

TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

Stabbed With a Fork.
 Durham, Special.—Joe Carter, a citizen of Roxboro, is under treatment at the Watts Hospital on account of three stabs in the abdomen that he received in his home town last week, the stabbing being done by Lacy Wilson, a Durham young man who is now at work in Roxboro, a fork being used in inflicting the wounds. The condition of Carter is such as to give hope that the wounds will not prove fatal. The wounds, however, are very painful, the prongs of the eating fork entering the cavity of the stomach at three places. It will be several days before the full nature of the wounds can be determined. It was late in the afternoon that the stabbing was done. Wilson and Carter got into a dispute of some nature and the result was that Wilson grabbed a fork off the table at the boarding house and used it. After being stabbed Carter walked for some distance and then fell to the ground. He lost considerable blood on account of the wounds. It is reported here that the fuss and fight occurred on account of a woman who lives in Roxboro.

North Carolina Veterans' Reunion.
 Winston-Salem, Special.—The annual reunion of North Carolina Confederate Veterans' Association will be held in this city August 19th and 20th. These dates were definitely decided upon at a joint meeting of the Norfolk Camp and a committee from the board of trade held in the Winston Council chamber last week. A central committee composed of Messrs. F. J. Lippert, R. C. Norfleet, Z. T. Bynum, Maj. T. J. Brown and Dr. J. A. Blum was named. It will require \$3,000 or more to entertain the visitors, as there will be about 1,800 here, and a large portion of the amount was raised at the meeting last week. Dr. R. E. Tyansom was named as treasurer. The Twin City will provide abundant entertainment for the visitors and promise to give the veterans a good time every minute of their stay in Winston-Salem.

Increase of \$40,000.
 Winston-Salem, Special.—There was an increase of forty thousand dollars in the internal revenue receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908, over the previous year. This means that there were over six hundred thousand more pounds of manufactured tobacco shipped from this city by local manufacturers to the ports of the country than last year. Rev. D. Clay Lily, D. D., who has been making his home in Winston-Salem since his resignation of the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church, will leave the city soon with his family for Kentucky where they go to make their new home.

Balls of Lightning Played Around Sick Bed.
 Reidsville, Special.—What came near being a serious accident happened at the home of Mr. S. G. Woods at Purley, when lightning struck the desk telephone in Miss Wood's room and balls of fire played over the room and across the bed where Miss Woods lay sick, even burning three large holes in the bed clothing. Miss Mamie Woods, a sister of the invalid, showed her nerve by cutting the telephone wire with a knife while the lightning was running along it, and even tried to throw the 'phone' out of doors. It was fortunate indeed that no one was hurt.

Cotton Mill Operative Loses a Finger.
 Durham, Special.—Emmett Johnson, a young white man who has been working for the East Durham Cotton Mill for a short while, was painfully hurt late Thursday afternoon. He was at work on one of the machines when his hand was caught and the third finger on the left hand practically mashed off.

Big Robbery in Asheville.
 Asheville, Special.—Morris Gross, of New York, who with Mrs. Gross, is stopping here for a few days en route to the Pacific Coast to take a steamer for the Orient was robbed of over ten thousand dollars. Gross had the pocket book with the money in his possession at night. In the morning it was gone. The book contained nine \$50 bills and a letter of credit for two thousand pounds sterling bought by Gross in New York before starting for the Orient. Detectives are at work on the case.

Silver Service Presented.
 Beaufort, Special.—On Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock the splendid silver service was presented to the cruiser North Carolina, Lieutenant Governor Winston being master of ceremonies and making a very pretty address. There were many noted persons present. The service is magnificent and the officers of the North Carolina declare that no other ship has a finer.

A Tragedy in Raleigh.
 Raleigh, Special.—B. M. Stultz, a Seaboard engineer, whose wife and six children live at Roanoke, was shot by Turner Smith, an eighteen-year-old boy, and died an hour later, having bled to death. Stultz was attempting to enter or had entered the home of Smith, for the purpose of visiting the sister of the boy, who had fired at the man earlier in the night. The tragedy occurred at 2:23, and Stultz, mortally wounded, walked a distance of four hundred yards and fell in a heap at the Seaboard station, and despite the efforts of physicians, expired at 3 o'clock. The dead man was scheduled to go out with train No. 81 at 3 o'clock, and had on his overalls when found. Smith surrendered and is in the guard house. An inquest will be held later and it is probable that the boy will be exonerated.

Warehouse for Charlotte.
 Charlotte, Special.—The plan recently promulgated by the local Farmers' Union to secure funds to erect a system of warehouses in the county this fall is meeting with general favor among the farmers. There was a meeting Thursday of the committee appointed to draft a plan and work will begin at once upon securing subscriptions. The proposition is to erect one central warehouse in the city with a capacity of at least 2,000 bales and then other smaller houses in other localities throughout the county. The purpose of such a system is to enable weak farmers to keep their cotton off the market in the early fall when the price is depressed. It is believed that the company which will be formed to operate such a concern will be amply strong enough to manage it successfully.

Prof. Thompson Re-Elected.
 Statesville, Special.—Prof. D. Matt Thompson, who has had charge of the Statesville graded schools for years and has managed the institution entirely satisfactory, has again been elected superintendent for another year, and the following named have been selected members of the faculty of the school for the next session: Prof. H. E. Craven, principal; Misses Kate Finley, Annie Lois Henly, Claudia Poindexter, Edna Brooks, Jessie Massey, Lottie Glass, Clara Gillon, Elinor Murr, Lottie Linton, Nell Armfield and Lula Craven. Miss Armfield of Statesville, and Miss Craven of Concord are the only new members of the faculty.

Many Applications for School Superintendency.
 High Point, Special.—The school board had a meeting to select a man to succeed Dr. George H. Crowell, resigned, to fill the superintendency of the High Point graded schools. There was quite a number of applications which have been boiled down to six and from which the school board will make a selection some time this week. Dr. Crowell goes to Epworth University, Oklahoma City, Okla., to which he has been elected vice-chancellor.

To Serve Second Sentence.
 Greensboro, Special.—T. M. Angel, convicted four years ago of defrauding the government out of a hundred thousand dollars, has been taken to the Atlanta penitentiary to serve a second sentence of four years for defrauding the government out of two hundred thousand dollars which has still to be served.

Tar Heel Notes.
 The State convention of dentists met in Charlotte last week and had an interesting session.
 The rural letter carriers had their meeting in Wilmington Friday and Saturday.
 The superintendent of the third division of the Seaboard Air Line has moved his offices to Monroe.

Sabbath School Institute Held at Aberdeen.
 Aberdeen, Special.—The third annual meeting of the Western District Sabbath School Institute of Fayetteville Presbytery has been in session here since Monday morning. The institute, under the management of Rev. J. B. Carpenter, field secretary and Rev. J. K. Roberts, schools in Fayetteville Presbytery, is by far the most successful and instructive that has ever been held. Rev. Messrs. Carpenter and Roberts are experienced and expert in Sabbath school work.

Telegraphic Briefs.
 The National Educational Association began a big convention in Cleveland.
 Secretary Taft returned to his desk in the War Department and passed a strenuous day.
 A commercial house in Colon was boycotted for allowing the use of United States flags as washrags.
 Troops were ordered to the Texas border to preserve the neutrality laws in Mexico's behalf.

TO MEET IN CHARLOTTE

State Executive Committee, Which Met at Greensboro, Besieged With Invitations, Selects Charlotte For the Meeting Place of the State Republican Convention, and Names the 26th of August as the Date.

Greensboro, Special.—The Republican State Convention for the nomination of candidates for Governor and other State offices will be held in Charlotte, August 26th. This was decided at a meeting of the State executive committee held here Friday afternoon, the vote on the meeting place standing as follows: Charlotte 11, Asheville 3, and Greensboro, 2. Charlotte's invitation was extended by a delegation of thirty men, representing the commercial, political and social life of the city, and it was evident from the moment the Queen City people arrived here that they intended to capture the convention.

After the vote had been taken on the meeting place the committee discussed several matters in executive session, relating to the distribution of patronage, the personnel of the State ticket, etc. The appointment of postmasters at Mooresville and Old Fort was considered but no conclusion was reached. The committee authorized the appointment within the next ten days of a committee of seven to make suggestions for the platform to be reported to the Charlotte convention. Later Chairman Adams and Secretary Persons were added to this committee. Secretary Pearson introduced a resolution inviting Hon. W. H. Taft to attend the State convention and the Green-boro centennial, and the same was adopted by a unanimous vote.

New Court House Dedicated.
 Shelby, Special.—Cleveland county's handsome new court house has just been completed. This furnished an extra occasion for celebration and a large per cent. of Cleveland county's citizenship gathered at Shelby Saturday for the double purpose of participating in the usual Fourth of July celebrations and to dedicate the new temple of justice. The new court house is pronounced by men who know as the finest and most convenient court house in the State. Its walls are constructed of the famous Indiana limestone and its roof supports a small dome. It is located on a large square in the center of the town and is constructed with four fronts and four main entrances. The court room on the second floor seats about one thousand people. The exercises were opened by a short address of welcome by Mr. C. R. Hoey, who also read the report of the county commissioners, which gave a detailed account of the construction of the new court house. The total cost of the building complete is a little more than \$75,000.

Rural Carriers Adjourn.
 Wilmington, Special.—The fifth annual convention of the North Carolina Rural Carriers' Association came to a close with the Fourth of July festivities Saturday afternoon after sessions continuing through two days in the United States court room. Considerably more than a hundred delegates and members of their families were in attendance and delighted with the entertainment received. The convention adjourned to meet next year in Charlotte. The following officers were elected: President, C. H. Bains, Nashville; vice president, A. J. Hunter, Charlotte; secretary and treasurer, J. W. Brooks, Roxboro; executive committee C. U. Monday, Asheville; Sion H. Rogers, Monroe; E. D. Pearsall, Rocky Point, delegate to national convention at Omaha, J. W. Brooks, Roxboro; alternate, V. T. Howell, Peachland.

North Carolina Confederate Reunion.
 The Confederate reunion of the veterans of this State will be held on the 19th and 20th of August at Winston-Salem. Major H. A. London, the Adjutant-General of the North Carolina Division of the United Confederate Veterans has made application to the railroad companies for the usual one cent a mile rate for the occasion, which will enable the veterans to attend at small expense, and the citizens of Winston-Salem are making great preparations for the entertainment of the veterans and intend to make it the greatest Confederate reunion ever held in this State.

A program of the exercises will be out in due time. On the first day of the reunion will be held the annual election of the division and brigade commanders. On the same day addresses will be made by prominent veterans and that night an entertainment for their benefit will be given by the citizens of Winston-Salem. On the second day of the reunion will be the grand parade which will no doubt attract a large crowd.

Will Sell Odell Mills.
 Greensboro, Special.—The creditors of the Odell Cotton Mills at Concord, N. C., which have been under receivership for two years, met last week and agreed to the sale of the property for the purpose of reorganization. Half a million dollars is involved.

RECEIVERS FOR N. & S

The Court Takes Charge of a Valuable Railway Property

FINANCIAL PANIC IS THE CAUSE
 Norfolk & Southern, Owning Extensive Lines in Eastern North Carolina, Financially Embarrassed and Three Receivers Are Named For It—A Solid Reorganization of the Company Looked For.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—On the petition of the Trust Company of America, joined in by the railroad, the Norfolk & Southern Railway Company was placed in the hands of receivers by order of Judge Edmund Waddill, in the Federal Court. The receivers named are: Thomas Fitzgerald, Harry K. Walcott and Hugh M. Kerr. George Rublee, of New York, and Edward R. Baird, Jr., of Norfolk, are named as counsel for the receivers. Mr. Fitzgerald is designated as general manager for the receivers.

A reorganization committee has also been formed, consisting of George C. Clark, of Clark, Dodge & Co.; Rathbone Gardner, president of the Union Trust Company, Providence; Oakleigh Thorne, president of the Trust Company of America; J. I. Waterburg, president of the Manhattan Trust Company, and S. L. Schoonmaker.

The petitioners set forth that the road recently bought in the Suffolk & Carolina Railroad, the Pamlico, Oriental & Western Railroad, the Raleigh & Pamlico Sound Railroad and the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad, for which a debt of \$15,000,000 was incurred and floated by the Trust Company of America, of New York City, taking first mortgage and refunding bonds. Extensive improvements were also inaugurated. It is further shown that many of the larger stock and bondholders have contributed heavily during the past eight months in the hope of tying over the situation and keeping the property out of the hands of receivers, but in view of the protracted depression those larger bondholders and stockholders joined in asking the Trust Company of America to make application for the appointment of receivers. The receivers qualified, each giving \$100,000 bonds.

The Norfolk & Southern Railway owns and operates 600 miles of trackage, with principal points at Beaufort, N. C., Edenton, N. C., Raleigh, N. C., and Norfolk, Va. They also own the electric line double route of about 20 miles each from Norfolk to Cape Fear and Virginia Beach.

The officials, receivers and bondholders declare the company's embarrassment temporary and predict a solid reorganization.

Government Cotton Report.
 Washington, Special.—The average condition of the cotton crop in the United States on June 25th was 81.2 per cent. of a normal, as compared with 79.7 on May 25th last; 72 on June 25th a year ago, 83.3 on June 25th, 1906, and 81.8 the average of the June condition for the past 10 years. This was the announcement made by the crop reporting board of the bureau of statistics of the Department of Agriculture based on reports of the correspondents and the agents of the bureau.

The condition of cotton on June 25th, and the 10-year average respectively by States follows:
 Virginia 92 and 84; North Carolina 89 and 83; South Carolina 84 and 82; Georgia 83 and 81; Florida 84 and 85; Alabama 82 and 81; Mississippi 84 and 81; Louisiana 80 and 82; Texas 80 and 82; Arkansas 85 and 82; Tennessee 89 and 85; Missouri 87 and 84; Oklahoma 64 and 84. The condition of the cotton crop monthly for the past 10 years shows an average of 82.3 per cent. on May 25th, 81.8 on June 25th, 81.4 on July 25th, 73.9 on August 25th and 67.6 on September 25th.

Still Smuggling Chinese in.
 Los Angeles, Special.—In Los Angeles according to information gathered by the immigration authorities, is a ring actively employed in smuggling Chinese coolies over the Mexican border into the United States. The gang in Southern California is believed to have agents throughout the State and the Southwest, and the inability of the regular force to cope with the situation has caused the Department of Commerce and Labor to send a special agent from Washington to make an independent investigation.

Mexican Ambassador Recalled.
 Mexico City, By Cable.—Enrique Creel, the Mexican ambassador to the United States, who has been on leave of absence, has been ordered to return to Washington. It is presumed that his return is due to the troubles arising from the escape of Mexican revolutionists into Texas. He has been instructed to urge the extradition of these men or their prosecution in the United States courts.

MURAT HALSTEAD IS DEAD

Widely-Known Newspaper and Magazine Writer Dies at His Home in Cincinnati at the Age of 79—Was a War Correspondent During the Civil Struggle and Won International Renown.

Cincinnati, O., Special.—Murat Halstead, one of the leaders in American journalism for over half a century and widely known as a vigorous editorial and magazine writer, died at his home in this city Thursday afternoon in his 79th year. At his bedside were his wife, his son Rbert and one daughter, Mrs. Arthur Stem. Mr. Halstead had been failing in strength for several months and Thursday suffered from cerebral hemorrhage.

Mr. and Mrs. Halstead celebrated their golden wedding anniversary a little more than a year ago. The sudden death of his son Marshall, a few months ago was a severe shock to Mr. Halstead. Albert Halstead another son, is American consul at Birmingham, Eng.

Mr. Halstead was one of the great editors of the last half of the nineteenth century and one of the strongest tributes to his incisiveness as a writer was in 1889, when his nomination by President Harrison to be American minister to Germany was rejected by the United States Senate because of articles he had published charging corruption to some member of that body.

He was a native of Butler county, Ohio, and after a short service on a literary weekly, he in 1853, became connected with The Cincinnati Commercial of which he became owner in 1865. Nearly twenty years later his paper was consolidated with The Gazette and he was editor-in-chief of the combined newspaper until years afterwards. For a time he was editor of The Brooklyn Standard-Union and during the last ten years he has figured largely as a magazine and special writer, besides issuing a number of books on current matters of historical interest. In the civil war Mr. Halstead personally reported many battles being rated as a war correspondent of the first calibre and later in the Spanish-American war he added to his reputation in that line.

For fifty years he attended and reported all Republican national conventions.

Six Die in a Collision.
 Knobnoster, Mo., Special.—The fast California special trains from St. Louis, on the Missouri Pacific railroad, collided with the equally fast St. Louis train from Kansas City two miles east of here early Thursday. Six persons were killed, all on the train from Kansas City, and at least 50 were injured. The dead: Michael J. Burke, lineman, 28 years old, Poplar Bluff, Mo. S. R. English, lumberman, Olean, Mo. Fred Story, lineman, Franklin, Ky. W. J. Frisbie, St. Louis, salesman. John Hood, lineman, Harle Mo. W. H. Hardin, negro mail clerk, St. Louis.

A strange train dispatcher at Sedalia issued an order for the trains to meet at Knobnoster. Later this order was changed and the meeting place fixed at Lemonte, 7 miles east of here. Why the orders miscarried will be officially investigated.

Revolutionists Attack Mexican Post
 El Paso, Texas, Special.—Revolutionists attacked the Mexican post at Palomas, Chihuahua, one hundred miles west of El Paso and were repulsed after a battle with the garrison. According to advices received by the El Paso and Southwestern Railroad, their foreman at Mimbres, N. M., is a prisoner in the hands of the revolutionists. Immigration and customs inspectors have been called in for duty at Columbus, N. M., across the border from Palomas.

Prominent Floridian Kills His Wife.
 Pensacola, Fla., Special.—Clifford Tourat, a member of a prominent Gulf coast family, shot and probably fatally wounded his wife at Bagdad, Fla., late Thursday. The couple, it is said, quarreled about a visit to Pensacola proposed by Mrs. Tourat and Tourat shot her three times. Tourat's friends say he is insane.

Embezzled State Funds.
 New Orleans, La., Special.—Ferdinand Dudenhefer, formerly a State collector, in New Orleans, was recently found guilty in the Criminal District court of embezzling about \$66,000 of State funds. Sentence was deferred. Dudenhefer disappeared from New Orleans about a year ago and it was charged by a Baltimore bonding company that the shortage in his office was known by State officials before he left. The bonding company refused to pay Dudenhefer's bond and a suit followed in which the bonding company lost.

A Bomb in a Tenement.
 New York, Special.—A bomb in the hallway of a tenement partially wrecked the building. Threatening letters, signed "Black Hand," had been received by the owner, Francesco Spinelli, and three police officers were guarding the place when the bomb exploded. One policeman was knocked down by the explosion. A panic followed among the tenants.

POPULAR SCIENCE

Take one ounce of caustic soda; pour over it one ounce of muriatic acid. Both of these are corrosive substances. The mixture of the two will produce common table salt.

Dr. H. Campbell Thomson, of England, has been making use of the cinematograph in nervous diseases, taking pictures at the rate of sixteen to the second, showing the movements of the patients.

Professor Cook, of Washington, reports the surprising discovery of camphor as an animal secretion. The animal concerned is a myriapod, resembling a worm or small slug, and scientifically known as polyzoniun rosabum.

Metallic mirrors for searchlights are coming into use in European navies. They don't break like glass ones when the big guns go off, and it is said they "give more penetrating beam both at night and in foggy weather."

About 2500 different kinds of animals are known on earth—that is, warm-blooded, milk-giving creatures, like our common domestic animals. To avoid confusion with other creatures, one ought to call them mammals, meaning milk-giving animals.

Bats were the only family of native mammals found on the thousands of small islands in the Pacific. These islands are so far away from the great continents that no mammals but the flying bats could reach them. The variety of bats known on earth is about 400.

Water pipes of terra cotta were used in Crete forty centuries ago. Those supplying drinking water consisted of a series of subconical tubes socketed into each other, with collars and "stop ridges," so constructed as to give the water a shooting motion, thus preventing accumulation of sediment.

In the erection of a railroad bridge over the Susquehanna River at Havre de Grace, the American Bridge Company will make use of what is probably the largest wood block ever made. It has been made especially for the work, and weighs 1350 pounds, measures thirty inches across the shell and is rated at sixty tons capacity. The shackle is a solid forging three and a half inches thick.

Celluloid is a plastic material composed of guncotton and camphor. The guncotton, or nitro-cellulose, is made by treating tissue paper with a mixture of nitric and sulphuric acids. The product is mixed with camphor and various pigments to produce the desired color, and the materials are thoroughly incorporated by means of heated rolls. It is subsequently submitted to great pressure. It is afterward molded into form by means of heated dies, under pressure. It is very hard and elastic and takes a high finish.

Dr. Fraenkel, of Berlin, in a paper recently read before the Society of Medicine of that city, gave striking figures concerning the war waged by medicine against consumption. In 1881 the death rate from this dire disease was 22.5 in every 10,000, and the latest returns shows that it has been reduced to 17.25. This satisfactory state of things Dr. Fraenkel attributes partly to the discoveries of Koch, and he divides the honors equally between prophylactic methods and the system of isolation now widely practiced in Germany.

STRAW FOR HATS.
 How the Wheat is Planted and Gained—Bleaching the Stalks.
 Few people know where the straw for making summer hats comes from. A great part of it is grown in Italy. To make suitable straw the wheat is sown as thickly as possible, in order that the growth of the plant may be impoverished, as well as to produce a thin stalk having toward the end from the last knot the lightest and longest straw.

The wheat blooms at the beginning of June, and is pulled up by the roots by hand when the grain is half developed. If allowed to remain in the ground a longer time the straw would become brittle.

About five dozen uprooted branches, the size of the compass of two hands, are firmly tied together into little sheaves and stowed away in barns. Then the straw is again spread out to catch the heavy summer dews and to bleach in the sun. After additional bleaching the straw is put into small bundles and classified.

Finally it is cut close above the first joint from the top and again tied up in small bundles containing about sixty stalks each.—Golden Halfpenny.

Prehistoric Drawings.
 Dr. Rene Jeannel, of Toulouse, has made an interesting discovery of a cave with prehistoric drawings between Foix and Le Mas d'Azil, in the Department of Ariège. In addition to drawings of horses and aurochs, he found about forty designs, among which was the silhouette of a human being. The date of the drawings, which are in red and black, can be roughly determined by the fact that they include reindeer.—From The Athenaeum.