

Ditchers Find \$50,000.00 In Gold.

Pot Containing a Fortune in Gold Coin Found on a Farm Near Chesterfield - It Disappears Again.

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 12.—An iron pot containing \$50,000 in gold coin, the newest of which was 115 years old, was found on the farm of James Rivers, near Chesterfield, S. C., by Tyler Teal, a white laborer, and Will Edwards, a negro, while engaged recently in digging a ditch. The pot was carried to a point two miles away and buried near a creek bank. When two days later the finders went after the pot, it had mysteriously disappeared. The negro charges that the white man had appropriated the money and has hidden it from him, while Teal declares that the story is all a joke and no pot was unearthed. Edwards sticks to his story and has produced proofs of its genuineness. Detective J. D. Evans, who has associated with him one of the best known detectives in the south, who were employed by the negro, and who have since been working on the case, have secured evidence confirming the discovery of the hidden wealth, but thus far no trace of the gold has been found.

Killed by a Serpent?

Special to News and Courier.

Manning, Sept. 12.—A sudden death occurred in a rather unusual manner last night, about three miles from town. A young negro, named Dan Samuel, about 18 years old, in company with another boy and a negro woman, was passing along the road, near Mr. Furman Brabham's place. As they crossed a small bridge, about 8 o'clock, Dan called out that something bit him on the foot. They did not stop to investigate, but all walked on for about fifty yards, when Dan fell to the ground and died in a few minutes.

The only marks on the body were two small punctures on one heel, and the supposition is that some venomous serpent had bitten the negro, though the suddenness of death ensuing is still unaccountable.

Ate Matches and Died.

Special to News and Courier.

Bishopville, September 12.—A little child, 2 years old, of Mr. W. T. Lyles, a farmer living about two and a half miles from Bishopville, died this morning under very distressing circumstances.

Sunday afternoon the little fellow got hold of a box of matches and before it was discovered he had eaten the heads of thirty-two.

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Hurled Forty Feet to Marble Floor.

Special to Charleston Post.

Columbia, Sept. 12.—While scribbling his name on one of the iron girders between the bases of the inner and outer shells of the capitol dome to lay Warren H. Seruggs, Jr., the fifteen year old son of a well known traveling clothing salesman, stepped into one of the two-foot squares of the ceiling protected only by tin and fell forty feet head foremost on to the marble floor of the outer lobby between the two houses of the Legislature, dashing out his brains and killing himself instantly.

Cotton is Backward

Washington, Sept. 12.—The weather bureau's crop report says. In the Carolinas the cotton situation is not materially changed. In South Carolina a slight improvement is indicated in some localities and deterioration in others, the plant having stopped growing on sandy lands, but continues green and is fruiting in clay soils.

A slight improvement is reported from Alabama and portions of Louisiana and Texas, but in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Missouri, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Arkansas and the greater part of Texas there has been more or less deterioration, with a slight improvement over scattered local areas. Boll weevils and other pests are increasing in portions of Texas. Generally weather conditions have been highly favorable for picking, which work has been actively carried on.

Died on the Train.

The State, 13th inst.

Mr. John W. Kleckley died on the train of the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens road yesterday while on the way to the Columbia hospital. Mr. Kleckley, who is a citizen of the Dutch Fork, had his arm terribly lacerated in his gin yesterday. The wounded man was given every attention by Drs. Eleazer and Westinger of Peak. The man's left hand and arm were terribly lacerated and it was decided by the attending physicians that the man should be immediately brought to this city. While en route under the care of the physicians the wounded man died. The remains were placed on the next train and carried back to his home at Peak.

It would seem that the investigating committee has found enough evidence of graft and corruption on the part of local dispensers to transfer the inquiry to those higher in the service, and especially as there is no indication that the thieves will be properly handled by the grand juries and the courts. All the good features that the dispensary had in its inception have been dwarfed and debauched by the liquor crooks. The investigation has proceeded to that point where it should be turned toward the head men at Columbia. If they have been honest, they deserve to be acquitted of any charge of wrongdoing; if they have prostituted the office for their own gain and for their selfish aims, there ought to be ample punishment to fit the crime.—Greenville News.

—There's usually a vast difference between what a man is and what he pretends to be.

The Work At Great Falls.

The Southern Power Company Pushing Their Development There at Great Strides.

"The way in which the Southern Power Company in pushing their development on the Catawba at Great Falls is marvelous," remarked a well known citizen of the city to an Observer man yesterday. "There are already 100 mules and 150 men hard at work on the new railroad that is to be run from Fort Lawn to the river, a distance of 11 miles, and they are lifting the dirt in a manner that is remarkable. This job was begun only Wednesday and already considerable progress has been made. A force of men are also engaged in the placing of telephone poles from the river so as to connect with the home office in Charlotte and this, too, is being pushed to the utmost.

"The scene on the river is one of apparent confusion and turmoil. Some 225 men are employed clearing away the trees, and leveling those obstructions which are deemed to be in the way. Quite a number are engaged in placing derricks in position, installing boilers, building houses for the men and a large commissary where all may be accommodated at meal time. Six engines are being used in excavating and hoisting material for the building of the power house on the river. It is wonderful to see the men as they go about their work. The system of organization is almost perfect and great things are being accomplished in short order.

"Three developments may be made at Great Falls. The one that is now being utilized is situated in the middle of the rapids, where the fall is 74 feet in a very short space. Machinery will be installed as soon as possible so that 32,000 horse power may be turned out. This power will be transmitted into Charlotte or into several of the surrounding towns, and will be disposed of at a very low cost. The outlay for this one development will amount to about \$2,000,000. In all probability as soon as this development is complete, then the others will be begun and the work be in progress for the years to come.—Charlotte Observer, 13th inst.

Some of our dispensary friends, who have been telling of the great and liberal support which the schools receive from the sale of liquor may be surprised at the figures presented by Mr. Hayne in his letter published this morning. "In 1903," says Mr. Hayne, "the Greenville county schools received \$1,290 from the comptroller general as our share of the dispensary profits. Our enrollment that year was 15,181 pupils, hence the schools got ten cents per pupil." And that was just about enough to educate them to the iniquity of the law as it is administered in this day and time.—Greenville News.

Tennessee Giant Dead.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 12.—"Bud" Rogan, the Tennessee negro giant, is dead at his home in Gallatin. Rogan was eight feet nine inches tall. His hands were 12 inches in length and feet 16 1/2 inches.

Fire Destroys

Togo's Flagship.

Nearly Six Hundred Men Perish on the Mikasa—The Admiral Not Aboard.

Tokio, Sept. 12, 2 p. m.—The navy department announced that the battleship Mikasa has been destroyed by fire and the explosion of her magazine, causing the loss of 599 lives, including men of other ships who went to the rescue.

The fire started from an unknown cause at midnight on Sunday night, Sept. 10. Before the officers could be rescued the fire reached the aft magazine which exploded, blowing a hole in the port side of the vessel below the water line and causing the ship to sink.

An investigation is now being held to determine the cause of the fire.

6 p. m.—Admiral Togo was not on board the Mikasa when the disaster to the battleship occurred.

Hub Evans Defiant.

Dares Tillman or Anybody Else To Say He's Dishonest—Won't Resign.

Special to Charleston Post.

Columbia, Sept. 12.—Chairman H. H. Evans and Director L. W. Boykin, of the State dispensary board, arrived today for the monthly meeting of the board, out each firmly and emphatically declined to issue any sort of statement for publication, and said that no statement would be issued from them. They said that if Director Towill, who is not yet here, issues a statement, it will be in his own behalf.

Mr. Evans is in a defiant mood, but beyond giving expression to his contempt for the newspapers, he would not talk. However, a friend quotes him as bidding defiance to Senator Tillman and all others who have insinuated against his honesty.

"Ben Tillman nor Frazer Lyon nor anybody else had better not say that Hub Evans stole anything," he is quoted as replying with an oath to the suggestion from Senator Tillman that the board resign. "I will not resign, but I am going to run for reelection, and I will be reelected. I'll show these bullies a thing or two."

A GRIM TRAGEDY

is daily enacted, in thousands of homes, as Death claims, in each one, another victim of Consumption or Pneumonia. But when Coughs and Colds are properly treated, the tragedy is averted. F. G. Huntley, of Oaklandon, Ind., writes: "My wife had the consumption, and three doctors gave her up. Finally she took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds which cured her, and to-day she is well and strong." It kills the germs of all diseases. One dose relieves. Guaranteed at 50c and \$1.00 by Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co. Funderburk Pharmacy, druggists. Trial bottle free.

—An average pocket diary is an unfinished romance.

—A man's ideal during courtship is apt to be his ordeal after marriage.

Trial of Safe-Crackers.

Men Charged With Cracking Safe at Heath Spring, Solicitor Henry Demands That they be Turned Over to South Carolina Authorities.

Special to The Observer.

Nadesboro, Sept. 12.—Fisher and O'Day, the alleged safe-crackers, dressed in their Sunday clothes looking quite spick and span, considering their four months' confinement and the desperate illness of O'Day, appeared in court this morning and plead guilty on the charge of carrying concealed weapons. A hitch came in the proceedings just here, however, for during the night previous Solicitor Henry, of South Carolina, came on the scene and demanded that the men be turned over to the South Carolina authorities to answer the charge of robbing a safe at Heath Springs.

Judge Neal suspended sentence and pressure is again to be brought on the powers that be in North Carolina for extradition papers. The prisoners, through their attorneys, Messrs. Bennett and Bennett, claim their right to dismissal or sentence on the charge to which they pleaded guilty and are fighting hard against removal.

Lieutenant Governor Winston has telegraphed that he will not interfere. Unless Governor Glenn honors the requisition before Solicitor Henry's departure the case will remain as it is until his return or Judge Neal will send Fisher and O'Day to the roads.

News Of The State.

Endorse 11 Cents.

Honea Path, Sept. 11.—The Farmers' union has adopted the following: "We, the members of the Farmers' union of Honea Path, hereby express our hearty approval of the action of the cotton growers' association at Asheville in fixing 11 cents per pound as the minimum price for the present crop and we do pledge our cooperation in maintaining that price."

Justice Gary Refuses to Grant the Order.

Union, Sept. 12.—Associate Justice Gary today refused to reverse the order of Judge Townsend that the dispensaries of Union must close, and the matter will probably now remain as it is until settled by the supreme court in November, with the liquor dispensary closed and the beer dispensaries doing no business.

Killed by a Live Wire.

Florence, September 11.—Mr. Frank J. Kirkham, a young line-man for the Southern Bell Telephone Company at this place, met with a most horrible death this afternoon as a result of his body coming in contact with a live wire at the top of a thirty foot telephone pole.

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[For The Ledger. A Plea to Vote Out The Dispensary.]

There has been a great deal of talk on this Dispensary problem and the Liquor traffic in every form in our dear old State for a long time but our people have had no chance to vote it out until the Brice bill was passed and approved by the Governor of our State about a year or more ago. Since that time the good citizens of several counties in the State have said by a good majority that they don't want liquor sold in the county where they live.

Now why can't Lancaster county do the same thing and rid herself of the greatest evil the world and the devil ever turned loose to destroy mankind? Dear voters let me tell you why I am opposed to whiskey and strong drink in every form: Because it is estimated that three-fourths of all the crimes that appear on the criminal docket are caused directly by strong drink. I can give you names, dates and places of men who while under the influence of strong drink, sold to them by the State, have murdered their wives, their children and their loved ones, and then brought up and tried by the State for murder after the State had sold him the whiskey that caused all this trouble. The man who votes for whiskey to be sold in his town, county or state is guilty before Almighty God of murder, misery and woe.

You tell me that the dispensary makes more business in a town where it is located. To say that when men are under the influence of strong drink they are better qualified to transact business than when sober, is the biggest lie ever forged in hell and told on earth.

I stand ready at all times to give my support against anything that will cause men to butcher one another, wreck trains, burn houses, drive their own dear wife and little children into the cold and rain at night and hunt them like wild beasts and if they find them under any shelter, drive them from there or kill them.

God speaks to us as a nation and says, Put the drunkard away from you,—Deut. 21st chapter, 18 to 21st verses. In Habakuk 2nd chapter, 15th verse, we find, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him and maketh him drunken."

Now then if any nation or state or county or individual advocates or justifies the making or selling, or distribution of intoxicants is he not putting the bottle to his neighbor? More than one thousand names are on the petition calling for an election in the county of Lancaster. I believe that the people will vote out whiskey and will enforce the law so strictly that tigers can't run. It makes me feel good to see so many people turned against strong drink, but alas, there is so many that have named the name of Christ as their leader that are upholding the dispensary as the best solution of the whiskey business.

Now, to every one who loves his home, his wife and children, his state, his nation and his God, let him help to vote out the one great evil, to them all.

My prayer has been for years and years that our State might be saved from strong drink. Church members please vote as you pray.

C. T. HARDIN.