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BRIEF COLLINGS OF NORTH STATE NEWS

News of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the State and Arranged For Busy Readers

Trying a Fuzling Case.

Raleigh, Special.—A great many people were in the Superior Court room watching a trial for murder, which is certainly unique here—that of "Boots" Brown, the negro who seven years ago shot his paramour at the door of her home on Carroll alley, in the southern part of this city. She walked into the house after she was shot and there fell dead and Brown disappeared. The supreme question is whether the man on trial is or is not Brown. He is very fat and smiles nearly all the time. It is said that Brown was by no means a large negro and that this man has really no resemblance to him. On the one hand it has been said that Brown's brothers had not been near him while in jail, on the ground that they felt certain he was their brother; but on the other hand it is said they did not go to see him because they were convinced he was not Brown at all. The jurors were asked whether they had formed an opinion that the man was or was not "Boots" Brown. Around the streets there was no end of argument as to whether the man was or was not Brown and a number of business men who knew Brown said the man on trial was not the criminal. The most interesting feature of the day was the testimony of the prisoner himself. He swore that his name was Willie Wright, and that he left his home at Ivor, near from Suffolk, Va., when he was 21 years old and that he had not been there since except to pass through on a train. The woman who claims to be his mother swore the same thing. Everybody admits that the case is not only novel and sensational in the extreme but also very puzzling and never were witnesses more at cross-purposes than in this matter of identification of the man.

Spontaneous Combustion.

Spencer, Special.—Upon an official investigation by the management of the Southern Railway, spontaneous combustion is assigned as the cause of the great powder magazine explosion in Spencer last week, when three lives were lost and twenty or more employees injured. It is certain that there was nothing but metal in the construction of the building which contained the explosives, and the exact cause of the explosion will probably never be known. It is the opinion of some that a supply of the explosives tumbled down inside the building, causing the powder to ignite.

New Corporations.

Raleigh, Special.—The Bank of Huntersville, Mecklenburg county, was chartered with \$10,000 capital. Charles F. Cline, of Greensboro; B. L. Choat, C. P. Alexander and others of Huntersville, are the incorporators. The bank will do a savings and commercial business.

Gins Not Protected.

Raleigh, Special.—It was learned from a very widely known insurance man that insurance companies are not liable for the burning of gins by night-riders or that sort of gang, who are classed as rioters, a special clause in all policies referring to this matter. The insurance man went on to say that gins owners who are insured should protect their gins.

Serious Shooting Affray.

Washington, N. C. Special.—A shooting affray on the dairy farm of S. Fleming, about one mile from this city, early Friday morning came very unexpectedly, ending in a murder for one of the parties. The killing occurred in a dispute over a cow and money refunded.

Mr. Taft's Pledge.

In his speech at St. Paul, Minnesota, Oct. 1st, Mr. Taft gave this pledge: "If I am elected, as I expect to be, I have the greatest pleasure in pledging, in the presence of this grand audience, all the energies and all the abilities of which I am capable to continue the Roosevelt policies, to make business honest and to keep every man within the law, be he humble or rich."

Lyceum Lecture.

The lovers of good wholesome entertainment will be glad to learn that they will have the privilege of hearing Sylvester A. Long, a lecturer and entertainer of national reputation, here on the night of October 22. The many people who go from here to Asheville and other cities will be given the opportunity of hearing here at home, thus saving railroad expense, the very best talent in his line that our country affords, as the citizens of our town have arranged for a regular Lyceum Lecture Course here this winter and Mr. Long is first of the number to come. The proceeds of these lectures and entertainments, after paying actual expenses, will be divided equally between the three different churches in our town. Tickets will be on sale at the Drug Store for one week prior to each entertainment.

Teacher's Meeting.

A meeting of the public school teachers of Madison county will be held at the Court House in Marshall, October 24th, opening at 9 a. m. and closing at 4 p. m. Now I hope that every teacher in the county will attend with out my having to hold up my fingers or report to compulsory measures in any way. Let us do our duty.

Waterway Project Favored.

Second Day of the Great Waterway Conference Addressed By Colonel Bryan and Others.

Chicago, Special.—Addresses by William J. Bryan and Gifford Pinchot the latter being chairman of the national conservation commission, the reading of a letter from James J. Hill, short addresses by delegates, and a big reception at the Coliseum at night were the features of the second day of the convention of the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterways Association. Mr. Bryan, who spoke earnestly in favor of deep waterways, not only from the lakes to the gulf but in all other parts of the country, where increased transportation facilities were needed, was an enthusiastically received; as was William H. Taft when he opened the convention the previous day.

Mr. Bryan's Address.

In addressing the convention Mr. Bryan said in part: "You cannot give the people too good facilities for transportation of their merchandise. If you tell me you want to improve the Mississippi I tell you that is all right, I will help you improve it just as far as you please, and make the canal as wide as you please and as deep as you please, and when you get to improving the Mississippi I will start out all alone if necessary to improve every river that empties into the Mississippi. Water transportation is the natural transportation. God made the rivers, man made the railroads. When you finish a river sufficiently deep for commerce, or a canal upon which boats can float, you make it possible for a man with small capital to act while the railroads make it possible for men with large capital to act. Where there is a river any man can build a boat and engage in transportation, and if he cannot build a big boat he can build a little boat and if you have a large number of little boats the big boat will have to meet the rate that the little boat fixes. You will find it much easier to regulate rates on water than on land because competition can be much more active on water than on land. We are an exporting nation. We send our agricultural products to foreign markets, and when our wheat or our cotton reaches the London market its price is fixed there by the competition which comes as a direct result of the sale of the devil, who answers your argument by saying 'you lie'."

Swann Furnished the Liquor.

In answer to the accusation of the Record in which it says that two of Sheriff Cole's deputies were drunk, we will say that we are not in a position to answer for these gentlemen and as they are not candidates we have not taken the trouble to ascertain, but we are reliably informed that two men on this occasion had some whiskey and we would like for Mr. Swann to state if it is not a fact that they got their whiskey from Mr. Swann's private residence at this time and at other times since the Dispensary closed. We would also like to ask if it isn't a fact that Mr. Swann had a dray load of case whiskey hauled to his private residence and if he has not been using the same for horse swapping and to influence voters since the Dispensary closed. As far as Sheriff Cole's connection with the above is concerned we have answered fully.

Organized Incapacity.

Mr. Taft once alluded to the Democratic party as "organized incapacity," and a sensible man can easily convince himself of the exquisite fitness of the description by due attention to the doings of the party in the states in which it has absolute control. For instance, in Texas the legislature solemnly decrees that sheets must be just so many feet and so many inches long; in other states it enforces two cent fares, even though it bankrupts the road; in Oklahoma it rushes into the guarantee of bank deposits regardless of the fact that that policy has been disastrous whenever tried. It defies the federal courts and nullifies the constitution of the United States. It purposely and with deliberate thought enacts laws which oppress those of the general government, as in the case of the business concerns in the

Tom Watson on Bryan.

Watson's Jeffersonian. The blight of Bryanism has wrought vast evil in this republic, but the worst is yet to come. Remember that Bryan was born and reared in Illinois. Remember his prejudice against the ex-Confederate soldiers. Remember that his convention speech, the name of Robt. E. Lee, (remember that he has never denied that he sent his children to a mixed school where social equality was required. Remember that he has never denied that in a local election he voted for a negro

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