

BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF
THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN
CONDENSED FORM.

WORLD'S NEWS EPITOMIZED

Complete Review of Happenings of
Greatest Interest From All
Parts of World.

Southern.

Charles Kirby and H. Rape are dead and seventeen others are seriously injured as a result of being struck by lightning in their mess tent of company B, Second Alabama Infantry, at Anniston, Ala., commanded by Capt. C. H. Seals of Birmingham. Pandemonium reigned in camp for several hours after the bolt had struck. The mess hall was not demolished, although nearly all metal about the structure was melted, including several metal cups.

While sitting in the window of his room, Charles C. Birchmore, sixteen years private secretary to Hamilton McWhorter, fell from the seventh story of the Pickwick apartment building, Atlanta, Ga., to his death upon the street below. His body was found by the night janitor of the Pickwick, who, from the basement furnace room had heard the sickening thud of the impact. Birchmore's skull was crushed, and numerous bones were broken in his body.

The approximate value of the Kentucky endurance stakes, which will be run on October 7, at Louisville, Ky., will be \$15,000, more than double that of last year. The best long distance horses in the country will be entered for this four-mile race. The race last fall was won by Messenger Boy, owned by Eugene Lutz, and the same horse will be trained again for the race.

General.

As a result of a forest fire the village of Point Tupper, Nova Scotia, a settlement near the entrance to Port Hawkesbury, is in ashes, being practically wiped out by the flames. The town of Port Hawkesbury itself was seriously threatened, but was saved when the wind died down. The heaviest single loss at Point Tupper was sustained by the Inter-Colonial railway, whose freight sheds, coal sheds and transfer piers, together with many loaded freight cars, were destroyed.

To determine exactly what line former President Loubet of France decided upon in 1907, when as arbitrator he fixed the boundary line between Costa Rica and the portion of Colombia which now forms the republic of Panama, Frank W. Hodgdon, chief engineer of the port of Boston, and P. H. Ashby, a New York engineer, have sailed for Port Limon. The commissioners expect to finish their work in Central America by October 1.

Wilbur Glenn Voliva, overseer at Zion City, has predicted the destruction of Chicago, New York and other large cities, and now he calls on his followers to hurry to Zion City, which he says will be the only place spared when the devastation comes. "God's judgment is going to fall on the cities of the nations," he said. "You must come out of Babylon. There is no choice in the matter. I command you to come to Zion City. Chicago will answer for rejecting Dr. Alexander Dowie, and you must be in Zion City to escape."

Charles D. Hillis, secretary to President Taft, has been selected by the committee on organization of the Republican national committee, to act as chairman of the national committee. The selection of Mr. Hillis was made at the direct request of the president, and followed a short white house conference. The sub-committee has practically decided upon Otton Brandard of New York for treasurer of the national committee.

The Camorristi who have been on trial at Viterbo, Italy, for nearly two years on the charge of having murdered Cenhara Cuccolo and his wife in June, 1906, were adjudged guilty in varying degrees. The Camorra trial stirred the world by revelations of the ramifications of the criminal association. The direct accusation which brought to light the operations of the Camorra was the murder of a member, Cenhara Cuccolo, ordered by the Camorra. The verdict proved a surprise, and all agreed that the severity of the sentences is the last blow to the Camorra.

Increases of 9,328 tons in production, 4,527 tons in shipments and of 58 tons in stocks on hand are reported for May by the American Paper and Pulp associations to the commissioner of corporations.

Dundas Slater, ex-manager of the London (Eng.) Coliseum, shot himself with a revolver in a taxi cab.

A collision with a whale on the Grand banks of St. Johns, N. F., has caused such serious damage to the two-masted schooner Empire that the vessel was abandoned by her crew of seven men, who reached St. Johns in safety.

The Pacific mail steamer City of Panama, reported by wireless to be drifting 250 miles southwest of San Pedro, was taken in tow by the steamer Rose City and taken to San Francisco, Cal.

Fred Storbeck, the South African heavyweight, went down in defeat to Jim Stewart of Brooklyn at New York.

The national Prohibition convention concluded its labors in Atlantic City, N. J., with the nomination of the party standard-bearer of four years ago—Eugene W. Chafin of Arizona for president and Aaron S. Watkins of Ohio for vice president. In each case the nomination was made by acclamation after a single ballot had indicated the preference of the delegates.

Eva Munn, eight years old, spent \$40 in toy shops in Newark, N. J., and divided the wealth of dolls and things which she purchased among her girl friends. She was arraigned in the first criminal court later, charged with having stolen the \$40 from the pocket of a painter, who was working at her home. Accompanied by the police, she went among her friends, recovered her gifts and exchanged many of them for cash at the toy shops.

Electing as president E. T. Fairchild of Topeka, Kan., after a heated contest, in which Chicago teachers were severely criticised by New York members for being "behind the curial tactics," the National Educational association, representing more than 15,000 educators, went on record as favoring woman's suffrage.

The baseball diamond took over the functions of a court at Wilkesbarre, Pa., in connection with the conviction of 30 tramps recently arrested by the police of Plymouth borough. When the tramps were arraigned before W. D. Morris, the burgess, who is an enthusiastic baseball fan, ordered that the men be divided into equal squads from which two teams were selected to play a full nine-inning game on the town common. The winning squad went free, but the losers were compelled to pound stone for two days.

The efforts of Governor Carroll, a Taft adherent to have the Iowa Republican state convention pass a resolution indorsing the platform adopted at the national convention, failed, being tabled, 773 to 342, and his effort to eliminate from the report of the majority of the resolutions committee the section condemning as fraudulent the Chicago convention also failed. The progressives controlled the convention throughout.

A three-year-old Chicago boy got hold of his mother's pocketbook and fed \$36 in bills—his father's wages—to his pet guinea pigs. The father sent the remnants of the pigs' meal to President Taft with an appeal to the government to redeem the entire roll. The man is the sole support of a big family on \$1.75 a day. "You being the only man in Washington I know," he wrote President Taft, "I am sending them to you." The treasury department will call upon the father to prove conclusively that the bills were eaten by the pigs.

While hunting for a lost cow in the woods adjacent to her father's homestead, seven miles north of Kinney, Minn., Miss Mary McInnes, fifteen years old, encountered a black bear with two well-torn cubs. She was almost upon the animals before she saw them. Screaming, the girl ran to a tree which she climbed, and she remained on a high bough for six hours before being rescued by members of her family. She collapsed when taken from her perilous position.

Twenty-five Americans, including American Consul T. D. Edwards, were held in the office of the Mexican Northwestern railroad at Juarez, Mex., for nearly two hours while an armed guard of rebels prevented them from leaving the building. Rebel officials had become angered at the officers of the Mexican Northwestern, on account of the alleged worthlessness of a \$5,000 cheque, payable to the rebels as an export duty.

Washington.

The national house of representatives adopted by a vote of 222 to 1 articles of impeachment against Judge Robert W. Archbald of the United States commerce court. Representative Farr of Pennsylvania cast the single vote against the bill of impeachment. Mr. Farr is a lifelong friend who has all along voiced confidence in Judge Archbald's integrity. Of the total membership of the house in their seats only nine voted "present."

The lines are drawn for a great diplomatic struggle between the United States and Great Britain over the question of whether this country may discriminate in favor of American vessels in the administration of the Panama canal. The wordy war may terminate in the submission of the question to the Hague tribunal. A series of diplomatic and legislative conferences developed the fact that the forces in the American government which favor allowing the American ships free passage through the canal are in control.

James P. Hawkins of Louisville, Ky., who was arrested in Washington and sent to Washington asylum hospital after offering himself as the compromise candidate for president on the Republican ticket, was a clerk in the Louisville postoffice more than 22 years.

Plans for continuing the corn club work in the South have been completed by the state agents in charge of the work at a meeting in Washington. A bronze bust of Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, founder of the corn club work, was offered by the agent for South Carolina to be presented to the Southern state making the best showing each year through its boys' and girls' corn clubs. The first award of the bust will be made at the national exposition school for boys, to be held in connection with the national corn exposition in Columbia, S. C., January 27 to February 8, 1913.

C. A. WEBB CHOSEN STATE CHAIRMAN

ASHEVILLE MAN NAMED BY ACCLAMATION TO MANAGE DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN.

BROCK IS MADE SECRETARY

A Fight Precipitated Over The Adoption of The Rules For Holding The Senatorial Primary.—The Meeting Was Well Attended.

Raleigh.—The state Democratic executive committee elected by acclamation Charles A. Webb, state chairman and re-elected by acclamation W. E. Brock of Wadesboro, secretary.

Mr. Webb was the personal preference of Hon. Locke Craig, nominee for governor to succeed A. H. Ellier who declined to serve longer. The name of Mr. Webb was presented by John C. Mills of Rutherfordford, as a man eminently fitted for the place by past distinguished service as repeatedly district chairman and as state senator and other public service. There were numerous seconding tributes.

When brought into the hall and introduced by the chairman Mr. Webb expressed his deep appreciation for the expression of confidence and the honor and hoped that he realized fully the great responsibility and declared that in the conduct of the impending campaign the state committee feels that it will have the hearty support of all loyal Democrats. He declared that there is a glorious prospect of a great victory. "Democratic candidates give universal satisfaction and the principles enunciated in the party platforms, state and national have the enthusiastic approval of all Democrats. So that with a harmonious Democracy and divided opposition we are sure to win," declared the new chairman.

Continuing Mr. Webb said: "The Democratic party in the state is in the overwhelming majority and speaking for the committee, it will be our purpose to perfect an organization that will insure the active operation of all the Democrats in the state and secure an unprecedented majority at the election."

To Hold Goods Road Meeting.

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, state geologist and secretary of the North Carolina Good Roads Association is rapidly completing the plans for the annual convention of the association, which will be held in Charlotte August 1st and 2nd, and in a personal letter received he declares his belief that there will be 1,000 delegates attending the convention aside from the other visitors to the city at that time. The present plans include two meetings at the Selwyn hotel, one Thursday, August 1st and the second the following day.

Officers Raid Blind Tiger Still.

Deputy Sheriff H. M. Williams and Chief of Police J. M. Whitaker made a raid on a small blind tiger still two miles south of Chapel Hill. The operators of the still had turned out about 500 gallons of beer and had the fires burning preparatory to manufacturing some corn juice when the raid was made. The officers failed to land the operators but have them spotted and their early capture is assured.

Monuments To Confederate Soldiers.

The board of commissioners of Gaston county recently voted to appropriate the sum of \$500 as a contribution from the county to the fund which the Daughters of the Confederacy are raising to erect a monument to the Confederate dead of this county. The commissioners also granted the J. D. Moore Chapter of the Daughters permission to erect the monument on the grounds at the court house in Gaston. It is planned to lay the cornerstone August 8, when the annual reunion of old soldiers will be held.

The Longest Bridge in The State.

The reinforced concrete bridge which is being constructed by Mecklenburg county across the Catawba river at Sloan's Ferry, will be one of the longest bridges in the South, and longer than any coastwise concrete bridge, with the exception of the Galveston causeway, and the various crossings between keys on the famous over-sea railroad from the Florida mainland to Key West. The Catawba river bridge, including Gaston county side, will have a length of 1,970 feet.

Roosevelt Supporters Confer.

Republican leaders in the state who were active in the recent campaign in support of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, held a conference at Greensboro for the purpose of agreeing on some plan of concerted action regarding the course to be taken by the republican organization in North Carolina. Of the retaining their party regularity while voting for Roosevelt electors as against Taft electors. The conference was the result of a recent call by National Committeeman Richardson Pearson.

FRUIT GROWING IN STATE

It Has Been Demonstrated That Any Kind of Fruit Can Be Grown In This State.

High Point.—Than North Carolina there is no state in the union more adaptable for all kind of fruit growing. Take apples, for instance. There is not a known variety, not even excepting the apple of discord, or the apple of Hesperides, or of love, or of Sodom, or of the eye, but grows in the old North state. The Albermarle pippin is as much at home as the York imperial, or the golden russet. The Baldwin and Ben Davis, the winesap and willow twig, the red ashtrean, the Rhode Island sour pippin, Hoover, Smith cider, Northern Sp. Japanese chestnut, all grow side by side in the Appalachian mountain region of the state. And it is quite natural they should, for wild or seedling trees, remarkable healthy, productive and long lived, are found here almost everywhere, ranging in altitude from 500 to 4,000 feet, from black bottom to upland clay. And, too, from the tiniest seedling to the largest apple tree in the world which grows in Wilkes county, at present apparently sound, promising a good crop of apples this year, measuring 16 feet and 5 inches in circumference at the ground and twelve feet and six inches just below the first limbs.

Lands producing the finest kinds of fruits can be purchased at such reasonable prices that with very limited capital any one can get a start in commercial orcharding at a very small cost. The business of apple raising, if conducted properly, pays because there is no fruit so extensively used, none so extensively known since in the beginning of the world's history Eve plucked it from a tree and gave it to Adam, "and he did eat." And all the world has been tasting and eating it since. There are a great many beautiful orchards all over the Appalachian mountain region, ranging in size from the backyard individual tree to the orchard of 2,000 or more acres.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

The Piedmont and Eastern Railroad Co., with principal office at Burlington, was chartered for the purpose of constructing and operating an interurban electric railroad from Winston-Salem to Durham, through the towns of Greensboro and Burlington to Graham, the distance being nearly 100 miles with Burlington as the central point. The incorporators are J. W. Murray, J. M. Cook, J. H. Harden, A. L. Davis, Charles A. Scott, Burlington; J. R. Paschall, James Millen, Warren Moore and C. Boice of Richmond. The capital stock is \$100,000 authorized with \$30,000 subscribed. Other charters are for the Armstrong Cotton Mill Company of Gastonia, capital \$200,000 authorized and \$51,000 subscribed by C. B. Armstrong, A. G. Myers, R. G. Rankin and others for general cotton milling business;

Taft's Conciliatory Attitude.

President Taft will adopt a conciliatory attitude toward North Carolina Republicans. President Taft cordially approves of the proposed nomination of Dr. Cyrus Thompson, of Onslow county, by the Republicans of North Carolina for Governor. The president will be controlled by the advice of former national committeeman, E. Carl Duncan, in all matters relating to the campaign in North Carolina. These three announcements came from an authoritative source at the White House after a conference between President Taft, National Chairman Hillis, former National Committeeman E. C. Duncan and Republican leaders from West Virginia and Indiana at which campaign plans were considered.

Still Planning East Carolina Fair.

Although but little is being said just at this time in regard to the Eastern Carolina Fair Association, work is steadily going ahead on the grounds and the directors hope to be able to hold their first fair this fall. The site of the fair grounds is located some three miles from New Bern, one of the best points that could possibly have been selected. The grounds have been surveyed and everything is in readiness for the construction of the buildings. Just when this will begin to complete has not been announced.

Soon to Complete New Railroad.

J. W. Edwards, of Sanford, is pushing rapidly now the construction of his railroad from Broadway to Lillington and has completed the financial arrangements for extending the road 40 miles further for Lillington and 5 miles of the road is completed. He built the Gulf line and the Atlantic and Western, both of which have proven highly successful. The road from Broadway to Lillington and Goldsboro opens up splendid territory and promises important lines in future combinations that are to link up lines.

Second Regiment at Camp Glenn.

The second regiment of the North Carolina National Guard under the command of Lieut. Col. J. Van Metts, pitched camp at Camp Glenn for a 10-day school of instruction. The officers and men of the regiment are working like old regulars and everything moves with military promptness and precision. At a recent officers school conducted by Captain Dougherty, U. S. A., he stated that the promptness with which all military duties were performed was unknown to him in military experience.

LORIMER OUSTED FROM THE SENATE

DRAMATIC SCENE AS ILLINOIS MAN IS EXPELLED AS MEMBER OF BODY.

HIS FRIENDS REMAIN TRUE

After His Fate Had Been Decreed, He Walked Out of The Chamber Door and Left His Official Title Behind—Makes Statement.

Washington.—Overturning the majority of its own committee, and reversing its vote of March 1, 1911, the Senate took away from William Lorimer his seat as junior senator from Illinois by a vote of 55 to 28. A member of the Senate since June 18, 1909, Mr. Lorimer was declared to have been the recipient of votes secured by "corrupt methods and practices," as his election was held to have been invalid.

Technically Mr. Lorimer will pass out of the records of the Senate as a member of that body, notwithstanding his more than three years' occupancy of his seat. Facing his associates with the declaration "I am ready," Mr. Lorimer sat in the chamber and heard his fate decreed as the roll call showed the adoption of the resolution of Senator Luke Lea, of Tennessee, the Senate's youngest member.

The man who for three days had held the Senate to close attention with his remarkable speech of defense and attack upon his enemies, rose wearily from his seat, and passed back to a cloak-room door. Senators and members of the House gathered about him, grasping his hand, and patting him on the back. Outside the Senate door, as Mr. Lorimer stepped into the corridor, friends greeted him again, and a party of members of the Senate pushed forward to express regret at his expulsion. At his office later, when a physician had attended him, he said he would not leave Washington for a few days.

The outcome of the vote was not a surprise, but the leaders of the fight against him had not estimated a greater vote than 50 to 35.

Would Be in a Severe Strain.

Washington.—The Hague Tribunal would be subjected to the most severe strain ever placed upon it, in the opinion of officials here, should the settlement of the issue between America and Great Britain regarding the use of the Panama Canal be refused to it. This strain would be felt in the important initial attempt to secure an impartial court of arbitration. In this peculiar case, the United States would stand almost alone, against the nations of the world, in her assertions of the right to discriminate in favor of American shipping.

Want to Improve the South.

Washington.—All diplomatic and consular officers in Central and South America have been instructed to urge the countries in which they are located to cooperate with the Southern Commercial Congress at the meeting to be held in Mobile, Ala., in the fall of 1913. The instructions were embodied in a bulletin issued by Secretary of State Knox endorsing the purpose of the Congress. It directs the officials to aid in every way the co-operation of the Latin American countries in the improvement of the commercial relations of the South and its Latin neighbors.

Fight on Beall Cotton Bill.

Washington.—Charging bad faith against those behind the Beall bill prohibiting dealing in cotton futures, which was discussed in the House under a special rule, Representative Rucker of Colorado, Democrat, waged such a determined fight on the measure that he forced an adjournment. Mr. Rucker declared he had the assurance of the leaders that he would be given opportunity to offer his amendment including in the measure "wool and all food products."

Physician Lured To Death.

New Orleans.—Following an attempt to segregate school children of mixed blood at Grand Isle, Dr. R. O. Seay, a prominent physician, was lured from his home on a fake call for his services and shot by unknown parties. He was wounded seriously and brought to this city for treatment. Grand Isle is near the delta on the Gulf of Mexico and is populated by many foreigners engaged in truck farming and the oyster business. Bernio and Bobin Rigaud, brothers, are under arrest.

Thirteen Killed in Wreck.

Chicago.—Thirteen persons were killed and fifteen to twenty were injured in a wreck on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad at Western Springs, a suburb of Chicago. Coming through a fog with supposedly clear track ahead train No. 8, a fast mail, ran at full speed into the rear of train No. 2, known as the Overland Express from Denver, which was standing still on the track, telescoping two of the Overland's pullman cars. Railroad officials refused to fix the blame until after the wreck had been investigated.

LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

Short Paragraph of State News That Have Been Gotten Together With Care By The Editor.

Raleigh.—It was announced that the \$150,000 endowment of Meredith College, a Baptist school for women, has been raised. The general education board appropriated \$50,000 on the condition that the Baptists would double the amount.

Raleigh.—The corporation commission is working upon the corporation tax incident to the listing all over the state and it is busy for a time. The commission has yet another hearing upon the Hamlet matter in which the Rockingham railroad wants to be excused from the burden of supporting two tower men all night because the Rockingham crosses the Seaboard in two places.

Statesville.—Iredell county is right now in the midst of a progressive era. With the \$400,000 voted for good roads in the county and the city of Statesville improving her streets it appears that the county is rapidly forging to the front. On account of the work being done on the streets the city is now in a very rough and muddy condition but soon this will be through and it will then be a clean, smooth little city.

Washington.—Information as to the relative standing of the states in the amount of postal savings bonds applied for July 1 and a comparison of this standing with that of January 1, the date of the last conversion given out by Postmaster General Hitchcock shows the following record for North Carolina: 41st in July, 37th in January; \$1,340 in July, 1,100 in January; increase \$240; percentage of increase 21.8.

Asheville.—Clyde Melton, who shot and killed Ed B. Swinney on the street here recently is either feigning insanity or is really insane, according to reports from the county jail, where he is confined. Melton was removed to the county jail after Swinney died, and is being held without bond. The officers in charge of the jail say that Melton spends his time muttering in an irrational manner, and that he paces his cell nervously while muttering.

Elizabeth City.—Alonso S. Cox, 21 years old, clerk in A. F. Toxey's wholesale grocery in Elizabeth City, was drowned at Nag's Head, while in surf bathing. Men on shore formed a chain in an endeavor to save him. Joshua Dawson, of Elizabeth City, nearly succeeded in rescuing him. The drowning man's strength failed and a strong undertow swept him out of reach. Dawson, overcome by his battle with the waves, was carried senseless ashore.

Hendersonville.—A number of the leading citizens of the town have decided to have a horse show some time in August. K. G. Whistler, of Columbia, who has a summer residence near Hendersonville was elected president of the movement and will begin work at once preparatory to giving the show. It is planned to have it just after the Asheville show ends in order that the exhibitors may participate in the one to be given in Hendersonville.

Wilmington.—Alfred Hurst and Scott Murphy, colored, were shot at Macomber's, a station on the suburban line, and it is thought that John Quince Everett, colored, did the shooting. Hurst appears to be dangerously wounded, while the other negro is not hurt much. Hurst and Everett were quarrelling over the former's wife. Scott rounded the corner of house about this time. The shooting then began with the result that both Hurst and Murphy were shot.

Burlington.—The 19-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Roney of this place, died a violent death from drinking kerosene oil. The child went to his father's store near the house and when the father was not looking drank some oil from a measure on the counter.

Asheboro.—Election was called for Concord township in this county, to be held on a railroad bond issue, and feeling has been running high, especially on the part of the opposition. It is stated that threats of violence have been made against a number of persons who favored the issue.

Raleigh.—Political matters in Wake county are now to occupy the attention of the people, as the primary to nominate county officers takes place in August. The first to announce himself as a candidate for office is Mr. Roy H. Mitchell, of Wake Forest.

New Bern.—While a score or more of thirty citizens watched the proceedings, several barrels of beer and a number of cases of whiskey were broken in the rear of the city hall in this city. The booze had been confiscated in various raids made by the police during the past few months. No one would lay claim to it.

Washington.—Among the patents granted to North Carolinians, Davis and Davis receive the following: A. L. Patterson, Albemarle, paper, pliers, to boxes; D. G. Tatum, Hendersonville, running gear.

Raleigh.—While at work ditching along the tracks of the Southern railway near Garner, Harvey Powlike, a young white man stumbled and fell under the wheels of a moving work train, crushing both his legs so that amputation was necessary. Powlike was brought to the Rex hospital at this city where the operation was performed. His condition is critical.

MORE COIN FOR N. C.

SENATOR OVERMAN IS WELL TO THE FRONT FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

CHARLOTTE TO GET \$90,000

The Other Cities in North Carolina Have Been Well Provided For By The Senate Appropriation Committee—List of Same Follows.

Raleigh.—A special from Washington states that Senator Overman of the committee on appropriations was able to keep many items in the bill reported from the committee. He made the report of the committee to the Senate. The following items for North Carolina are in the report:

For continuation of the enlargement and improvement of the Charlotte postoffice and court house, \$90,000.

For commencement of Greenville postoffice building \$15,000.

For commencement of Monroe postoffice building, \$15,000.

For commencement of Oxford postoffice building, \$25,000.

For commencement of Hickory postoffice building, \$15,000.

For continuation of the enlargement and improvement of the Raleigh postoffice building \$50,000.

For rent of temporary quarters for government officials and moving expenses at Raleigh, \$9,000.

For additional land and completion of enlargement and improvement of Reidsville postoffice building, \$10,000.

For rent of temporary quarters for government officials and moving expenses at Reidsville, \$3,500.

For completion of Washington postoffice and court house, \$37,000.

For continuation of the enlargement of the Winston-Salem postoffice building, \$80,000.

For rent of temporary quarters for government officials and moving expenses at Winston-Salem, \$7,000.

For Edenton fish hatchery station, \$3,600.

Two Special Tax Elections.

Raleigh.—Two special tax elections are reported to the department of education at very different points of the political compass. Margaretsville, almost on the Virginia-North Carolina line, held an election and carried the tax almost unanimously. Thirty-one voted for the tax and three against it. What was the levy and how much it raised were not mentioned in the report to the office. Earlier than this, sometime before the close of June, Wilson's Mills had an election that gave \$30,000 to the schools. That means a new school house, this contest being one for the issuing of bonds.

Decrease in Durham County Values.

Durham.—The first proofsheet of the county taxes for the new year indicate that there is a decrease in the total property values for the past year of about \$600,000. However, there are a great many who are on the "allowed to list" after the regular time. The register of deeds, who has charge of listing the taxes, said that about the only way in which he could account for this decrease was the fact that the amount of tobacco and cotton on the hands of the Durham manufacturing plants was not so large as it was last year.

Waynesville.—Plans and specifications for the new school building were presented and accepted at the meeting of the board of aldermen.

Equalization Board Holds Meeting.

Charlotte.—The county board of equalization, consisting of the county commissioners and the county tax assessors, held a meeting in the commissioners' room in the court house to hear any complaint that might be made as to whether any citizen thought his property had been listed at too high a figure. One complaint only was heard and that was soon adjusted. The board will again hold a meeting to hear the report of Assessor J. A. Henderson who was not ready to make his report.

Movement For New County.

Granite Falls.—A movement is on foot to form the new county of Granite by taking a part of Caldwell and Burke counties. The county seat would be Granite Falls, which will be the center of the new county. It is understood that a large number of people in the boundary that the new county would take in are in favor of it as no part of the county would be over ten miles from Granite Falls the county seat, while it is 20 miles to Lenoir and Morganton, the present county seats.

Located Cuban Check Flasher.

Statesville.—There is now no doubt that the Alvarez serving a term in the reformatory at Jeffersonville, Ind., for forgery is Francisco Alvarez, the Cuban wanted in Statesville and Charlotte for passing worthless checks to the amount of about \$300 a few months ago. Mr. C. V. Henkel, of Statesville, who has been spending two weeks at West Sorden, Ind., went over to Jeffersonville, visited the reformatory and identified the Cuban, wiring Cashier of the First National Bank to that effect.