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The Polk County (N. C.) News prints the following: "Many people in the county no doubt received April fools, but none received one greater than Mr. Mark Pack of Greens Creek, for on this day he had three fine sons born to him. The babies are healthy and strong, and from appearance will make three fine men. We have learned that he named them William, Jennings and Bryan for the late democratic candidate for the presidency."

General Mathew Butler, former United States senator, died at Columbia, S. C., age 73 years.

Mr. James H. Girvin of Auburn, N. Y., died recently. An Albany newspaper says: After suffering for several years, James H. Girvin passed away April 5th. He was born in this city of Scotch parentage. His education he received at the old Arsenal school on Broadway. For years he conducted a cigar store and manufactory on the Northern boulevard. He was a staunch democrat and for years was leader of the Eleventh ward. In 1898 he was elected coroner and served for three years. Mr. Girvin was a member of Guttenberg lodge No. 737, A. F. and A. M.; Anaware Tribe of Red Men 393, and Albany Lodge of Elks. There will be prayers at his late residence Thursday afternoon. Public services will be held at the Masonic temple under the auspices of Guttenberg lodge. Mr. Girvin is survived by his widow and son Joseph, of the city engineer's office." The same newspaper pays this deserved tribute to Mr. Girvin: "James H. Girvin, former coroner, is dead. He was a good public officer, a good citizen and a progressive citizen and his death will be mourned by a host of friends."

At Topeka, Kan., indictments of 737 counts were returned against the Cudahy Packing company of Kansas City, Kan. The charges defrauding the government of \$80,000 in revenues on oleomargarine. The maximum fine on each count is \$1,000.

Washington dispatches say that Harvey W. Scott, editor of the Portland Oregonian, will succeed D. E. Thompson of Lincoln, Neb., as American ambassador to Mexico.

The Burlington railroad has announced that it will give a 2 1/2 cent passenger rate in Missouri.

Nine members of the lower house diet at Tokio were arrested, charged with having accepted bribes.

A lodging house at San Francisco burned. Five persons lost their lives.

Castro, former president of Venezuela, was taken in charge by the French authorities at Fort de France, Martinique, and placed upon the steamer Versailles. He was then carried back to France. The French authorities say they acted because Castro was bent on stirring up trouble and they did not desire that French territory be used as a base of operation.

Bradford Merrill and other employees of the New York American, who had been arrested on a charge of criminal libel preferred by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., were discharged

on the ground that they were not connected with the corporation in the testimony offered.

President Taft has chosen a house on Woodbury Point, at Beverly, Mass., owned by Robert D. Evans, as his summer residence.

A Washington dispatch carried by the Associated Press says. "President Taft has declined to interfere in the case of Joaquin Segrera, convicted on the Panama canal zone of murder and the sentence of death will be carried out on May 7. The case was called to Mr. Taft's attention during his visit to the canal zone before he was inaugurated. Segrera was tried before three judges in the canal zone, but before he was sentenced President Roosevelt gave orders establishing the right of trial by jury. The attorney general decided that no injustice had been done and that Segrera was properly convicted."

The Missouri legislature has passed a resolution providing for the submission of the prohibition question to popular vote at the election in November 1910.

President Taft has made the following appointments: United States district judge for Oregon, Robert S. Bean; United States district judge first division, district of Alaska, Thomas R. Lyons; United States Marshal, first division of the district of Alaska, Daniel A. Sutherland.

A massacre of Armenians started trouble in Turkey. A Constantinople dispatch says: "The third day of the revolutionary movement in the capital was marked by some disorders, the most serious of which was a demonstration by marines who objected to the new minister of marine, Vice Admiral Adjemim Pasha. The marines gathered in force and seized and conveyed to the palace Arif Bey, commander of the battleship Assari-Tewfik, a member of the committee of union and progress, who ordered the guns of his ship trained on the Yildiz Kiosk when the rising was at its height, with the intention of supporting the committee. Arriving at the Yildiz Kiosk the men lynched Arif Bey, notwithstanding the efforts of the palace guard to save him."

Charles J. Bronston, a well-known Kentucky lawyer, died at Lexington, age 60 years.

Conway B. Hayes, a business man of Kansas City and exalted ruler of the Kansas City Elks, is dead.

President Taft has pardoned, from the Leavenworth prison, Flavius Tygard, former president of the National bank at Butler, Mo. He is 70 years of age and was serving a term of five years for violating the banking law.

Judge Owen P. Thompson of Jacksonville, Ill., was renominated for circuit judge in a hotly contested primary. He defeated Thomas F. Ferns of Jerseyville.

Jules Lombard, known throughout the country as a campaign singer and republican worker, is dying at his home in Chicago. He is said to have been the first one to sing the song, "Rally 'round the flag, boys," during the civil war.

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