

NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of State Interest Gathered and Told in Brief.

SOUTHERN TEXTILE ASSOCIATION.

Fourth Regular Meeting of This Growing Organization of Cotton Mill Men to Be Held in Raleigh, N. C., Wednesday, Oct. 20.

The Fall meeting of the Southern Textile Association will be held in Raleigh, N. C., on Wednesday, Oct. 20th. As this will be at the time of the North Carolina State Fair the sessions of the association will be held in the morning and at night, giving time in the afternoon for visiting the fair and looking through the Textile Department of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College, which consists of a fully equipped model mill with competent instructors who take an active interest in the work of the association and will render assistance in any possible way to make the meeting of interest and value to every mill man who may attend.

The program of the association will include addresses and papers on Weaving—by Prof. William Nelson, formerly instructor in the Lowell Textile School.

The Spinning Frame—by Supt. T. F. Cuddy, of Clio, S. C.

The Card Room—by Supt. Alfred N. Landau, formerly of the Magnin Mill, New Orleans, La.

Power Economy in Mills—by Chief Engineer G. F. King, of King's Mountain.

Humidifiers—by Mr. W. P. Hazelwood, of Atlanta.

Care of the Operatives' Health—by Supt. A. S. Winslow, of Clinton, S. C.

The Southern Textile Association composed chiefly of superintendents and overseers of departments in the actual work of cotton manufacturing had its birth in a meeting held in Charlotte last fall which was attended by a number of representative men in these lines, chiefly from North and South Carolina.

A permanent organization was effected with provision for holding meetings quarterly; and the next regular meeting held at Greenville in April was attended by large delegations from the leading mill towns of the Carolinas with representatives from other Southern States.

The meeting at Spartanburg in July was the largest yet held when the attendance was over two hundred, the membership at that time and by additions since having grown to considerably more than 300.

Young Boy Accidentally Killed While Hunting.

Lumberton, Special.—Lloyd Odum, the 15-year-old son of Ferdinand Odum, who lives about seven miles from here, while out hunting with his brother Tuesday was killed. He with a pistol and his brother a gun started in different directions and in a short time his brother hearing a pistol fire called to him, but receiving no answer went to him and found him dead with a wound in the left breast. There were no eye-witnesses of the affair and it will probably never be known exactly how he came to be killed.

Woman Seizes Rat With Hand and Hurls It Against Wall.

Tarboro, Special.—To grab a rat with the hand and hurl it to death is an act of bravery. This happened here, when Mrs. John Grimmer went to her pantry to cut a piece of meat. She found a rat helping himself to her meat, and struck at him with the knife. The blow fell short and the rodent made for the door. With the quickness of thought, she grasped the rat and hurled it against the wall, killing it.

Morphine by Mistake.

Pilot Mountain, Special.—A sad occurrence took place here. Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Fulk's little child had sores on its mouth and the mother gave it four grains of morphine by mistake for calomel. Every effort was made to wake the little one, but without avail. The parents are grief-stricken at the child's death.

Washington Stave Mill Destroyed by Fire—Loss \$10,000.

Washington, Special.—The large stave manufacturing plant of the Moore Lumber Company of this city caught fire Wednesday night about 10 o'clock and rapidly burned down, resulting in almost a total loss to the company. The stave mill was approximately worth \$10,000 and as nearly as can be ascertained there was but little insurance. The local fire department responded to the alarm very promptly and rendered valiant service.

Fires at Rocky Point.

Rocky Point, Special.—Thomas J. Brown lost his barn, its contents of hay, tools and fertilizer by fire. The loss is about \$500, with no insurance.

Harry Hearne lost a fine saw mill planer, valued at \$1,000, with no insurance. It is dry here and forest fires are raging.

ROBBED A SHOWMAN

On Main Street, in the Heart of Washington, Unknown Highwayman Crashes O. R. Shafer's Skull Washington, N. C., Special.—One of the boldest and most daring assaults and robberies that has ever taken place in this city was committed on Saturday night on east Main street when Mr. C. R. Shafer, owner of several of the Barkoot carnial shows, which have been exhibiting in this city for the past week, was waylaid on his way to his boarding house by a thug, who coming up behind struck him a powerful blow over the right eye with an old gun barrel, felling him at a single blow, and very nearly killing him.

When found both pockets of the man had been rifled and between \$75 and \$100 had been stolen. The patient regained consciousness Saturday morning, and gave a partial description of his assailant. There are slight hopes for the recovery of the injured man.

Nine Bitten By Rabid Dog.

Raleigh, Special.—Saturday there was a regular influx of people bitten by mad dogs. Mr. J. C. Page came in with his six children, Kathleen, May, Annie, Jane, John and Henry, from Pender county. All of these were bitten by a little puppy, a shepherd dog. The same dog bit a yearling heifer and a little calf, both of which were killed Saturday. Another patient is a 3-year-old daughter of Sidney W. Burton of Reidsville, and another James Womack of Rockingham county, 3-year-old, bitten by a pug dog. Yet another is M. B. Baldwin of Scotland county, who was in his yard, a neighbor and a little child being with him. While loading his wagon with cotton, a dog ran in, open-mouthed, at the child, whose father kicked the dog away, the animal immediately biting Baldwin on the leg. He seized the dog and choked it to death. The people now under treatment, as well as those who have been under it, are crying death to the dogs, and one man said he intended to use poison freely on his premises.

Statesville Revenue.

Statesville, Special.—Cashier Roberts, of the revenue office of Collector Geo. H. Brown reports collections as follows for last month: Lists \$788.68; spirits \$280.28; cigars \$48.00; tobacco \$243,749.64; special tax \$478.88; total \$245,345.48.

Compared with the collections for September, 1908, the collections last month show a decrease of \$165.84. The collections on spirits in September of last year were \$51,144.39; tobacco \$192,899.04. Compared with these figures the collections on spirits last month show a loss of \$50,864.11, but the loss is almost entirely covered by the gain of \$50,850.60 on tobacco, and the decrease in the total collections is therefore small.

Receives Gift From Carnegie.

Greensboro, Special.—A check for \$25,000 has just been received by the president of the Greensboro Female College from Andrew Carnegie, this being the amount offered conditionally to the College by Mr. Carnegie two years ago. The conditions have been complied with, and this check for \$25,000 completes the \$100,000 endowment fund. The conditions imposed by Mr. Carnegie that he would give \$25,000 after the friends of the College had raised \$75,000 was an incentive and enabled the College to raise this fund within the period of two years.

Accidentally Shot While Chasing a Chicken.

Fayetteville, Special.—Moses McLean Saturday accidentally shot and dangerously wounded his sister, Hagar McLean, while attempting to shoot a wild chicken which the woman was assisting him to round up. A clump of weeds hid his sister from McLean's sight when he fired.

Plenty of Partridges This Season.

Raleigh, Sportsmen will be interested in the information that there are far more partridges this year than there were in 1908, in fact, it is said that over a large area of the State there are ten where there was only one last year. The terrible rains of 1908 drowned vast numbers of the birds. In the early part of last season nearly all the birds killed by hunters were old ones.

Bold Robbery at Washington.

Washington, Special.—One of the boldest and most daring robberies ever perpetrated in this city took place in broad daylight Thursday afternoon when the office of Mr. W. Mayo, a justice of peace, on Market street, was entered, his safe broken into and something over \$100 in cash taken. It seems that Mr. Mayo had gone out of his office for a few minutes and on his return he found the drawer to his safe open and the money missing. The police are at work on the case, but as yet there is no clue to the guilty parties.

Seven White Caps are Convicted.

Raleigh, Special.—After being out all Wednesday afternoon and overnight the jury in the "white cap" case from Mark's Creek township brought in a verdict of guilty against all seven defendants. The verdict took the defendants and their counsel completely by surprise and a demand made by counsel that a poll of the jury be taken. Every jurymen responded "guilty." No appeal was taken.

THE MECKLENBURG FAIR

Unusually Good Attractions Secured and Prospects For An Unprecedented Exhibition of What the Public is Glad to See.

Charlotte, Special.—Viewed in the light of comparison with similar events of recent years, the approaching Mecklenburg fair promises to outstrip any of its predecessors in its uniform character. From the amount of space contracted for on the show grounds and the exceedingly large number of exhibits that have been entered, the fair looks as if its several departments would measure far beyond anything of previous attempts. Secretary Creswell's estimate of the occasion is that in its various individual parts it will be more uniformly attractive than ever before.

Among the more fastidious of the side attractions which have been engaged, Sadie Knowlton, winner of a world's championship swimming and high diving event, justly deserves rank. This lady has a record of swimming an aggregate of 1,000 miles in 97 hours and 25 minutes. She will do a high diving act at the coming fair, riding a bicycle from a platform high in space and leaping from it into a pool of water measuring 7 feet deep and containing 20,000 gallons. This engagement is one of the best that has been booked.

Kemp's Wild West Show and Indian band is another troupe that has been contracted with. It contains 60 people and 50 horses and the band is made up of 16 pieces. The maneuverers of this company will be of especial interest to those who wish glimpses of the wild west life. The Filipino midgets, a brother and sister, 36 and 34 years old, respectively, are numbered among the principal attractions. These little people are 24 and 21 inches in height and will make an interesting exhibit.

Doylan and Venrodme are the enlistments of two of the most prominent midway attractions, the performances within the enclosures with such names being represented as being high class and laughable.

The Joseph G. Ferrari animal show and the international theatre which contain features of interest are also booked and in another enclosure realistic scenes of the Monitor and Merrimac will be exhibited.

The midway will be crowded with attractions of the usual sort, but of a good class and individual merit. The management will see to it that the nature of the shows correspond to the demands of the law and that nothing of the vulgar or indecent tendency be tolerated, and while our highest ideals are never fully attained the management assures the public that impositions will be borne against and flagrant violations of public confidence will be excluded with the hope of producing such attractions as will be educating, entertaining and pleasing.

Mr. Creswell also states that there will be a balloon race each day by the Hurgeth brothers. Two parachute drops will be made, and the races will be so arranged as to keep four people in the air.

Between the races B. H. Demarest's New York equestrienne combination will give fancy performances in front of the grandstand, these exhibits to consist of various features. It will be free, designed to fill in the gap between the individual races. It will doubtless keep the grandstand entertained.

Already two-thirds of the space on the spacious grounds has been contracted for and these shows which are mentioned above as among the attractions represent only a minimum proportion of the total exhibits. The midway will be larger and more uniform than ever before as will also every other single department of the fair.

The dates of the fair are October 26, 27, 28 and 29.

Cotton Mill Operatives Engage in Cutting Affray.

Taylorsville, Special.—Sunday afternoon in the vicinity of the Taylorsville cotton mills, two of the mill hands engaged in a combat in which Charles Bently received a gash ranging from the top of the head to a point between the eyes, about five inches in length, inflicted by a knife in the hands of Luther Frazier.

Young Engineer Killed in Electric Light Plant.

Newbern, Special.—Fred Thomas, assistant engineer at the city electric light plant, was instantly killed Saturday night by coming in contact with some part of the arc light machinery carrying a voltage of 2,300. He was alone in the generator room, working on the arc machine, which had been giving some trouble. The fireman heard his cry, and going in to the room found his lifeless body. Just how he met his death will never be known. There is a burn across his cheek. Otherwise the body is unmarked.

Pasquotank County Fair.

Elizabeth City, Special.—The greatest interest throughout the Albemarle section is centered in the big agricultural fair to be held in this city October 26, 27 and 28 and all preparations have about been completed. The exhibits, which are large and elaborate, tell of the wonderful products and prosperity of the Albemarle section and will be extremely interesting and instructive not only to agriculturists but to the public.

IT HAS BEGUN.



—Cartoon by G. Williams, in the Indianapolis News.

ELECTRICAL SHOCKS TO DESTROY EVERY WARSHIP AFLOAT

Lewis Nixon Says Currents Flashed Through Air is Battle Method of Future—No Danger From Airships—Destruction So Terrible That Nations Will Be Forced to International Peace.

New York City. — Lewis Nixon, shipbuilder, graduate of the United States Naval Academy and for several years one of the chief constructors of the American navy, floats the theory that the airship in any of its forms will become a formidable war machine.

Instead, Mr. Nixon believes that the death-dealing terror of the war of the future will be the electric shock.

This conclusion has been forced upon his judgment by a careful study of the subject of new war agencies and by closely watching the manoeuvres of the Wright aeroplane as it sailed up the Hudson and circled the representatives of the world's greatest navies.

In Mr. Nixon's opinion warships can guard against the danger of explosives that might be dropped upon them by airships by specially prepared armor. He believes, though, that sooner or later there will be perfected a gun or some other piece of mechanism for hurling a thunderbolt that will shock to death every man aboard a warship, irrespective of its protection.

"I am convinced," said Mr. Nixon to a reporter, "that the time could be come now, but the mechanism is so crude that the thunderbolt, or electric impulse, would kill the man who should release it, as well as the enemy. It is possible, of course, that some foreign nation already has perfected the necessary machine with which to hurl this deadly bolt. I hope, however, that it has not been done. When the principle is mastered the result will make war so horribly destructive that the human race, through the sheer force of nature's first law — self-preservation — will abolish war.

"The aeroplane is mainly interesting now on account of the fact of what may grow from it. Possibly we shall see them like swarms of giant locusts flying over and beyond armies, to occupy positions and to cut off communications.

"For purposes of observation they will be of great use. The helicopter, owing to its smaller dimensions, seems best adapted to such uses, especially to be carried on men-of-war.

"Insofar as I can see, the dirigible, which will combine much that the aeroplane is now proving out, is the ship of the future.

"Count Zeppelin has already crossed

the Alps and made long voyages against adverse conditions in all sorts of weather. His airship is larger than the steamship of thirty years ago and more speedy than those that are now crossing the ocean in record breaking time. I look to see airships of the Zeppelin type half a mile in length. They will not come down to the earth any more than the Mauretania will anchor in a shallow stream, but will be anchored up in the air, possibly a thousand feet or more.

"Explosives will not be dropped down, as you could not hit a tug with an apple from the Brooklyn Bridge, which is only 130 feet high. Electrical guns will be used, of course, and heavy ones like our present powder guns.

"Ships at anchor will send up balloons or kites to carry special illuminants, and in time of war the heavens all around will be brilliantly lighted with special forms of rockets.

"Men-of-war will be protected best by special armament for attacking aircraft. The airship, however, will rapidly develop as a peaceful device and will soon be as much a necessity of modern civilization as the automobile.

"The attraction of gravitation, being a condition of matter, may soon be comprehended in such a way that the repulsion which some way or some how balances attraction may be utilized to man's advantage.

"The gas engine has made the airship possible. Years ago the French found that each horse power could lift thirty-two pounds, so as much as we develop our horse power below this weight so much net lifting power shall we gain.

"But you asked me as to the military possibilities," continued Mr. Nixon. "We are on the eve of a tremendous and far-reaching change in warfare. As long ago as 1900 I pointed out that soon thunderbolts would be thrown. The significance of a news item published about a year ago of a man receiving a shock which nearly proved fatal while talking over a wireless telephone was not then fully appreciated. It would be possible at the present day to shock to death every man on a vessel at five miles distance, but so far the impulse cannot be projected at any one mark. But direction and aiming will be mastered after a while, and then thunderbolts will be thrown just as shells are thrown now."

STARVING ESKIMO SLAYS HIS CHILD.

St. John's, N. F.—Tragedy in the icy wastes of the Far North formed the burden of the news brought to this port by the Hudson Bay Company's steamer Adventure, which arrived with the crew of the lost Dundee whaler Paradox, in the story of an Eskimo, driven to cannibalism by starvation, who ate his child and shot several neighbors who attempted summary punishment.

The Paradox, one of the fleet of Dundee whalers, met the fate of her companion ship, the Snowdrop, which was crunched in the merciless jaws of the ice floes off Baffin Land early in August a year ago. The crew, with scanty provisions, made their perilous way over the broken ice toward the mainland and were picked up by the

Hudson Bay Company's steamer PeLican, which took them to Fort Churchill, where they remained until the arrival of the Adventure on her regular fall trip. The Adventure also brought several missionaries, surveyors and prospectors from the Northwest country.

The Adventure's report of the cannibalism says the Eskimo's fishing and hunting season had been a failure, and, driven mad by hunger, he cut the throat of one of his children and then ate the little victim. When the man's neighbors learned of the crime they attacked him, according to the primitive law of their race. The outcast beat off all assaults, shot several of the attacking party and escaped into the wilderness of ice.

EXPERTS TO ADVISE PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg. — The Pittsburg Civic Commission, fathered by Andrew Carnegie and H. C. Frick, announces that soon there will arrive in Pittsburg one of the most important and high priced trio of experts to be had in the country for the purpose of giving advice on Pittsburg's bad street car system, her river front and on plans for laying out the \$500,000 park which Frick has given the city of Pittsburg through his daughter Helen. Those who have been employed to come at a salary of \$800 a day ago are Blon J. Arnold, of Chicago; James R. Freeman, of Providence, and Frederick Law Olmstead, of Boston.

Mr. Arnold, who is an expert on street railways, will do his best to

figure out a way in which the transportation facilities of Pittsburg can be bettered. It is conceded that the street car service is about the worst in the country. Mr. Freeman is the hydraulic engineer whom President Taft is said to have paid \$500 daily for making the trip to Panama, and he will take up the matter of Pittsburg's water frontage and suggest ways and means of saving the city millions yearly lost through the river's overflow. Mr. Olmstead will tell the people of Pittsburg how they can best beautify the park land given them by Frick. It is understood that Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Frick share equally the \$800 a day paid to this trio of experts.

Nearly All Animals in Canadian Buffalo Herd Escape.

Calgary, Alberta. — Word was brought here by a man named Edwards that the Canadian buffalo park at Wainwright, Alberta, had been destroyed by the prairie fire which has been burning in that section.

As the fire burned the fence surrounding the parks the herds of buffalo, estimated at 800 animals, and a large herd of elk escaped. Many of the animals were killed.

The fires caused a financial loss that will run into millions.

Coal and Coke Advancing; Roads Short of Cars.

Baltimore, Md.—For the first time since the early part of 1907 the railroads entering Baltimore, especially those having a large coal tonnage, are face to face with a coal famine. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad began distributing coal cars on the percentage basis, in West Virginia scarcity of cars is more pronounced. Practically every mine in Maryland and West Virginia is being operated to the capacity of the railroads. Prices of coal and coke are rising.

WASHINGTON NOTES

The popular idea that the American Indians are decreasing in number is dissipated by official figures showing that today there are more than 300,000 Red Men in the United States. The increase in population of about 40,000 during the last two decades is attributed to the government's constant effort to uplift the Indian to the level of contemporary civilization. Three and one-third million dollars are being expended by the United States annually for the education of more than 30,000 Indian boys and girls.

After a recess of more than four months, and with only Chief Justice Fuller and Justices Harlan, Brewer, White, Holmes, McKenna and Day present, the Supreme Court of the United States Monday began the regular term for the next twelve months. Justices Peckham and Moody were absent on account of illness, reducing the court to unusually small proportions.

The commissions of several additional supervisors of the next census have been signed by President Taft and forwarded by Director of the Census Durand to the appointees. Among them are Livingston, F. McClellan, Stone Mountain, for the fifth district, and Harry Burns, Macon, for the sixth district of Georgia; James L. Michie, Darlington, for the sixth district and Ernest M. Dupre, Columbia, for the seventh district, South Carolina.

The question whether the ordinary insurance policy insures a man against death by legal hanging is raised in the case of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, vs. J. William McCue and others, which was presented Monday to the Supreme Court of the United States. McCue is one of the children of the late J. Samuel McCue, who while serving a term as mayor of the city of Charlottesville, Va., was found guilty of murdering his wife and hanged for the offense in 1905. About a year previous to the crime McCue took out an insurance policy of \$15,000 in the Mutual Life. The company refused to pay the policy on the ground that "the death of the insured by hanging under sentence of a court of justice annulled the contract of insurance."

Although this is the day of reductions in government expenses, Postmaster-General Hitchcock does not overlook the value of the cat in the postal service. He has authorized an allowance for the support of cats in the large offices. The cost of their maintenance comes out of the annual appropriation made by Congress for "miscellaneous items necessary and incidentals to offices of the first and second classes." In the present fiscal year the department will spend approximately \$135 for cat meat.

The National Geographic society, in response to a proposal from the Peary Arctic club Monday adopted a resolution agreeing to join the American Geographical society and the American Museum of Natural History in requesting Dr. Ira Reussen of the National Academy of Science to appoint a commission to examine a report of the Arctic records, observations and data of Commander Robert E. Peary and Dr. Frederick A. Cook.

If he finds time, Secretary of the Navy Meyer will make a visit to Charleston, S. C., early in November at the time President Taft reaches that section on his journey homeward. The secretary was cordially invited to come to Charleston by Mayor R. Goodwin Rhett and J. Adger Smyth, president of the Chamber of Commerce. If he goes Mr. Meyer will make a tour of inspection of the Charleston navy yard and also will look into the workings of the marine school of application at Port Royal.

The Panama Canal Commission Friday forwarded an estimate of \$43,063,000 as necessary to continue the construction of the canal in the fiscal year of 1911. This estimate is \$10,000,000 more than 1910 and \$15,000,000 more than 1909. Fifteen and a half million is for labor; \$20,000,000 for supplies and the remainder for general expenses. Two hundred and ten million dollars has been appropriated for the canal to date.

Lee McClung, treasurer of Yale University, who has been appointed United States Treasurer to succeed Charles H. Treat, was at the Treasury Department Friday and met many of the officials whom he will be associated with. Mr. McClung will leave Friday but will return in time to assume office on November 1st.

With the removal from Fort Myer, Va., Wednesday of the Wright aeroplane owned by the government to the new aerodrome at College Park, Md., the work of teaching the signal corps officers of the army was begun in earnest. Wilburg Wright is the instructor.

President Taft and his party on their return from the around-the-continent trip will be taken on a cruise of the Cape Fear river. The revenue cutter Seminole has been detailed to take the Presidential party at Wilmington, N. C., on November 9 on a short trip down the river, when the local reception committee will show the President the conditions along the stream.