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TUESDAY, OCT. 2, 1906.

County Democratic Ticket. For Sheriff, J. P. ... For Treasurer, ... For Assessor, ...

The times are still far from dull in Russia. Yesterday's dispatches contained the sensational report that the Czar is preparing to abdicate and form a regency to govern his vast domain.

Dispatches continue to tell of the destruction wrought along the Gulf coast by the storm of last week. A significant indication of the havoc wrought is found in the fact that the rise of half-a-cent a pound in the cotton market yesterday was attributed to the effects of the storm.

Cuba is again under the wing of Uncle Sam. President Palma has resigned and Secretary Taft proclaimed himself Sunday morning as Provisional Governor of the Island. He is now engaged in discovering the rebels and restoring order—but how long or how difficult is the path to peace in this island, the future alone can tell.

The young man Hatch at Chapel Hill, who has felt called upon to protect his person in his room and elsewhere by the use of his pistol, appears to be a young fellow of some dignity, spirit and courage. There seems to be no room for criticism of the University authorities for permitting him, after shooting a fellow-student for alleged attempt at larceny, to remain in school and pursue his studies.

Cotton Picking. According to reports from all sections of the county the progress of cotton picking this season has been slower than for a good many years past.

The trouble has been in large measure due to the wet weather; but the scarcity of labor is also playing an important part in the situation.

Most farmers have sufficient force to gather their crops provided that there are no hindrances on account of unfavorable weather; but such hindrances this year have been so frequent and long continued, that it has been difficult to catch up.

There is lots of open cotton in the fields. In some fields where there has been no picking at all, two thirds of the crop is open. And the crop is suffering considerable damage by reason of the cotton being knocked down on the ground to become filled with mud.

The ruling price for cotton picking throughout this vicinity is 40 cents a hundred. So far as the reporter has been able to learn this price is generally satisfactory, but still the cotton is not coming out. Labor is too scarce.

Mr. J. H. Kurd, farmer on No. 75, the local fight between Spencer and Greenville, S. C., was run over and killed by his own train at the Charlotte yard at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, the accident taking place near the coal chute. Mr. Kurd had climbed down from his seat and had stepped up on the overboard to place two green bags on either side of the engine. Suddenly Mr. Kurd slipped and fell midway of the tracks. The engine, tender and eight cars passed over his body, crushing every bone in it. The deceased was a resident of Spencer and was about 25 years of age.

A Virginia man has a vine with 45 perfect pumpkins on it. The N. Louis Farm Progress prints the picture of an ear of corn that is 1 1/2 inches long, and the Richmond Daily Lead prints a tomato vine nearly 15 feet long. At Tryon, N. C., a tomato vine 25 feet high was reported in 1905.

Formal Opening OF Autumn Millinery Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4, 5 and 6th.

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YORK AND YORKVILLE.

What's Doing Among our Neighbors Just Across the Line. Yorkville Register, Sept. 28th.

Mr. Julius A. Hope, who sold his farm at Smyrna last spring with the privilege of gathering this year's crop, has bought the John Harvey Hardin place six miles west of Chester and will move there with his family during the early part of December.

Messrs. J. L. Strain and W. J. Vaughan of Cherokee county, came over to Yorkville yesterday on a visit to Mr. W. M. Kennedy and other friends. Messrs. Strain, Vaughan and Kennedy were tent mates during the war between the states. All belonged to company C, Seventh South Carolina cavalry.

The surveying corps of the South and Western railroad pitched its camp at Bethany last Wednesday and is working the country between Shelby and Yorkville. This seems to be along the line of the most expert opinion obtainable here; that if the road is built at all it will come down to Yorkville by way of Kings Mountain.

A dispensary constable has been located in Yorkville for some days past and with the assistance of the local police has made a number of small seizures. He has been watching the express office carefully, and got one jug that came in a fictitious name. In another case he noted the arrival of a jug for a negro who is under suspicion of being engaged in tighering. He asked the negro whether or not he had ordered any whisky. The negro said no, and the constable, of course, seized the stuff as derelict.

Mr. W. T. Smarr, of Bullock's Creek No. 1, was in Yorkville yesterday and in conversation with the reporter mentioned a remarkable sorghum crop that was made by his neighbors, Mr. A. T. Hafner this year. Mr. Hafner had in one-fourth of an acre and from it he made seventy gallons of molasses, 370 bushels of fodder and ten bushels of seed. The molasses sells readily for 50 cents a gallon, making \$35, the seed are worth \$1.00 a bushel or \$10 for the lot, and the fodder is worth \$1 a hundred or \$3.70, making the gross yield of the quarter of an acre \$48.70.

Stosssel Not to be Shot.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 27.—The Associated Press was informed to-day that Lieutenant General Stosssel, who commanded the Russian forces at Port Arthur, to-day submitted his resignation from the army. It is understood that it will be accepted, thereby ending the history of the surrender of the fortress without the undesirable disclosures which would result from a formal court-martial. The general's resignation is said to have been due to the initiatives of the Emperor. After reading the report of the commission appointed to investigate the surrender of Port Arthur recommending that Stosssel be dismissed from the army and shot, his majesty expressed his aversion to any further discussion of the subject in open court. It is not known whether Lieutenant General Fock, who commanded the East Siberian division at Port Arthur, and the officers concerned will accept the alternative of standing trial.

ROBBERS KILL AMERICAN SEWING MACHINE CARRIER.

Nishal Novgorod, Russia, Sept. 27.—The cashier of the local branch of an American sewing machine company here was killed last night by robbers, who were forced to flee without obtaining anything of value.

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Scuppernongs Selling High.

Wilmington Messenger, 22.

The scuppernong grape industry is getting to be one of considerable importance in this country. There have been between 2,000 and 3,000 bushels sold on the Whiteville market this season, and the price will easily average \$1.25. Last week they brought as high as \$1.75 on this market, and we understand the price is ranging from \$1.00 to \$1.25 this week, according to the quality.

There are grape buyers at Chabourn and several other points in the county, but we haven't learned what they are bringing at any of these places. —Whiteville News Reporter.

The above shows that the scuppernong industry, though in its infancy, already occupies an important place in truck and fruit growing in Columbus county. It is only recently that buyers have begun going into the country and competing with each other for the grapes. A few years ago you could buy scuppernongs at prices far below those above quoted; now the price is away up and the demand is so great that buyers bid against each other just as do cotton buyers, and the demand is going to increase and the price continue high without any fear that the supply will become too great to keep the market steady. Had you told the people of Whiteville a few years ago that the time would soon come when three thousand bushels of scuppernongs would be sold in their town in one season at prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$1.75 per bushel they would either set you down as an idiot or say you were trying to make fun of them.

We have been reliably informed that at one point in Columbus some purchaser some week or ten days ago paid as high as two dollars a bushel for scuppernong grapes. We would like to know how much per bushel the cultivating and marketing cost these men who sold their grapes at from \$1.25 to \$2.00 per bushel. We are firmly convinced the cost was so small that a far greater profit was made than on any other farm product sold by those persons this year.

The Messrs. Bear, of this city, who operate a large winery here and who expect to greatly enlarge its capacity in the near future, have representatives in the scuppernong districts who buy all the grapes they can secure and still the proprietors cannot get as many as they want. The supply is not equal to the demand at the high prices that are being paid. When the present wineries are enlarged, others established and distilleries erected to produce brandy from the skins the demand for the grapes will be still further in excess of the supply unless a great many more of our farmers go to raising them, and if they do the demand will be so great that there need be no fear of its being exceeded by the supply. The field of manufacture is destined to become so broad that the production cannot be overdone.

Special Law Rates.

The C. & N.-W. Railway Company has issued the following notice as joint circular No. 1: To All Agents: Upon application and sufficient notice to this office, Special Round Trip Rates will be quoted parties of Twenty-five to Fifty people on one ticket, on regular trains, between any two points, on these lines. Effective on and after April 1st, 1906. E. F. REED, General Passenger Agent.

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SPEED SWIMMING.

The Difficult Side Stroke and How to Accomplish it.

Whether a man be a swimmer or not, in taking up a new stroke he should begin with the leg movement only. In the side stroke it is called the scissors kick. To acquire it find a place with water at least three feet in depth, where you can use either a stationary or a floating support. Take hold of this support and let your body rest on the water, on its side, with legs straight and well together and feet as if standing on tiptoe. Choose the side that feels most comfortable. Now proceed to open the legs very slowly, not frog fashion, but front and back, as in walking. The upper should be brought forward almost straight, the under, back, bent to a kneeling position. When they are about two feet apart snap sharply together.

The position of the body is unchanged. Lie on your side, with body and legs in a straight line; both arms perpendicularly over your head, and the palms turned slightly away from the face. Bring upper arm down smartly, keeping it rigid at elbow and wrist, palm of hand open, fingers well together. Carry it through the water just below the surface, describing a semicircle to end at the thigh, then bend arm at the elbow and bring it forward well above water, until it is straight before you in the original position. The under arm should be started when the upper one is just about through with its stroke, and should be brought down with force, almost parallel to it, so that at the finish it brushes the lower thigh; then it is bent at the elbow like the other and brought forward just below the surface. The upper arm should rest on the water, at full reach, while the under one recovers, until it is at the height of the head.

The action of the arms in the side stroke entails a rolling motion of the body which buries the face at every stroke. This necessitates an artificial way of breathing, which has to be learned before the stroke can be swum properly. It is advisable to make a special study of it. Air should be inhaled through the mouth as the upper arm is being brought down and should be exhaled through the nostrils, under water, while the under arm goes forward. Some find this impossible even after long practice, and breathe in and out through the mouth during the short period that the face is above water, but if one can acquire the other way it is far the best.

The legs should be opened very slowly just as the under arm starts its recovery; they should be snapped together when the upper arm is in the middle of its stroke. If properly timed the side stroke gives a clean, even progress, without a break or a check. —L. de B. Handley in Outing Magazine.

The Tallies Gardens.

Early in the reign of Louis XVI. the author of a book entitled "Le Partirre Geographique et Historique" suggested that these gardens should be laid out to represent the provinces of France. On Sept. 4, 1783, a deputation came to the national convention, and its spokesman, Anaxagoras Chauliotta, said that "the eyes of republicans would rest with more pleasure on that former domain of the crown when it produced objects of prime necessity. Would it not be better to grow plants which were needed for the hospitals than to leave these statues, fountains, box trees and other objects which ministered to the luxury and pride of kings?" —Notes and Queries.

Flowers Trimmings For Autos.

Automobiles have broken into the possession of new wrinkles in the fashionable world, which are not being considered by owners of wigs and curls. Auto, but are pealed by those who do not winking, says the New York Press. The summer auto is being decked out with a profusion of flowers and gives the impression to many a traveler along the road that stealing is among the latest auto crimes and that some one's flower garden is being run away with. Some of the motor cars seen on the highways lately were filled with pretty girls in gay attire and trimmed with flowers and vines as attractively that they afforded a blessed relief to the brutal, dust stained cars that throng the roads and make life hideous for those who drive or walk. No wonder they say that they can't stand automobiles when one sees "flower" trimmings and have their own and have theirs by the clouds of dust that they leave behind. It is said that, now that speed is an odd idea and that beauty is the aim of every woman motorist, they may get out of their fumes somehow.

CONGREGATION IN BOATS.

Richard Labor Foresters and Woodchoppers All Alike at Seaside. Holding religious service with the congregation in language, sermons and songs is an innovation at Highland Lake, a summer resort at Wilets, Conn., says the New York Times. Scores of cottagers, in craft of every description, assemble on the waters in the bay in front of Rockness Lodge, the summer home of Miss Gaylord of Brookline, Mass., every pleasant Sunday evening for an hour's worship, which is generally led by some member of the clergy in the colony. Dr. Strong officiated at the first service. None in the congregation gave alms, even the preacher being absent. Some of the most devout, who would kneel in prayer, dare not for fear of being immersed by the upsetting of their full canoes.

HITCHCOCK'S EXPLOIT

Secretary Credited With Stopping Spoilation of Oklahoma.

Read of Interior Department is Said to Have Caught "Joker" in Statehood Bill and to Have Prevented Speculators From Multiplying New State of Valuable Mineral Lands.

Credit is given Secretary Hitchcock in the interior department for saving to Oklahoma thousands of acres of land rich in minerals, oil and other wealth, possession of which, according to a statement issued recently, was sought by a band of land speculators, says a Washington correspondent of the New York Herald. It is estimated there have been saved to Oklahoma holdings of a value between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000.

"Early in March," says the statement, "Secretary Hitchcock learned that an amendment had been slipped into the statehood bill in the senate, known as the Warren amendment, by which alleged mineral locations under the federal mining laws on Oklahoma school lands would be validated and the new state would have to pick out other lands in the place of those thus lost. The secretary reached the conclusion that the claims of the parties who would benefit by the amendment were entirely without merit and that the whole scheme bore some resemblance to a raid upon the treasury."

When the bill, with the Warren amendment, was in conference committee, according to the statement, Secretary Hitchcock sent to the committee a brief declaring the alleged mineral claims of the parties were void; that the parties knew they were void; that their invalidity was not due to any mere technical defect, but to the fact that the claims were set up in violation of the express enactment of congress, and the only reason for making the claims was that the parties had laid plans for slipping into the statehood bill a measure like the Warren amendment.

Representatives of the government told the committee the beneficiaries of the measure were an organized band who had been trying for several years, ever since the first discovery of oil in the Cleveland region, to get the mineral lands without making adequate payment. They had filed alleged claims all over the territory, so that if the measure passed all the mineral wealth of the territory would be acquired by them without compensation.

After detailing the successful substitution of a leasing clause drawn by Secretary Hitchcock for the Warren amendment the statement concludes:

"When the people of Oklahoma were celebrating the passage of the statehood bill it is probable they did not know the new commonwealth came near losing some of its most valuable possessions, besides having been made the victim of unscrupulous speculators on its first entrance into the Union. The most valuable mineral lands belonging to the territory are probably those near the town of Cleveland, in Pawnee county. One school section alone, containing oil and gas, is estimated to be worth \$500,000, and there are others in the immediate vicinity. It is also reported that an oil and gas field is being developed in Kiowa county, near school lands, and there are also rumors of discoveries in Greene and Comanche counties.

There are also deposits of cement, gypsum and salt in various parts of the territory, and it has been claimed by prospectors that Beaver contains considerable deposits of lead, copper and silver. All lands known to contain oil or other minerals will probably be leased soon after the creation of the new state."

PAY YOUR Town Taxes

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C. B. ARMSTRONG, SHERIFF.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Having duly qualified as executor of the last will and testament of Mrs. J. J. ...

T. W. Coleman, Supt., WHITMIRE, S. C.