamey, Key Citizen Of Upper County

Only One Week Of Court In January

Last week The Star published a list of jurors for the court term here beginning January 1, and jurors were listed for two weeks. Since jurors for both weeks have been drawn court officials have recalled that there is never but one week of court at the January term and, therefore, the drawing of jurors for the second week was an error. Jurors named for the second week are notified that they need not appear.

Mrs. James Digh Of Lawndale Succumbs

Prominent Woman Of Lawndale Dies Of Cancer At Age Of 70 Years.

Mrs. James Digh who before marriage was Mrs. Susan Mount, died at her home at Lawndale Tuesday morning December 3rd at 10 o'clock, following a protracted illness with cancer of the mouth from which she suffered intensely. Mrs. Digh was 70 years of age. She was well known in the Lawndale community and will be greatly missed by her many friends. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald and the interment was at Palm Tree church cemetery.

Surviving are her devoted husband and the following step children: W. A. Digh of Morganton; Mrs. C. E. West, Mrs. S. T. Laughlin, Mrs. C. Y. Randall, Mrs. L. S. Eaker, Miss Ida Digh of Lawndale. She also leaves several nieces, Misses Florence and Cora Yount of Belmont, Mrs. Anna Hoover of Newton and Mrs. Etta Houser of Belmont.

Zeb Mauney Made Cotton Director

Shelby Man Will Fill Unexpired Term Of J. W. Irvin, Resigned.

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One Of County's Most Prominent And Useful Citizens Succumbs To Operation At Age 67. Was Merchant For 42 Years.

Mr. Tom A. Stamey, prominent and successful Fallston merchant and one of the county's most useful citizens, was buried Sunday afternoon at the Fallston Baptist church cemetery, following a funeral services conducted at his residence by Rev. G. P. Abernethy, his pastor, and Rev. Zeno Wall, D. D., amid a crowd of friends that numbered fully 2,500. Mr. Stamey died at the Shelby hospital Friday evening at 8 o'clock, following an operation for appendicitis which was performed on Saturday before. Mr. Stamey was 67 years of age.

Great Tribute Paid Him. Friends from all over Cleveland and all adjoining counties, who Mr. Stamey was well known, gathered to pay a tribute of respect to his noble life. Men of high and low estate were there and a floral offering was added that required two trucks and several cars to carry the 100 designs to the cemetery. It was one of the finest tributes every paid a Cleveland man upon his death, a tribute to a merchant prince, an honest, sympathetic, charitable, patriotic, aggressive, useful business man who grew from a poor country boy to one of the most influential men in the county in his forty-two years as a merchant.

Death A Great Shock. Mr. Stamey was apparently recovering nicely from an operation for appendicitis performed December 7, when on Friday he took a sudden turn for the worse and a second operation was necessary. It looked as if everything turned unfavorable after this second operation and he passed away at 8 o'clock. The news of his death spread rapidly and was a great shock to the entire community. Mr. Stamey, his devoted life companion, was also a patient in the hospital at the same time, taking treatment for high blood pressure.

Surviving Family. He is survived by his wife who before marriage was Miss Lou Gline to whom he was married in 1885 and the following children, Mrs. Deck Wilson and Mr. Owen Stamey of Rutherfordton, T. C. Stamey, a student at Hendersonville, Joe Stamey and Miss Charline of Fallston and Miss Janie Stamey of New York City. All of his children were at his bedside when the end came. Also surviving are one brother, Clarence C. Stamey of Fallston, and one sister.

Hoodoo Day Just That As Officers Stage Booze Raids

Two Girls, Two Men Arrested In South Shelby House Where 11 Gallons Were Found.

Friday the 13th is not a good day on which to imbibe whiskey or have it in your possession. That is, if it is a lucky day for anything.

Sheriff Irvin Allen and his deputies made it a real hoodoo day for something like a dozen people, including three girls.

Friday night the sheriff and Deputies Mike Austell and Bob Kendrick swooped down upon a South Shelby house, made a search, found 11 gallons of whiskey in and under the house, and then loaded up the four occupants, two white girls and two men, for a ride to jail. The girls were Ethel Phillips and Edna Dudley, and their companions were L. A. Mauldin and Buford Blanton. Saturday the quartet gave bonds, \$100 each for the girls and \$500 each for the men, and were released until their trial Tuesday.

On the same night Sheriff Allen accompanied by Deputies John Hord and Bob Kendrick arrested seven people and captured some liquor at a point not far from St. Paul's church to the north of West. In one car there was three passengers—Everett Denton, Lloyd Hopper and Grover Holcomb—and a half gallon of Christmas spirits. Denton and Holcomb drew fines of \$25 each, while Hopper received a 60-day road sentence in court Saturday. Near the same spot the officers arrested Betty Adams, John Black and Efrid Jones for drinking and having a pint of whiskey. The men were fined \$10 each and the girl was given a suspended sentence of 30 days to take effect if she remains in Shelby. Victor Jones was arrested in the same section for drinking and was fined \$10 and the costs.

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Adjusted Service Compensation.

"It's money that's legitimately yours in the form of a 20-year paid up insurance policy. A neat egg for a rainy day or the nucleus of an estate for the protection of your dependents. Each certificate—two years after date of issuance—has a cash loan value in proportion to its face value. Thus every certificate offers an available fund for emergency purposes. "Adjusted Service Compensation. (Continued on page nine.)