

GENERAL NEWS.

Local option elections were held in 240 cities and towns throughout Illinois Tuesday, the "wets" making gains.

A dispatch of the 7th from Dover, Eng., states that a terrific explosion occurred that morning on the British steamer Carnarona off Dungeness, wrecking the women's quarters, killing one child and injuring a number of women and children.

The Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives introduced a bill Tuesday prohibiting gambling in cotton futures, the main provisions being the prohibition of the use of telegraph, telephone, wireless telegraph and the mails.

The franking privilege was extended to former President Roosevelt by the terms of a bill passed by the House of Representatives Wednesday. The measure was general in terms and extended the franking privilege to all ex-Presidents or their widows during their lives.

A mob composed entirely of negroes overpowered a constable near Keo, Ark., on the 4th and seized his two prisoners, both negroes, one a woman, and shot them to death, afterwards stringing them up. The victims were charged with killing the husband of the woman and the wife of the man.

Louise Ambrodine, who had the distinction of weighing 13.4 pounds for every inch of her height, died in New York Thursday night. She was 4 feet 4 inches by 4 feet 4 inches, weighed 700 pounds, was 24 years old, and was well known as a professional fat woman. A derrick was used to lower the body from her apartment, the stairway being too narrow for its passage.

The Imperial Window Glass Co., a corporation of West Virginia birth, a year old, and 16 officials and directors were indicted by a special Federal grand jury at Pittsburg, Pa., Thursday on 3 counts—conspiracy in the restraint of the hand-blown window glass trade in the United States, engagement in illegal combination, and attempt to monopolize inter-State trade.

The military court of inquiry which during the past year has been investigating the shooting-up of Brownsville, Tex., on the night of August 13-14, 1906, finds that the evidence clearly sustains the charge that the shooting was done by soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, colored. According to the terms of the act creating the board of inquiry, its findings are final and cannot be revised by anyone.

The climax promised in the Pittsburg (Pa.) graft exposures came Wednesday with the presentment by the grand jury of a lengthy report in which it recommended the indictment of Frank N. Hoffstot, president of the Pressed Steel Car Co. and one of the most prominent business men of the country. It is charged that Hoffstot paid a select councilman \$25,000 as a bribe to secure the passage of an ordinance naming 3 banks in which Hoffstot was interested as official depositories of the city's officials.

Rev. A. G. Shuler, pastor of the Western Heights Baptist church of Atlanta, has resigned and will accept a call to Newbern because two deacons of his church advertised that they would put on a prize fight in the pulpit of the church before service. The prize fight was not put on and the deacons admitted that they advertised the event simply to draw a crowd. The minister maintains that the prize-fight idea was not in keeping with a church and that it was dishonest to make the fake announcement.

Indictments for graft seem to be the order of the day in Pittsburg, Pa., and the grand jury Thursday returned a bill of an unusual nature. Alice Peterson, a pretty Johnstown woman—all women who get into prominence this way are pretty, of course—is charged with having used the mails to conduct a fraudulent matrimonial scheme in which she was the bait. It is alleged that she has made a practice of getting into correspondence with men in Western cities and when love affairs had progressed sufficiently she would ask them to send money for the fare to their town so that she might marry them.

STATE NEWS.

The election held in Wadesboro Tuesday for \$10,000 bonds for street improvement carried by a large majority.

While working in a sewer ditch in Greensboro Thursday two negroes lost their lives by the caving in upon them of several tons of dirt.

Near Yanceyville Wednesday as the result of an altercation John Richmond shot and killed his brother. He was placed in jail at Yanceyville.

A gentleman who is supposed to know predicts that in 12 months trains will be running through Whiteville from Bladenboro to Southport on the proposed new road.

Among the cases disposed of by the Supreme Court last week were the following from Robeson county: State vs. McDonald, new trial; State vs. Clifton, new trial.

The other day near Connelly Springs Mrs. Alfred Berry, a wife of only a few months, was burned to death while she and her husband were burning off a new ground.

Dick Campbell, 27 years old, with a wife and 4 children, was fatally shot at Lenoir Monday night by Millard Baker, 24 years old, whiskey and cards being the cause of the trouble. From Campbell's dying statement it appears to have been cold-blooded murder. Baker is in jail.

A. W. Aman, former sheriff of Sampson county, serving 4 years in the State penitentiary for embezzlement of \$12,000 county funds while sheriff, was pardoned Monday by Governor Kitchin on account of a diseased left leg that will have to be amputated. He was sentenced at the October, 1908, term of Sampson county.

A Wake county jury returned a verdict of not guilty Wednesday in the case of W. M. Depree, tried on the charge of having caused the death of George Murphy, a convict of Rowan county, while, as a guard in the State penitentiary, he attempted to carry out an order to put Murphy in a dark cell for drunkenness. The jury believed that the convict died from excitement and not from the effects of a blow from Depree.

Washington correspondence, 5th, Charlotte Observer: Senator Simmons won the greatest victory of his congressional career today, when he secured the adoption by the Senate committee on commerce of an amendment to the rivers and harbors bill, authorizing the Secretary of War to purchase for the United States and to widen and deepen to twelve feet the Albemarle and Chesapeake or the Dismal Swamp canal, leading from Albemarle sound to Norfolk.

Baxter Shemwell, whose sentence or 5 months in jail for drawing his pistols and compelling a Southern Ry. conductor to stop a through train for him at Lexington was commuted by Governor Kitchin to 5 days in jail and a fine of \$500, walked out of Guilford county jail a free man last Wednesday. Shemwell says, and his statement was supported by the statement of a fellow passenger, that the statement that he threatened a conductor on March 31 and made him stop at Lexington is false.

The University of North Carolina defeated Washington and Lee University in a debate in Greensboro Thursday night, this being the second between the two institutions, Washington and Lee winning the first in 1905. Carolina's representatives were W. R. Edmond and H. E. Stacy. On the same night at Chapel Hill F. N. Cox and C. E. McIntosh, of the University of North Carolina, triumphed in debate over representatives of the University of Georgia in the 13th debate between these institutions.

The people of the Arratt section, near Gaffney, S. C., were terrified on the night of the 1st when a series of blinding flashes were seen in the sky, followed by a great crash and an awful report. It is said that houses for 2 miles around were shaken and glasses in windows loosened. The inhabitants were too terrified to stir abroad that night but upon investigation next morning a yawning hole, about 15 by 20 feet and the rise of 6 feet deep, was found. It is believed to have been a meteor and that Haley's comet was in some way responsible for the occurrence.

WANTED: ONE THOUSAND FARMERS TO ENTER THE ROBESON COUNTY CORN CONTEST.

The Bank of Lumberton has offered \$100 in cash prizes, besides Baugh Sons & Co. and the Virginia Carolina Chemical Company has each offered three tons of Fertilizer to the person or persons raising the largest, next largest, and third largest number of bushels of corn on one acre of land in Robeson County. This contest is open to everybody. The contestants can plant their corn at any time, cultivate it in any manner they may see fit, use any Fertilizer they may desire. However, in competing for the prizes offered by the Baugh Sons & Co. and the Virginia Carolina Chemical Co. it will be necessary to use the Fertilizer manufactured by these Companies. Send your name on a postal to the Bank of Lumberton and a book of instructions will be forwarded at once.

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Attention!

Game wardens and all interested in the protection of the birds are informed that Sec. 3486 of the Revised of 1905 reads: "If any person shall at any time hunt, capture or kill any non-game bird, or shall during the close season, or time in any year in which the hunting or killing is prohibited, chase with dogs, hunt, kill or wound or in any manner take or capture any game bird, or any deer, opossum, rabbit or squirrel, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned not exceeding thirty days." This section does not apply to English sparrows, owls, hawks, crows, black birds, jack-daws and rice birds. Game birds are snipes, woodcocks, partridge, quail, dove, robin, and meadow larks, and these may be killed only between Nov. 1st and March 1st. All other birds are protected by the law during the entire year. Frank A. Bond, Chief Game Warden for Robeson Co. 4-11tf

Notices of New Advertisements.

Simpkins' Prolific cotton seed and improved farm implements at L. H. Caldwell's. Great department stores and stock of goods that "caps the stack"—Caldwell & Carlyle. Every inducement offered consistent with safe banking rules—Farmers & Merchants Bank. Chief Game Warden Bond calls attention to the law as to shooting birds.

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NORTH CAROLINA. In the Superior Robeson County. R. R. Barnes vs. Marshall W. Williams and Lucy A. Williams, his wife. Notice.

The defendant, Marshall W. Williams above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Robeson County for the purpose of foreclosing a certain real estate mortgage executed and delivered by the defendants to the plaintiff on the 15th day of July, 1904 and recorded in book of mortgage deeds No. 6, at page 528. Office Register of Deeds of Robeson County; and the said Marshall W. Williams will further take notice that he is required to appear at the term of the superior court of said county to be held in the Town of Lumberton on the 11th Monday after the first Monday in March, 1910, it being the 29th day of May, 1910, at the court house door of said county, in Lumberton, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This 26th day of March, 1910. W. H. Humphrey, Clerk Superior Court. 3-28-4mon.

Notice of Sale Under Mortgage.

By virtue of power of sale contained in mortgage executed by Jno. H. Smith and Malcolm Smith to the "Bank of Hope Mills," on the 15th day of October, 1908, and duly recorded in office of the Register of Deeds of Robeson County, in Book "M. M." No. 16, Page 71, will offer for sale at the Court House in Lumberton, on Saturday, April 30th, 1910, the following valuable real estate, in the County of Robeson, it being the interest of Jno. H. Smith and Malcolm Smith in 200 acres of land, described as follows:

Beginning at a gum in the edge of an open pond, Dr. Duncan Smith's line, the beginning of a 150 acre survey, and runs north 15 chains to a pine, the beginning corner of a 50 acre survey, and thence with the first line of said survey North 75 East 22 chains to a stake in Tolar's line, thence with that line North 16 chains to a stake, thence North 30 West 8 chains and 50 links to a stake in Ausley's line, thence with that line South 50 West 9 chains and 50 links to a stake, thence South 70 West 9 chains and 50 links to a stake by four pines, thence North 60 East 10 chains to a stake, thence North 70 West 7 chains to a pine, thence South 35 West 12 chains and 50 links to a stake in the run of Patterson's Branch, thence down said branch 12 chains to a stake at the two gums in the line of the 100 acre survey, thence with that survey South 55 East 4 chains to a stake, thence South 35 West 5 chains to a stake, in the run of said Branch, thence down said branch 8 chains and 50 links to a pine in said branch in the upper line of the 112 acre survey, thence with that line 5 chains to a stake, thence South 36 chains to a stake in the East edge of said branch, thence East 23 chains and 67 links to a stake, thence North 36 chains to the beginning. Being the 200 acres devised to Catherine Tolar, now wife of J. T. Ausley, by Daniel P. McNair, and conveyed by deed to Henry Smith by J. T. Ausley and wife, Catherine Ausley, to the deeds conveying same reference is hereby made. Terms of Sale Cash. Time of sale 12 o'clock March 21st, 1910. Rose & Rose, Attorneys for Bank of Hope Mills, 3-28-4mon. Mortgagee.

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MORRIS STEAM BAKERY 1-10tf. J. R. Morris. Messrs. Tom Graham and Earnest Barker, of Rowland, were in town yesterday.