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AN APPEAL appears in this week's issue of the *Progressive Farmer* for contributions to pay the court costs of S. Otho Wilson, the Chief of the Gideonites. This is what we predicted when he was allowed to escape punishment upon payment of costs. We then predicted that his costs would be paid by his co-conspirators and associates. This appeal in the Progressive Farmer speaks of him as "Bro. S. Otho Wilson" and further says "we believe every true reformer in the state will contribute a little mite to help him in this matter". Well, this is about the severest thing we have yet heard alleged against any of the so called "reformers." While "a fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind" and there is "honor even among thieves," and therefore every Gideonite may naturally sympathize with his Chief, yet we cannot believe that every "true reformer in the State" is a Gideonite or will encourage and countenance such an unlawful band by contributions to the court costs of its convicted Chief!

And by the way we have not yet heard of any attempt being made by any "true reformer" in the State to have this Chief of the Gideonites removed from his high(?) position of chairman of the State executive committee of the People's party. He is still the official head of that party in North Carolina. And there are still some honest and high-minded "true followers" in that party!

THE City of New York is preparing and entertaining in grand style the Duke of Veragua. He is a direct descendant of Christopher Columbus, and has come from his home in Spain to visit the World's Fair that will be held at Chicago in commemoration of his ancestor's discovery of America. The arrival of this Spaniard in New York seems to have created as great a sensation in that city and to have stirred up its inhabitants as much as did the arrival of Columbus with the aborigines four hundred years ago.

The human mind can scarcely conceive the vast and wonderful changes in this country from its discovery by Columbus and the visit of his descendant. This continent was sparsely inhabited by a few naked savages and was an unbroken wilderness, and now it is teeming with millions of the most enlightened people in the world, it is traversed with a network of railroads and telegraph lines that annihilate time and distance.

A CASE of church discipline has recently received much comment. An orphan girl at Concord, North Carolina, in order to earn her living obtained the position of day operator at the telephone exchange in that city, and her duties required her to be at her post on Sundays. She was a young lady of good character and was a member of a Presbyterian church at Concord but was turned out of the church because, as was alleged, she worked on Sunday. She appealed to the Presbytery and that body affirmed the action of her church.

It certainly seems a hard case. While the sanctity of the Sabbath should be observed, yet it does seem hard that this orphan girl—without father or mother—struggling for an honest and honorable livelihood, should be thus condemned and excommunicated, should be cast out as unworthy to partake of the blessed privileges of the Christian religion!

An Important Investigation.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—During the closing hours of the Senate among other contingent expenses authorized, was an appropriation of $5,000 for the committee on agriculture to investigate the causes for the depression that exists in cotton and agricultural industries.

The committee will meet tomorrow and apportion the appropriation between the two subcommittees in charge of the two branches of the inquiry. It has already been agreed that Senators George, as chairman, and Bate and Proctor shall constitute the inquiry in the direction of cotton and other fibrous products, and that Senators Peffer, as chairman, and Roach should conduct that devoted to wheat and other cereals.

These two committees will make a personal inspection of the territory in which these two great products, cotton and wheat, are most produced and submit a report to the next session, which will indicate what legislation is necessary, in their opinion, to remove the evils that are now claimed to exist.

Fire at one o'clock Tuesday morning burned every business house in the town of Cassville, Mo., including two banks and two local newspapers. Loss $200,000. Total insurance not over $30,000.

Our State Penitentiary.

Raleigh correspondence of Wilmington Messenger.

Your correspondent paid a visit to the penitentiary Saturday and found it a very quiet place indeed. There used to be hundreds of convicts within the great enclosure; now there are only 101. Of these fifty are in for life. Some time ago some the prisoners were worked outside the prison, but this is not now allowed. There are fifty female convicts of whom nineteen are kept in the prison, the others being on the farm. The convicts are peculiarly healthy, only one of the women being ill of the prisoners. There is no fever, no chills, no malaria, no anything else to make them sick. The health officer says they have been healthy for years. The convicts have been healthy, and several totally blind men who have been there some years have regained their sight. The prison is well managed. The convicts have in former years made a good many brick, but this year no work in brick is being done. There is a large supply of brick in the house. The doctor for all the convicts are made in the prison, thus the family which used to make shoes for sale is no longer operated. There are working sewing machines and all the clothing for the inmates of the Asylum, Insane Asylum and the Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind is made. Many improvements have been made in the prison. Rubbish has been cleared away, the rough edges removed and the place looks tidy. Stone cutting, which once employed many men is no longer done. After a time the wooden shed in front of the building is to be removed and the grounds improved. Under natural improvements yet will come complete. A well near which is 365 feet to a flow of water which rises 40 feet from the surface. It is a question of time when water will be piped in the prison. It will cost some expense to prepare it for use.

Weekly Weather Crop Bulletin.

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Mules Burned.

At midnight Saturday night the Atlanta city stables were burned to the ground, with 150 of the mules they sheltered. Only five or six were gotten out. The Constitution says:

"Nearly, if not all of the mules, could have escaped from the burning building, but obeying the instincts of animals, they would not move from the burning structure. Beneath the bright sheet of flames, the great droves of mules stood crowded together, trembling, but making no move to come out. Thoughtlessness of them were burned to death within a few yards of safety. The [illegible] their black and tan bodies showing to the brilliant glare. A horrible stench rose upon the scene of ruin, causing the thousand spectators to turn away sick and faint.

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Explosion of Dynamite Magazine.

Cincinnati, O., April 16.—A special to the Dispatch from Lima, Ohio, says: A terrific explosion of nitroglycerine occurred about noon at the Hoyt Explosive company's magazine, two miles from the city. Clark Rahm's head was torn off and Benjamin Howe, the man who had a narrow escape from being blown to his side at a previous explosion, received injuries from which he died before he was taken to the ambulance. The roof of the explosive shook house and the windows were taken from the house.

Dead Railroad Accident.

[illegible] April 18.—A collision occurred on the Pennsylvania road this morning between a work train and a north bound passenger train. Two men were killed and several others badly injured.

Another accident occurred on the Ann Arbor road a mile north of Toledo early this morning. A boiler of an engine exploded and Fireman Chas. T. Wilson was scalded to death.

A Long Fast.

Portsmouth, April 18.—Miss Mollie Newson, the young woman faster, last night completed her fast of forty-one days, thereby winning a crown. She weighed 202 pounds at the beginning and 161 at the end. For several days past she has been unable to sit up. Yesterday she had a fainting spell and temporary heart failure.

Four Born at One Time.

Scranton, N. J., April 18.—Mrs. John Hudson of Beaver Brook, near Hightstown, gave birth to four children on her 20th wedding morning. Two of the children are boys and two girls. Mrs. Hudson is the mother of twelve children and is 40 years old. Her husband is a farmer and is not rich. The children are healthy and weigh from [illegible] pounds each. Mrs. M. A. Forsythe, a widow living at Jobstown, is the only living person who has given birth to four at a time. It happened [illegible] years ago.

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