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STATE FARMER'S CONVENTION.

To be held in Raleigh Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 28-30, 1907.

The fifth annual meeting of the State Farmer's Convention will be held at the A. & M. College, Raleigh, N. C., on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday August 28th, 29th and the 30th, 1907.

The cheap railroad rates in effect and the fact that rooms and meals will be furnished those who desire them at actual cost and that an attractive programme is assured should result in making this the largest gathering of farmers ever held in the State for the study of strictly agricultural problems.

The feature of the opening session, Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, will be an address of welcome by Governor R. B. Glenn.

Wednesday afternoon will be devoted to the study of corn and small grains, and instructive addresses will be made by prominent farmers and agricultural teachers.

Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock there will either be an address by some speaker of note or a stereoscopic lecture illustrating modern methods of progress and development in agriculture. Thursday forenoon will be taken up with the study of horticulture, fruit growing, trucking, etc.

Thursday afternoon there will be special meeting for the growers of cotton and tobacco. Splendid programmes have been prepared for both meetings. Director North of Washington D. C., will present and discuss the collection of crop reports or some kindred subject.

Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock will occur one of the most attractive features of the convention. Hon. W. M. Hays, assistant secretary of agriculture, Washington, D. C., will deliver an address on "Improvement in rural affairs."

Friday will be live stock day. The morning session will be devoted to the annual meeting of the State Dairyman's Association and very entertaining and instructive programmes have been arranged. Professor Ed. H. Webster, chief of the dairy division of the United States Department of Agriculture, will be present and address the meeting. Friday afternoon will be devoted to the general live stock problems and the organization of a state live stock breeders' association.

There is another feature of the convention which should not be overlooked. On Thursday and Friday there will be special meetings for women from farm homes, and a splendid programme of an entertaining and instructive nature already issued insures a good time for those who attend. Those wishing further information relating to this feature of the convention should write to either Mrs. F. L. Stevens, president, or Mrs. Walter Grimes, secretary, at Raleigh.

Complete programmes of this important farmers' meeting will be issued shortly and every farmer in the state who can possibly do so will find it to his interest and enjoyment to attend this meeting.

I will mail you free, to prove merit, samples of my Dr. Shoop's Restorative, and my Book on either Dyppepsia, The Heart or the Kidneys, Troubles of the Stomach, Heart or Kidneys, are merely symptoms of a deeper ailment. Don't make the common error of treating symptoms only. Symptom treatment is treating the result of your ailment, and not the cause. Weak Stomach nerves—the inside nerves—mean Stomach weakness, always. And the Heart, and Kidneys as well, have their controlling or inside nerves. Weaken these nerves and you inevitably have weak vital organs. Here is where Dr. Shoop's Restorative has made its fame. No other remedy even claims to treat the "inside nerves." Also for bloating, biliousness, bad breath or complexion, use Dr. Shoop's Restorative. Write me today for sample and free Book. Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. The Restorative is sold by Grimes Drug Store.

STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

A Monument Unveiled to Gen. Sumpter. A Marriage Followed by Arrest.

The local office of the Western Union Telegraph Co. was opened yesterday morning after having been closed nearly a week. H. R. Morgan, an operator from Danville, Va., and Miss Wilson, of Richmond, are in charge of the office. Mr. Wells, the former operator, is still in Mooresville.

The Sunday school convention of Yadkin Presbytery, which met in the colored Presbyterian church of Statesville last week, adjourned Sunday night to meet at Cleveland next year. Jennie E. Lawrence, of Salisbury, was elected to represent the convention in the Synodical convention at Durham on the 29th.

J. P. Sumpter attended the unveiling exercises of the Sumpter monument at Statesburg, S. C., last week. The monument was erected to Gen. Thos. Sumpter, who served through the Revolutionary war and died at his home at Statesburg in June, 1832, at the age of 97 years. Mr. Sumpter is a grand nephew of Gen. Sumpter and he met a number of relatives at Statesburg, which was destroyed by the Tories during the war.

A runaway marriage which caused quite a stir occurred Sunday morning about 9 o'clock when Robert M. Ball and Miss Violet May Minish were married at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. H. H. Robbins. Sunday afternoon Minish, the father of the bride, heard of what had happened and sought revenge by going to Justice of the Peace W. W. Turner and swearing out warrants for his son-in-law and his older brother who obtained the license. As the warrant charged that the girl was under 14 years old and as it was proven by the testimony of witnesses and the bible that she was over 14 years old, the case was dropped and Minish was taxed with the costs. Nearly every person in the court room seemed to be in sympathy with the defendant and as the crowd left the room many of them jeered at the old man, who had lost his daughter and also his case against the son-in-law.

Bloomfield, Statesville's thriving manufacturing suburb on the west, has grown rapidly since it was first started, nearly five years ago. Five years ago the territory now occupied by Bloomfield was fields and woods with here and there a farmhouse. Now it is a large, thriving manufacturing settlement and additions are constantly being made to it.

C. C. Tharpe, of Net neighborhood, in north Iredell, takes much interest in progressive agriculture. He was telling THE LANDMARK this week about two acres of corn on his place, which he says is about the finest he ever saw grow and he thinks he ought to get about 120 bushels off the two acres. Mr. Tharpe tried a new experiment in the cultivation of his two-acre patch. After the corn had a good start, was nearly knee high, say, he stopped plowing it. The surface of the soil was scratched to keep the grass and weeds down, but the ground was not broken to a depth sufficient to break the roots of the corn. Mr. Tharpe thinks this is the proper way to cultivate corn—that the roots of the corn should not be broken after the corn has a good start. In this connection Mr. Tharpe says a new plow or cultivator of some sort is needed for the successful cultivation of corn. Speaking generally, the corn crop of Iredell, and especially in the northern portion of the county, this year promises to be immense. It was never better.

Piles get quick and certain relief from Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment. Please note it is made alone for Piles, and its action is positive and certain. Itching, painful, protruding or blind piles disappear like magic by its use. Large nickel-capped glass jars 50 cents. Sold by Grimes Drug Store.

ANOTHER PEEP INTO THE PAST.

Some Interesting Reading Concerning Things Hereabouts During the War.

We have before us today a copy of the CAROLINA WATCHMAN, dated December 21st, 1863, about 44 years ago, and of course it is full of things, beside war news, that is of interest to many of our people. It is published weekly, has five columns to the page and consists of four pages, a five-column folio, the price thereof, guaranteed for only six months, is three dollars, 50 cents per month, more than is now paid for a real good daily.

The contents of this paper are mostly discussions of conditions in the South, North and Europe, reports of battles and advertisements. It contains, as did all the papers in those days, very little concerning local matters, either of people or things. The disgusting habit of whitewashing every one upon the slightest pretense, did not then exist, and we might add, while the local news matter has become a permanent feature of most papers and will always be of considerable interest, the ever-ready whitewasher exists only where some office hunter does the writing, or controls it. To mention the name of some one connected with local matters in the 60's was because of some most unusual occurrence, and, was even then considered a divergence from the proper functions of a respectable journal, but as the times have changed the ideas of journalists and publishers of newspapers have grown farther and farther apart, until, today the journals are considerably in the minority and the disseminator of live news, hot from the wire from all parts of the world, including full reports of local events personally, politically and industrially, and a small amount of editorial comment on current events, has become the one thing, outside of food and clothing, of greatest popular demand. This old paper states locally that, "We learn that Mr. John Whitman, brought in a load of meal a few days since, and sold it to those unable to pay the enormous price demanded by others at Three Dollars, and that our Townsman, Mr. John Snider, very generously authorized Mr. Whitman to supply those unable to pay at his own individual expense." This was in a time of war, things were hard to get even at high prices and meal was then selling at \$7.00, hence THE WATCHMAN adds that their act of charity "reflects honor on the head and hearts of these two gentlemen. Well do their names adorn the Roll of Honor!" The John Snider spoken of was the father of W. F. Snider, now cashier of the Wachovia Loan & Trust Co.'s branch here, who has inherited a liberal share of his father's beneficent liberality.

Another item, copied from the Greensboro World, says, in reference to a sch. of property, which we suppose, was located at Olin in Iredell county; "During the recent meeting of the North Carolina Conference, in this place, Messrs. O. G. and J. F. Foard, donated to the Conference the Olin High School property, consisting of ten acres of land, the school building and two professors' houses, and an endowment of forty thousand dollars. This donation secured to the Conference, in addition to the valuable property, a charter for a college."

It announces two marriages which took place in Statesville, one John J. Coleman, of Concord and Miss Josephine W. Herring, of Florida by Rev. C. P. Jones, and the other, G. F. Herring, of the Confederate Army, to Hattie A. Williamson, both of Mecklenburg, by Rev. Carson Parker.

The death of one of Rowan's leading citizens is recorded, that of J. Chambers McConaughy, Esq., father of our townsman, Dr. John McConaughy. His death took place on the 7th of December, 1838, and was considered a great loss to the county.

From the advertisements we

ALBEMARLE AND STANLY COUNTY.

Descendants of Cherokee-Indians Seeking Uncle Sam's Bounty.

Stanly Enterprise, August 22nd. Construction has begun on the new building of I. B. Miller. It will be built in front of the old, and will complete a 10-room two-story residence. Mr. Miller is here looking after the work.

Stanly County Sunday School Convention will be held at Albemarle, N. C., with the First Baptist church, on Thursday and Friday, September 5th and 6th.

Attorney J. R. Price spent a few days in Washington this week. He carried with him a dozen or more claims from clients in this county who hope to receive part of the judgment recently rendered by the Court of Claims against the Government, in the interest of the descendants of the Eastern Cherokee Nation. This judgment, it seems, is to be distributed among the several descendant individuals of that tribe or nation. There are quite a number in this county. Several years ago a family of Cherokees by the name of Brombello lived in this county. All immigrated to the West, except one woman, who married one Ezekiel Morton. From this marriage extended lineal and collateral descendants related in various degrees to the family stock, all of whom are no doubt now interested in proving their nearness of kin to the Indian great-grandparent.

Little Odessa Moogan, sister of the boy that was bitten by a mad dog a few months ago, got her hand caught in one of the machines at the Waccasett mill, the flesh being literally torn from fingers and palm of hand.

Short Items About Mocksville.

John Wyatt, while working at a rip-saw in the Mocksville Furniture Co.'s plant last Monday evening was knocked down with a plank that had gotten caught in the machine.

Jacob Shoaf Brown, son of C. S. Brown, died Friday morning, August 16th. Mr. Brown was a young man and had a large circle of friends.

The taking of stock for the cotton factory here goes on satisfactorily and there seems to be no doubt that the mill will be built.

There is some talk of moving the Mocksville Chair Co.'s plant to a point near the depot.

learn more of local matters and conditions than from the reading matter. For instance, A. B. Shepperson, sold hardware; J. P. Bridger, Capt. and A. Q. M. wanted to contract for 12,000 "white oak splits, for baling hay"; Michael Brown had 50 sacks of salt which he proposed to sell at auction; Thos. J. Foster, purchasing agent N. C. R. Co., offers liberal prices for pork, beef, lard and tallow for use of said road; an order by the secretary of war authorizes Lieut. H. P. Allen to raise a company of non-conscripts for local service as prison guards states that this is a fine opportunity for those who are liable to be conscripted to come forward, Capt. S. Galloway, was the commander of the Post; and R. Z. Johnson offers to hire the servants, this after the emancipation proclamation by Abe Lincoln, of Rufus D. Johnston, deceased. These and many more such advertisements are interesting in as much as they give the names of our then inhabitants and their occupations, and, in a way, gives us a light on the life and conditions of the times

(To be concluded next week.)

Hunting for Trouble.

"I've lived in California 20 years, and am still hunting for trouble in the way of burns, sores, wounds, boils, cuts, sprains, or a case of piles that Bucklen's Arnica Salve won't quickly cure," writes Charles Walters, of Alleghany, Sierra county. No use hunting, Mr. Walters; it cures every case. Guaranteed by all druggists. 25c.

REVOLTS AT THE LASH.

Would Rather Hang Than Whip Men, Warden Says—Q-Uits His Task.

"I would hang a man for murder rather than lash one at the whipping post for stealing a chicken, if I had the choice. In the first instance, he would have paid the penalty for his crime, while on the latter case no good what ever would be accomplished. The Delaware whipping post, instead of being a corrective agency, makes its victims revengeful and brings out all that is hateful in their nature. It should certainly be abolished, and the day is coming when it will be done away with."

Warden Asmond S. Meserve, of the Newcastle county workhouse, at Greenback, near here, who has resigned his position because of his disapproval of this medieval system of corporal punishment and his dislike to wield the lash, made the above declaration today while seated at his office at the prison. He continued:

"Since I became warden of this penal institution, in 1901, and beginning on November of that year, I have whipped 235 white and negro men. The number of lashes ranged from five to sixty, a negro, who attempted to poison a Wilmington family receiving the highest. Of this total sixty men had been whipped before, some of them as many as six times. Does not this prove that the whole system falls far short of being corrective? Of the convicts whom I have lashed, 60 per cent. were negroes."

The warden was asked what his feelings were when he applied the first lash to a prisoner.

"I was so overcome," he declared, "that I could hardly stand up. I cannot describe my feelings; words are not sufficiently descriptive. I had a sense of abhorrence, not to say pity in November, 1901, was to lash eight men. When it was all over I was so weak that I could scarcely walk. I was so good, physically, during the remainder of the day. The affair so unnerved me that I spent a sleepless night."

"The first man I lashed was 'Buck' Cunningham, who is now serving a twenty-year term in the Eastern Penitentiary, Philadelphia, for highway robbery. He was sentenced here for theft. When the 'cat' descended on 'Buck's' back, I would have resigned as warden then and there had I had the courage to do so. Cunningham, as well as several others on that day, received twenty lashes. The fact that Cunningham committed a more serious offense after serving his term here is a further demonstration of the futility of the whipping post as a corrective agency.

"Caleb E. Burchenal, a Wilmington lawyer, who conducts a night school for the prisoners, has taught criminals by educational means upon whom the lash has had no effect. I have hanged two men since becoming warden here, and the effect upon me is nothing compared with what I have experienced in applying the lash."

"When prisoners whom you are whipping have appealed to you for mercy, what are your feelings?" the warden was asked.

"My feelings have been awful and beyond description. In such cases I simply shut my eyes and wielded the lash. I had to perform my duty."

Mr. Meserve said he could not understand why Delawareans, as a rule, upheld the whipping post. "One of the most lovable men in this State is Chief Justice Charles B. Lore," said he. "He is the embodiment of all that is gentle and affectionate. Yet he declares that the post is a crime deterrent. His reasons for upholding the system of lashing is that we are midway between Baltimore and Washington, on the south and Philadelphia and New York, on the north, and, but for the existence of the whipping post, we would be a stopping off place for bank burglars and other classes of criminals."

Warden Meserve's resignation will be formerly accepted by the trustees of the workhouse tomorrow, when he will turn over the property to them. Chief Deputy Warden Leonard Crawford will be appointed to succeed him as warden.—Wilmington, Del., special, 19th, to Washington Post.

LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

A Disgraceful Scene Between Ex-Sheriff Dorsett's Wife and His Paramour.

Lexington Dispatch, August 21st. Mrs. Columbia Fritts has purchased the farm of John D. Holt, the consideration being \$2,500. This deal is quite interesting because of the fact the family into whose hands the property has come, is a family of cotton mill operatives. It is unusual for operatives to invest in farm properties, especially in a period like the present when the drift is entirely from the farm to the mill.

Mr. Yelvington, Western Union telegraph operator at this place, tells us that the situation is improving somewhat and that he can now do business with many more offices than this time last week, when he was practically out of business because of the strike. The situation appears to be improving throughout the country. There are 55,352 telegraphers in this country, 15,516 of whom are in the commercial offices. How many of them are on the strike is not known.

Superior court adjourned Friday afternoon, although it was a two-weeks term. The criminal docket was cleaned up earlier than expected, and a number of railway cases continued, and the judge moved up the calendar, taking up cases the latter part of last week that were set for this week. As a result very few civil cases were tried. Ned Dorsett, the negro murderer from Thomasville, pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to ten years. This was later cut down to seven years.

Solicitor Hammer's success last week in securing a verdict and a sentence that shut up a brothel that has long disgraced this community pleases the good people of Lexington and reflects great credit on him. The case presented difficulties. It has been about a year since it was begun. People freely predicted that nothing would come of it. The big solicitor conducted it in a most adroit, masterful way and won. He merits the thanks of the people of this town, and he has them. The people of the district made no mistake when they re-elected him last fall.

The town was stirred mightily Monday night after 8 o'clock when the news got abroad of a sensational encounter between Mrs. Savannah Dorsett, wife of ex-Sheriff T. S. F. Dorsett, and the notorious Laura Hargrave, at the office of the Dorsett livery stables.

It seems that Mrs. Dorsett, hearing that the woman was in the tables, went from her home to the office, which is only a short distance. It is said that the Hargrave woman was there having a deed made to her property here. Under sentence of court, she was to have left the estate within 30 days from last Friday, and she had been making preparations to leave. There are confused accounts of what happened at the office, and it is safe to say that none of the rumors are true. Blows were passed and it was over in a moment.

All that was actually witnessed by people on the street was when the two came out of the office, the negro pulling Mrs. Dorsett by the hair while the latter screamed.

The big crowd which quickly gathered cared little for what happened. Feeling ran high against the mulatto. She was arrested and arraigned before the mayor, who set 2 o'clock yesterday for trial and required a \$500 justified bond. Zeb V. Waiser asked that this be cut down, and finally Mayor Moyer did reduce it to \$300. Hayworth took a bond with Tom Hargrave, colored, as surety, who justified in the above amount. The woman, upon being released, made rapid preparations and left on north bound No. 12, and did not return, thereby forfeiting the bond and steps will be made to collect it.

Promptly at 2 o'clock yesterday the case was called and the defendant failed to answer. Tom Hargrave was taken before the mayor to answer for the bond. He stated that he was good for it and would pay it, but asked a day or two to get the money up.

CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

The County Sunday School Association Holds a Big Meeting. Other Items.

Concord Times, August 20th-22nd. One of the largest and best meetings of the Cabarrus County Sunday School Association ever held was held at Poplar Tent church last Thursday. Eleven townships were represented, and the reports show that every township except two had held township conventions. The convention was called to order by President M. B. Stickley and Hon. W. R. Odell was made permanent chairman. In the 49 schools represented in the association there are 867 teachers and 5,158 scholars.

Ned Phifer, colored, was arrested Sunday charged with selling cocaine to the negroes here. It is said that the use of cocaine is becoming common among the colored folks of Concord.

The old soldiers' reunion at St. John's church last Thursday was one of the most pleasant the old veterans have ever held. It was the reunion of Co. H, 8th N. C. Regiment, and 26 of the members of the company were present. This is nearly half of those living, there being 56. There were originally 159 members of the company, 108 of them having crossed over the river during and since the war. Quite a number of veterans of other companies were present to enjoy the day with their comrades.

The North Carolina flag now floats from the top of our court house. This is in accordance with an act of the last Legislature.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Central Methodist church has decided to raise \$500 this year for the entire support of a missionary in China.

The educational rally and picnic at Rocky Ridge yesterday, for which preparations have been making for some time, was a great affair. It was probably the largest picnic ever held in the county. Several thousand people were present, and all had a great time.

J. T. Griffin died last Wednesday morning of paralysis at his home on Franklin Avenue after an illness of several days. He received his first stroke on Monday, and this was followed Wednesday by the second and fatal one.

The Concord Foundry Works, which have been operated here for several years by Messrs. J. C. and M. L. Blume, were recently incorporated by the Secretary of State. The business will be taken over by the new company September 1. The incorporators are: Messrs. James C. Blume, W. R. Johnson, D. B. Porter, C. A. Blackwelder and M. O. Harris, with a capital stock of \$10,000 paid in.

W. H. Heglar tells us that it is well established that the great meteor of 1849 fell in No. 10 township, this county, and on the place of the late Hiram Bost. This place is now owned by Mrs. Theresa Bost. Mr. Bost himself dug up the meteor, which fell near his spring. It was still hot and he put it upon his gate post, where it was observed by everybody in the neighborhood. Mr. Bost afterwards took it to Charlotte, and left it with some one, it is now not remembered who.

Miss Ida Flowe, who is a trained nurse of Roanoke, Va., come down here about five weeks ago to nurse her mother who had fever at her home in No. 10 township. Miss Flowe nursed her mother to convalescence, and with her went to Spencer last week to visit her sister. On last Saturday Miss Flowe herself was stricken with the fever. On account of the crowded condition of the Salisbury hospital she could not be admitted there, and was taken to St. Peter's in Charlotte by Dr. Marvin Smoot.

A Valuable Lesson.

"Six years ago I learned a valuable lesson," writes John Pleasant, of Magnolia, Ind. "I then began taking Dr. King's New Life Pills, and the longer I take them the better I find them." They please everybody. Guaranteed by all druggists. 25c.