

NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

Protecting the Birds.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Abundance of the "green bug," or grain aphids, in this section, and the disastrous effect it has on grain fields, is well known to the farmers of this vicinity. The birds are known to benefit the farmer in many other ways, but their aphid-eating habits have recently been the subject of special investigation. A representative of the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture has studied the question on the lands of G. W. Hinshaw, of this city. Somewhat over 3,000 small birds were present every day on about 100 acres of wheat and rye, and on some days the number ran up to from 8,000 to 9,000. So far as known, about nine-tenths of the birds were eating aphids, and some had taken 500 or more at single meals. These insects are very soft and easily digested, and many meals are required each day. It is claimed that the birds destroy an incalculable number of aphids per day, and the farmers are being urged to encourage and protect them.

Begins His Sentence.

Raleigh, Special.—Earl Cotton, son of Dr. A. T. Cotton, a prominent physician of this city, celebrated Easter Monday by beginning his thirty years' sentence in the penitentiary for the murder of Dr. E. W. Smith, of Richmond, here last November. Cotton is twenty-eight years old, and has insisted since conviction until now that he would have an appeal to the supreme court, in spite of the opposition of his father and counsel for the defense. He had declared that he would press the appeal without a lawyer and plead his own case in the highest tribunal before he would acquiesce in the thirty-year sentence. His counsel and father were fearful that even if a new trial were granted through an appeal, a second jury might find a first instead of a second degree verdict, which would mean a death sentence for the prisoner.

Jonesboro News.

Jonesboro, Special.—The new court house for Lee county is now about finished. About the only thing lacking is the opera chairs, and they are expected to arrive in a few days. The three new steel bridges built by Lee and Chatham counties jointly across Deep river are now completed. There is also a wooden bridge being built at Cumcock coal mines. An illicit distillery was seized a few days ago near Sanford that had been in operation, it is said, for seventeen years. It was in the cellar of the house of a negro. Jonesboro is now being lighted by electricity generated at the Buckhorn power plant on the Cape Fear river, twelve miles east of Jonesboro.

Shooting at Waxhaw.

Monroe, Special.—In a dispute over the possession of some whiskey at Waxhaw Sunday night, Thomas L. Davis, former cotton weigher, shot Charles Gamble in the intestines, inflicting a wound from which the victim may die. Mr. Gamble is a barber at Waxhaw and a brother of James Gamble, who was elected cotton weigher at the last election. Davis and James Gamble had a very hot fight for the nomination, and it took three primaries to decide it. A great deal of bitterness between Davis and the Gambles has existed since, and it is thought that the shooting was really the culmination of the contest over the nomination. Davis was brought to Monroe and confined in the county jail.

Damage at Rocky Point.

Wilmington, Special.—Reports from Rocky Point are that the frosts did great damage to unprotected beans and cucumbers, but around Wilmington few of these were up and were not hurt. Out door lettuce and beets were not injured, though Irish potatoes were nipped the least bit.

Forsyth Schools' Good Showing.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Virtually all county schools in Forsyth have completed their sessions, and some interesting statistics are compiled therefrom. There are 7,322 white children in the county, within school age, that is, between 6 and 21, of which number 4,630 were enrolled in the county schools. The Winston schools are not included. Much progress has been made in educational lines the past year, and Superintendent Speas is being congratulated on having accomplished so much.

Hamlet Man Arrested.

Raleigh, Special.—On a charge of using the mails with intent to defraud Allie H. Rivenbark, aged 21, was arrested at Hamlet Wednesday. It is charged that, under various assumed names, the young man ordered about \$10,000 worth of merchandise, much of which had been shipped to him. Rivenbark has for some time been in the employ of the Seaboard Air Line as baggage master and was arrested on his car.

Officers Destroy Still.

Pilot Mountain, Special.—Sheriff C. H. Haynes came down from Mont Airy Saturday evening and together with Deputy McK. R. Smith and Policeman J. A. Fry drove out into the country about four miles and captured a 60-gallon still and destroyed a lot of beer and other material used in making "moonshine" whiskey. No arrests were made as the place was deserted when the officers arrived. The plant was located on the lands of Rufe Goin and was operated in a tobacco barn with no indication of anything of the kind on the outside except a hog pen at the back of the barn. The officers had searched far and near up and down the river and had about given up in despair when they noticed the hog pen near the barn and concluded that in the barn would be a unique place for the business. When they opened the door of the barn the whole plant was exposed and from appearances they had been doing a thriving business for some time. The still, cap and worm were carried by the sheriff back to Mount Airy. This is the fourth still captured by Sheriff Haynes since December 1st last.

Dies From Injuries Received in Ball Game.

Gastonia, Special.—News reached here Wednesday of the death just across the line in Lincoln county Sunday night of a young Mr. Leonhardt, a son of Mr. William Leonhardt, caused by a lick received on the head by a baseball in the course of a game of ball on Saturday. Apparently the lick did not injure the young man and he went home without complaining. Sunday he visited at the home of an uncle nearby and still did not complain. After returning home Sunday evening he became ill and grew rapidly worse till death came sometime in the night.

On Trail of Robber?

Brevard, Special.—The chief of police of Brevard has just received a photograph and full description of "Tennessee Dutch," the postoffice robber wanted at Seneca, and other places, whom he believes was here Sunday. A strange man fully answering this description in every detail approached the chief of police Sunday afternoon claiming he wanted to locate in Brevard and asking information in general about the town and the people. Although he made a definite engagement with him Monday morning he suddenly disappeared and has been traced in the direction of Lake Toxaway.

Easter at Old Salem.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Visitors from many towns of this and other States have thronged the Twin City the last few days, particularly in the unique and beautiful services of the Moravian church and many engaging in the social festivities of Easter Monday, most prominent among which were the dances and reception of the Twin City Club. The hotels were jammed beyond capacity, and boarding houses were called into requisition, besides the number of private homes that were filled with guests. Never has the number of visitors been so large at Easter, which is always a red letter day in the social calendar of this city.

A Mother at 11 Years.

Madison, Special.—A colored girl 11 years old, whose parents live near Dillard, Stokes county, 10 miles from Madison, gave birth Sunday afternoon to a fully developed girl baby weighing 8 pounds. The father of the child is only 13 years of age.

Little Harm to Crops.

New Bern, Special.—From all reports received the cold weather and frost during last week has done very little damage to the trucking interests beyond delaying the crop. The high winds prevented a heavy frost, and the temperature was hardly low enough to do much damage.

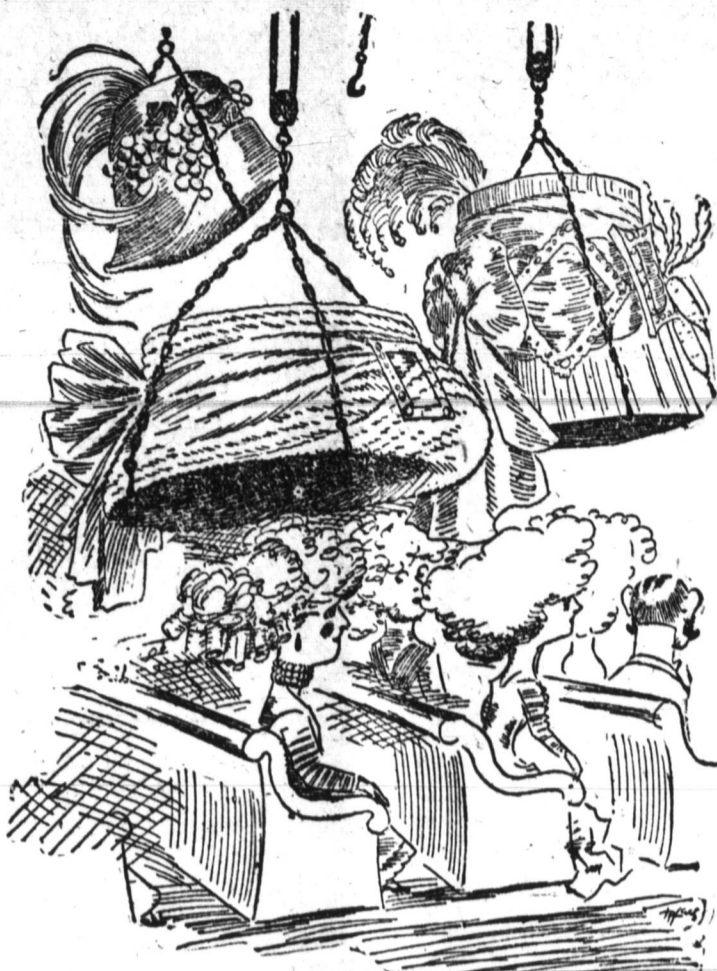
To Bring Southbound Through Salisbury.

Salisbury, Special.—A half dozen towns and counties were represented at the meeting in the court house Thursday night to take steps looking to the securing of the passage through Salisbury of the proposed Southbound Railway from Winston-Salem to Monroe. L. H. Clement, Esq., presided over the meeting which was addressed by numbers of the representatives present. It was stated that the books would be opened to receive subscriptions at an early date and that another meeting would soon be called.

Large Lumber Shipments.

Newbern, Special.—The lumber interests of Newbern are hardly realized by people. On Saturday eight barges left Newbern loaded with lumber for Northern ports. Each barge usually averages about 250,000 feet. This one day's shipment represents about two hundred ordinary car loads on rail. The usual cut of the Newbern mills is around forty car loads a day.

SUGGESTION SHOWING SIMPLE DEVICE FOR REMOVING LADIES' HATS IN CHURCH



—Cartoon by Triggs, in the New York Press.

PRICES OF WHEAT AND GARDEN PRODUCE AT THE HIGHEST NOTCH

Flour So Dear Bakers Are Keeping Loaves at Usual Size by a Heavy Charge of Air.

IS THERE A VEGETABLE TRUST?

No Such Gains Paid in a Decade For Potatoes, Lettuce, Asparagus, Etc., Yet Retailers Say the Profit is Not Theirs—Wholesalers Deny There is a Combination.

Chicago.—James A. Patten was victorious again, when he was able to sell more of his May wheat at the record price of \$1.38. The deal for a time worked out very well for Mr. Patten, but the real burden was borne by the people, who are working hard for their loaves of bread and getting less and less for their money every day on account of the high price of flour, consequent upon the advance in the price of wheat.

Bakers admit that bread is more expensive than it has been for a long time, although the increase is carefully concealed from the buying public. The retail price of bread is still five cents a loaf, but if housewives were to take the trouble to weigh the loaves which they purchase they would soon discover that they are rapidly diminishing in weight, although the size may remain the same. Corpulent loaves can be manufactured by a heavy charge of atmosphere, but that counts for little when it comes to assuaging the pangs of hunger. Bakers are not taking at all kindly to the game of boosting the staff of life now being played on the Board of Trade.

New York City.—While the Patten bulls in wheat in Chicago rushed prices up to war quotations, something of the kind happened in the local market for vegetables and fruits. In Washington Market, for instance, dealers were getting \$7 and \$7.25 a barrel for Bermuda potatoes, as against \$5.50 a year ago. Asparagus sold at \$5 a dozen bunches, as against \$3.25 a year ago, and lettuce brought twenty-five cents for three heads about as big as a man's hand. A year ago dealers were glad to get ten cents for three heads. Cucumbers sold for six to ten cents each.

Apples are almost as scarce as wheat. Seven dollars a barrel is the nominal quotation, but only the big dealers have any to sell, and the best are being sent to London. The New York State crop was badly damaged by the dry spell last summer, and when it was sought to put the apples in cold storage they wouldn't keep. Colorado apples were similarly affected. Thousands of barrels, thrown away, rotted and had to be thrown away. The vegetable market has been stiffened lately by three severe frosts in Virginia, which killed all growing stuff, and the farmers have had to replant.

The keeper of a small fruit and vegetable stand in Washington Market said that, while it would be denied, he was sure there was a trust which controlled wholesale prices and had put them up to the present high level.

"The United Fruit Dealers' Association is doing this," he said, "and it tells us prices are going still higher. Every dealer in this place pays the same price. There is no escape. The bulk of the vegetable stuff we sell at this season comes from Charleston, S. C.; Bermuda and Florida, both by rail and steamship. Some stuff also comes from California. There seems always a scarcity, though now, after the Easter demand has subsided, prices ought to go down. The Virginia frost will be

It is a Crime to Give or Take a Tip in Washington State.

Spokane, Wash.—Advance sheets of the new criminal code adopted at the recent session of the Legislature show that it contains a strict anti-tipping law, which provides that "every employe of a public house or public service corporation who solicits or receives any gratuity from any guest and every person giving any gratuity shall be guilty of a misdemeanor." This was the first intimation that such a law passed the Legislature.

used now as an excuse for the high prices. We are making no money at all.

Several other dealers said they didn't know whether there was a trust or not, but they were aware that prices for all garden stuff hadn't been so high in a decade. One reason for the high prices had been to force some of the small dealers out of business. Quite a number of stalls in Washington Market have "For Rent" signs on them.

A member of the firm of John Nix & Co., who are said to be largest wholesale dealers in fruits and vegetables in New York City, and who have buyers in California, Florida, Bermuda, the Carolinas, England and elsewhere, was asked about the charge that there was a fruit and vegetable trust.

"Never heard of it," he said, "and there is no such trust. If any man or set of men tried to corner the market he or they would fail. There are too many sources of supply. It is true prices are high, but the demand is here, and the law of supply and demand rules.

"Naturally we get all we can for our goods. My opinion is that the Grocers' Association is responsible for the present high prices. Long after wholesale prices have dropped, grocers go on charging the high prices irrespective of market conditions. The consumer should trade more carefully and not pay such prices as are exacted. If he would study the markets more carefully, the grocers would soon find it out, and prices would be more reasonable."

Owing to the high prices ruling for potatoes, large quantities are being shipped here from England. The wholesale price of Southern potatoes is now around \$3.50 a bag, the tariff on each bag, seventy cents, proving no obstacle. The steamer Minnehaha brought in from London 54,000 bags of Scotch potatoes.

NO MORE CHEAP WHEAT.

Head of Patten Corner Predicts Continued High Prices.

Chicago.—James A. Patten responded to a telephone call from a country miller who wanted to buy a round lot of each wheat. Before leaving the telephone booth he personally sold 5,000 bushels No. 2 red wheat at \$1.38, free on board cars here, which is the highest price of the year yet accorded for this grade. He expressed himself as being decided bullish on July wheat, believing it will reach even a higher level before the next harvest than yet recorded for May contracts. He believes all of the new crop months, which are now at a great discount under cash wheat, will have a big rise in values.

"We will see no more cheap wheat in this country till there is more extensive production to meet the growing consumption demands," continued Mr. Patten. "I see little chance for this increase in production in this country this year because farmers all over the Northwest declare there is more money in raising oats and barley than putting the land to wheat."

New Brand of Night Rider Activity Reveals Itself in Indiana

Indianapolis, Ind.—Renters of land in Southern Indiana are notifying landlords that they will not work land on shares, and investigation shows that many of them have been notified that if they till land for less than two-thirds of the crop their crops will be destroyed. An organization has been formed in Pike and other counties on the plan of the night riders. Land owners have refused to rent for less than half crops.

D. A. R.'S IN CONVENTION

Large Attendance Testifies to Interest Felt in Approaching Election of President General of the D. A. R. Congress.

Washington, Special.—With the political clouds almost ready to break into a storm, the Daughters Tuesday held the second day's session of their eighteenth continental congress. Another big attendance, although it was known that the major portion of the day would be taken up with the calling of the lengthy roll, testified to the interest felt in the approaching election of a president general and other officers.

The first open manifestation of any partisanship regarding the presidency general came when Mrs. William Cummings Story, the anti-administration candidate, got a tremendous ovation when, as regent of New York, she announced that her delegation would cast 126 votes.

Mrs. Matthew Scott, the administration candidate sat in one of the upper bowers and took note of the demonstration.

The reports of officers showed the organization to be in a flourishing condition and that the interest in it was undiminished. In the words of Mrs. Donald McLean, the president general, the past year has been one of "unexampled success, prosperity, peace and harmony."

Because of the unfinished state of the building, many English sparrows have gotten into the auditorium and during the sessions they kept up a constant chirping and at times actually disturbed the proceedings.

Almost the entire day was taken up with the reading of the reports of standing committees.

Sultan Awaits His Fate.

Constantinople, By Cable.—Sultan Abdul Hamid is waiting in his palace for whatever may befall. He has not taken flight, and his grand vizier, Tewfik Pasha, has announced that the Sultan will remain with his family and accept resignedly the fate that has been prepared for him and his minister of war, Edhira Pasha, who sent in their resignations to the Sultan late Tuesday night, decided to withdraw them and the grand vizier is spending most of the time with his majesty. Nazim Pasha still is in command of the garrison but no preparations have been made to offer any resistance to the advance of the Saloniki troops.

The Constitutionalists lines now envelop the city, but the commander-in-chief, General Husni Pasha, is still at Hasemoi.

Massacres in Adana.

Lareana, Cyprus, By Cable.—Advices received here from Adana by way of Latakia, Syria, say that massacres began in the markets at Adana Wednesday morning. The Armenians retired to their own quarters and resisted for 48 hours. The Christian bazaars were looted and burned. For several days the villagers came in from the surrounding country in hordes. They were armed by the authorities, who pretended to regard them as military reserves. Women and children were horribly mutilated, the missionaries, Rogers and Mauser, being shot dead while fighting the fire. The massacres then spread to Tarsus and other places. The whole district is in a shocking condition. Thousands are homeless and famine is imminent. The 4,000 refugees in the yard of the American College are in a pitiable condition. Provisions, clothing and physicians are urgently needed.

Five Thousand Slain.

Constantinople, By Cable.—No less than 5,000 persons lost their lives in the massacres that have been going on in the vilayet of Adana during the past eight days as a result of the outbreak of Moslem fanaticism. Of this total 2,000 were killed in the City of Adana, more than 200 of the victims being Moslems. This information was received in Constantinople through consular channels.

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New Orleans, Special.—Secretary Hester's statement just issued, shows the total visible to be 4,672,212 against 4,077,218 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,615,212 against 2,883,342 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 1,057,000, against 1,193,876 last year. Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 2,800,000, against 2,324,000 last year; in Egypt 253,000, against 222,000 last year.

Young American Killed.

Tabriz, Persia, By Cable.—A young American, H. C. Baskerville, until recently a teacher in the Presbyterian school here, was killed Tuesday morning outside Tabriz while leading a sortie of nationalists from the city. The object of the expedition was to open a way for the bringing in of provisions, of which the city stands greatly in need. It was not successful. The situation here is desperate.

Women as Well as Men are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

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