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## CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

### Boy Drops Dead in a Store. New Cotton Coming in Rapidly.

Concord Times, Sept. 14th.

Fletcher Fink returned Monday morning from the Isthmus of Panama, where he has been for two years. He is clerk in the office of the chief mechanic in charge of the canal work there. Mr. Fink sailed from Colon just a week before his arrival here coming by way of New York. He is on a two months' absence, and will be here about six weeks. He likes it very much in Panama, and says work on the canal is going rapidly forward.

New cotton is coming in pretty brisk, 33 bales being sold here last Saturday. The price is 9 cents, and 10 cents for old cotton.

The little nine-year-old son of D. L. Shinn, dropped dead in the store of White-Morrison-Flower Co., yesterday afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock. The boy was accompanied by his father and mother, who were doing some trading. They had just come down stairs, when the little fellow dropped to the floor. It was thought that he had only fainted, and some water was thrown into his face with no result. Dr. Burleyson was summoned, and at once pronounced him dead.

H. P. Deaton has purchased the Tribune job office, and will move it into the rooms over the express office. Mr. Deaton is an old Concord boy, and has been in the printing business all his life. We wish him every success in this new venture.

J. Albert Davis, representing the Sanborn Map Co., is here engaged in making a new insurance map for the town. He expects to have it ready in about a month. It has been some time since a new map was made.

Concord Times Sept. 21st.

Martha Gilmer, the colored woman of Shankletown who was burned by the bursting of a lighted lamp thrown at her last Sunday by Pleas Howie, is so badly burned that she is not expected to live.

Professor Ingram reports that he has enough of Cabarrus politics for the present, and when his plantation in No. 10 is rented out he will start on his yearly lecture course, which will the next season cover South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Cuba and Porto Rico.

The Cannon Manufacturing Co., of Concord, and the Patterson Manufacturing Co., of China Grove, on Wednesday let the contract for the erection of two new mills at Kannapolis, just above Glass. At the same time the contract was let for the erection of 200 tenant houses for the mill operatives. The contract was given to F. C. Thompson & Bro., of Birmingham, Ala.

A re-union of the Winecoff family was held last Monday at W. L. Winecoff's in No. 11. About 100 of the connection were present, several being there from Rowan. Talks were made by Rev. W. V. Honeycutt, J. B. White, and others. A fine dinner was served and there was a delightful time generally.

### Lame Back.

This is an ailment for which Chamberlain's Pain Balm has proven especially valuable. In almost every instance it affords prompt and permanent relief. Mr. Luke LaGrange, of Orange, Mich., says of it: "After using a plaster and other remedies for three weeks for a bad lame back, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and two applications cured me. For sale by James Plummer, Salisbury, N. C., and Spencer Pharmacy, Spencer, N. C."

## LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

### Town Rejoices Over New Clock. Burglar Alarm for Bank.

Lexington Dispatch, September 19th.

The Bank of Lexington is installing the costly burglar alarm apparatus this week that we mentioned some time ago. The appliance is being put in by expert workmen from New York, who are in the employ of the Electric Bank Protection Company of New York, the firm that makes the alarm machinery. The work will probably be completed this week, and some time next week a practical demonstration of the appliance will be given to the public.

W. M. Zimmerman, a well known farmer living near Arcadia, had the misfortune to lose a tobacco barn by fire last Thursday afternoon. Mr. Zimmerman had just finished curing a barn full of the weed. No one was at the barn when the fire started. Mr. Zimmerman's loss is several hundred dollars. He has no idea how the fire originated.

There is no question about the future of Denton. It is going to be a considerable town in the near future. The Davidson Insurance and Trust Company commenced selling their lots last Monday, and as they have more than eight hundred, everybody now has a chance of securing property in the growing town of Denton.

B. C. Gobble, of Reeds, tells us that a worm, which he calls the army worm, is eating the grass in his melon patch and garden. They are also destroying his tomatoes. The worms are one and one-fourth inches long, having a rather dark color, with a white streak on each side. They made their appearance more than a week ago.

The new city clock has been ordered and is expected to arrive within a month. The necessary appropriation from the town and county has been made, augmented with subscriptions from private citizens. The clock will cost about \$800 and will be a credit to the town in every respect. It will be installed in the court house steeple.

We learn that Elder Henry Sheets discontinued his connection as pastor of Clemmonsville church last Sunday, where he has served seven years. He does not know now where he will take work in the place of the church just left.

Rev. L. A. Peeler, who has been pastor of the Second Reformed church during the summer, left Monday for Philadelphia where he will enter school. Mr. Peeler hopes to complete his theological course next year.

### Monument to Robert Burns.

Interesting ceremonies attended the unveiling here today of a monument to Robert Burns, a tribute of the Scotchmen of New Brunswick to the memory of the famous poet. The monument occupies a commanding position in the Parliament building grounds. It consists of a statue of the poet mounted on a granite base. The statue, which is of bronze, ten feet high, was cast by Brad Stephenson, of Edinburgh.—Fredericton, N. B., dispatch.

### A Lively Tussle

With that old enemy of the race, Constipation, often ends in Appendicitis. To avoid all serious trouble, with Stomach, Liver and Bowels, take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They perfectly regulate these organs without pain or discomfort. 25c at all druggists.

## KILLED AT SPENCER.

### Conductor Hedrick Shoots Down Flagman Whittaker. Shooter Surrenders.

On last Friday afternoon Spencer was in the throes of excitement on account of a killing which occurred in the rear of the store of the Spencer Clothing and Shoe Company.

It is stated there was no quarrel between the men at the time of the shooting. Whittaker was in the store purchasing some articles, when Conductor Hedrick and his wife came in. When Hedrick saw the other man he at once drew his pistol. Whittaker ran through the store in order to escape by the rear entrance. Hedrick followed him and shot and killed him just after he had got outside of the store. After the shooting Hedrick went to his home and stated that he wanted to surrender to the officers. Sheriff Julian, who was at once notified of the killing, sent out deputies Krider and Rice to arrest Hedrick. They found the latter at his home waiting for them, and he was placed under arrest and brought to Salisbury. Conductor Hedrick on his arrival here, retained Overman and Gregory and Clement and agreed to take charge of his case. It is reported that the plea of Hedrick will be that he killed Whittaker in self defense, as the latter is said to have drawn a pistol at the time Hedrick did.

The shooting was caused, so it is stated, by the attentions of Whittaker to Mrs. Hedrick.

The slain man, G. C. Whittaker, was a flagman on the Southern between Monroe and Spencer, and was from Pilot Mountain, N. C.

Conductor Hedrick is from Davidson county, and some years ago was employed in a store in this city. While here he killed Adolphus Shaping, but he was acquitted by a jury on the ground of self defense.

Coroner Dorsett held an inquest over the remains of Whittaker, the jury rendering a verdict to the effect that the deceased met his death at the hands of Hedrick. Witnesses at the inquest testified that as Hedrick fired his last shot, he remarked, "I guess you are dead." The prisoner was committed to jail without bond.

W. P. Dorton and J. P. Biggs, who were in the store of the Spencer Clothing and Shoe Company when the two men met, and John H. Harris and R. B. Gobble, who saw the latter part of the affair, were the only witnesses examined. Their testimony is the same in substance as the account of the killing published above.

H. F. Whittaker, of Pilot Mountain, the father of the slain man, will employ counsel to assist in the prosecution, so it is stated. The remains were shipped to the former home of the deceased Saturday morning.

It developed at the inquest that the deceased received several bullet wounds. One entered the back, near the shoulder and penetrated the body, this wound of itself being sufficient to cause death. One entered the right hip, the left leg received a wound, and the chin was struck by a bullet.

It seems to be settled that the killing was the result of the alleged intimacy between Whittaker and Mrs. Hedrick. It is said that some weeks ago Conductor Hedrick came home unexpectedly and was made aware of certain conditions, which caused him to threaten prompt and sure vengeance upon Whittaker if his intimacy with Mrs. Hedrick did not cease at once.

Mrs. Hedrick is a daughter of

## YOUNG MEN FOR WAR.

### War Department Preparing for Possible Need of Army in Cuba.

Washington, Sept. 19.—Young officers for command in Cuba in case the army is sent there, has practically been decided upon by the War Department authorities. General Frederick Funston probably will be in command and his chief lieutenants are likely to be Brigadier Generals Thomas S. Barry and William P. Duvall. These two officers have recently completed an inspection of the German maneuvers in Europe and have notified the War Department that they intend to sail for this country on Sept. 20, but owing to the acute situation in Cuba they have been advised that their presence in this country at an earlier date will be desirable. Preparations are going forward to meet any emergency that may arise in case the reconciliation of the warring elements in Cuba cannot be accomplished.

While the State Department has been informed unofficially of the arrival at Havana today of Secretary Taft and Assistant Secretary of State Bacon, no official advice had been received at the Department up to the hour of closing.

It is said at the State Department to be unlikely that either Secretary Taft or Mr. Bacon would communicate with the Department on matters relating to their mission in Cuba. Whatever they may have to communicate will be sent direct to President Roosevelt, as they constitute a special presidential mission which is quite independent of the Department of State.

Of course, any complaints received by the State Department of the destruction or imperiling of American interests will go through the usual diplomatic channels and not through the presidential mission.

a citizen of Thomasville, and she will return to her father and remain until the trial of her husband.

In a statement made to the Post by E. C. Gregory, Esq., of Hedrick's counsel, he says:

"Several weeks ago Capt. Hedrick learned that Whittaker was seeking to violate and despoil his home on Long street in Spencer, and to wear his wife from him. One day Hedrick returned home from a trip at an earlier hour than he was expected and found Whittaker there. He then warned Whittaker never to come to his home again and to cease attentions to his wife. Whittaker at that time roomed three doors distant on the same street. To get away from him Hedrick moved his wife and his daughters to Newton Heights which are on the opposite side of Spencer from his former residence. Whittaker followed and secured a room in the neighborhood about three doors off. He persisted in his attentions and continued to pursue Mrs. Hedrick. Yesterday Capt. Hedrick had made his run for the Southern from Monroe, and reached his house about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. His wife was absent and his little girl informed him that Whittaker had spent the morning there with his wife, and that her mother and Whittaker had driven off together in a buggy. Hedrick and his wife met shortly afterwards, and went to the store where the tragedy occurred."

Hudson and Klutz have been retained by Conductor Hedrick, in addition to Overman & Gregory, and Clement & Clement.

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## STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

### Almost Serious Fire. Philadelphia Man Wants Picture of Water Wheel.

Statesville Landmark, September 18th.

A serious fire was narrowly averted at the St. Charles hotel Saturday afternoon. The fire place in one of the rooms on the second floor had been used during the summer as a waste basket and had been filled with old papers and a screen set before it. Saturday afternoon a young man who was stopping there thoughtlessly threw a cigarette in the fireplace as he left the room. A few minutes later Mrs. Bettie Holand, manager of the hotel, happened to go in the room and found a roaring fire on the hearth. The screen before the fireplace was ablaze and the furniture in immediate danger. The fire was extinguished before any damage of consequence resulted.

While getting off a moving train at the depot Thursday evening, J. E. Boyd fell and received very painful injuries about the shoulders. Mr. Boyd had accompanied some relatives to the station and went in the train with them to help secure seats and place their bundles. The train began moving and before Mr. Boyd could reach the door had gained such speed as to throw him when he jumped. His injuries are not serious.

Messrs. White Bros.—W. W. and J. W. White, of Statesville, received a letter a few days ago from J. Warren, of Philadelphia, asking for photograph of the old-fashioned water wheel at their mill near Statesville. Mr. Warren said he wanted the picture solely for the sake of "Auld Lang Syne," as the old-fashioned water wheels have disappeared from New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The picture was sent him.

The price paid for the first bale of new cotton on the Statesville market last week was 10½ instead of 10.

The Statesville Inn, which was recently leased by E. G. Gilmer, proprietor of Hotel Iredell, was opened under Mr. Gilmer's management this morning. The office will be in charge of Z. A. Smith, of Houstonville.

Mrs. Dicie Jarvis, aged 75 years, died yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at her home on Sharpe street, and will be buried this morning at 11 o'clock at Oakwood cemetery.

The four large granite columns which are to be placed in front of the new bank building are on the ground and will be put in position as soon as a derrick can be rigged up to handle them. The columns are 28 feet 9 inches long and weigh 18,000 pounds each. They are from the granite quarries near Mt. Airy.

The site for the new Methodist church on Broad street has been staked off and it is expected that ground will be broken this week.

Messrs. J. H. McElwee and P. C. Carlton were in Lincoln and Catawba counties Friday and Saturday in the interest of the Statesville Air Line railroad. A very enthusiastic railroad meeting was held at Denver, Lincoln county, Friday night and the Statesville gentlemen state that much interest is manifested in that section and that the townships are arranging to vote bonds for the railroad.

Ask any "JAP" that you may see, "Why the Czar, with Bear behind" had to climb a tree. The Yanks, God bless the Yanks, says he. They gave us Rocky Mountain Tea. T. W. Grimes Drug Co.

## ALBEMARLE AND STANLY COUNTY.

### A Large Stalk of Corn. More Wrecks on the Yackin Road.

Stanly Enterprise, September 18th.

Representative Blackburn is great at glorifying the achievements of the republican party and he dwells long and lustily over its solicitude for the wage earner. Admitting, for the sake of argument, that every claim he makes for the republican party is founded on facts, his constituents are anxious to know what part he has played in this legislation enacted by his party since he was elected to Congress.

It is well known in Stanly that Mr. Sanders has been diligently seeking the nomination for sometime. It is but another stage of the fight for the postoffice at this place, where some of the republican leaders of the county want him.

Columbus P. Efrid came in from Asheville Sunday, accompanied by his trained nurse. He is contemplating going to one of the health resorts in the west very soon. His health is much improved, and there is hope for his recovery.

The republicans keep very quiet on the matter of their failure to list thousands of dollars worth of property in Harris township. It means a loss of several thousand dollars to the county, if not attended to in the right way.

Hon. Lee S. Overman, of Rowan, one of the State's gifted Senators, will speak at Albemarle on Friday night, September 28th, and at Locust, on Saturday the 29th, at 2 o'clock p. m.

The radical ring is planning several surprises to spring upon unsuspecting voters on the eve of election when they hope their devilment will not be found out in time to hurt.

A stalk 10½ feet high, bearing only one ear of corn 10 feet from the ground, is a freak shown us by F. Cooper. Mr. Cooper thinks it will head the list.

The freight train carried an extra passenger coach Tuesday morning, and many of our folks went to hear Mr. Bryan.

A wreck on the freight train yesterday derailed five cars and delayed the passenger train for several hours.

### Another Fool With a Gun.

In Lincoln Superior court, on last Tuesday, a young man named Jones Kiser was tried for shooting a young girl. He thought the gun was not loaded and asked the girl to put her ear to the muzzle and hear the sound made when he snapped the trigger. He assured her the gun was not loaded, but when he snapped the trigger the gun fired and blew the top of the girl's head off. The young man thought the gun was unloaded, but he was found guilty of manslaughter for criminal carelessness and sentenced to 12 months on the chain gang—Newton Enterprise.

### Doctors are Puzzled.

The remarkable recovery of Kenneth McIver, of Vanceboro, Me., is the subject of much interest to the medical fraternity and a wide circle of friends. He says of his case: "Owing to severe inflammation of the Throat and congestion of the Lungs, three doctors gave me up to die, when, as a last resort, I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery and I am happy to say, it saved my life." Cures the worst Coughs and Colds, Bronchitis, Tonsillitis, Weak Lungs, Hoarseness and La Grippe. Guaranteed by all druggists. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.