

ESTABLISHED 1882

LEXINGTON, N. C. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1910.

VOL. XXVIII—NO. 41

### CORN CULTURE DISCUSSED.

Cash Prizes for Best Corn Awarded and Davidson Agricultural Society Formed.

Saturday was an interesting and profitable day for a small company of Davidson's progressive farmers who gathered in the courthouse to hear corn culture and general farming topics discussed by Messrs. J. L. Burgess, of the state department of agriculture, and E. A. Schubert and F. H. LaBaume, of the land and agricultural department of the Norfolk & Western railway; and to make exhibits of corn and to receive prizes offered by the two last named gentlemen. While the number of farmers was not large, the meeting was an enthusiastic one and every farmer present went home feeling that it was good to have been here. The weather conditions and the state of the roads doubtless prevented many from attending who would otherwise have come.

In the corn contest there were 15 exhibits, made by the following farmers: Messrs. W. L. Shoaf, Arthur L. Leonard, D. F. Everhart, J. W. Massey, (made 50 bushels an acre), H. G. Tussey, G. A. Thomas, S. J. Slink (2 lots), G. G. Barnes, M. M. Swing, C. H. Fritts (made 2 1/2 bushels an acre), John Ham Leonard, J. H. Leonard, H. H. Michael and Phillip Garner. The committee to judge the corn was composed of Messrs. B. C. Gobble, W. L. Wilson and J. L. Burgess, and they had a hard time of it, for each exhibit was fine. However, considering uniformity of variety, size, color, quality of grain, etc., the judges made decision as follows:

First prize, \$2.50, John Ham Leonard.

Second prize, \$1.50, M. M. Swing.

Third prize, \$1, W. L. Shoaf.

Each of these was also made a proctor of a year's subscription to The Dispatch, and scores others whom the judges held to have the next best exhibits, to wit, Messrs. G. G. Barnes, S. J. Slink and H. G. Tussey, were presented with a year's subscription to Southern Good Roads. Had the judges planned themselves down to plain "good" ears, they could not have made a decision, for every ear shown was "good." In fact the quality of the corn was such as to surprise the farmers as well as others; and the fact that several farmers made 50 and more bushels to the acre last year was an eye-opener, and shows that Davidson is certainly possessed of as many "potential productive possibilities" as any county.

At the meeting the farmers organized the Davidson County Agricultural Society, electing Messrs. E. J. Leonard, president, W. L. Wilson vice president, and W. G. Hinkle secretary and treasurer. The next meeting will be held Saturday the 12th. The purpose of this organization is to bring farmers together, to hear experts make addresses, to discuss farm topics, exchange ideas, create more interest in corn culture, especially, to conduct a boys' corn growing contest. The state offers \$25, \$15 and \$10 as prizes for the boys who make the most corn on an acre, in each district—Davidson, as printed last week, is in the 5th corn growing district. Mr. Schubert offers \$10 more to the winner, as do Messrs. H. B. Varner and Wade H. Phillips; and Mr. LaBaume offers a handsome loving cup to be given to the winner. Some time ago he made the most corn on an acre in the state at large. Hence a Davidson boy has a chance to win this cup and \$55 in cash. Full information can be had by writing T. B. Parker, Raleigh, or Prof. P. S. Vann, Lexington. MR. BURGESS ON SEED SELECTION.

Mr. James L. Burgess, agronomist of the state department of agriculture, was the first speaker at the meeting, his theme being the importance of thinking about and studying the farming business in the light of the agricultural sciences. He threw on it, and under that general head he discussed the selection of seed corn. He declared that the farmer who didn't think, but who uses his muscle instead of his brain, is the servant of the man who uses his brain. He himself had been a farmer all his life, and most of the time he religiously obeyed the injunction in the old saying, "early to bed and early to rise, working hard all day long in the same old way his ancestors worked, achieving results, to be sure, but finding at the end of the year that some other fellow got his profits, finding also that he didn't corral any large amount of health, wealth or wisdom. He used his muscles and not much brain.

He showed how, by using the thinking equipment in the selection of seed corn, a farmer can make more and better corn with less work, or the same amount of work, displaying a chart with four corn stalks pictured, one a barren stalk, one a stalk with two ears near the ground, another a tall stalk with one ear near the top, and a fourth with a subnub. All these, he said, could be found in the same row, side by side. To breed a better variety of corn, he outlined a plan which sets apart a plot having the same soil and conditions which the land has on which the general crop is to be grown; the weakling stalks are eliminated as soon as they appear, for he said the plants will show at once whether they are going to be any good; the tassel of every other row are cut off, and the best ears selected in the fall in the field; and this process goes on year after year until a desired quality and variety is secured.

Mr. Burgess urged the farmers to write to the department for bulletins covering these details, which they get free, each month; also to write their congressmen to have their names put on the bulletin list of the national

### January Realty Deals.

Among the real estate deals of note during January were the following:

Z. R. Younsa to Vance Styers, lot, \$750.

J. D. Newton to R. H. Eddinger, 38 acres, \$750.

M. L. Imbler to C. H. Sowers, 44 acres, \$550. Andrew Beck to C. H. Sowers, 323.

Henderson Freddie to C. L. Freddie, \$955.

Henderson Freddie to C. R. Freddie, \$815.

M. H. and G. A. Thompson to Lou E. Bird, \$1,500.

J. H. Bainger to L. B. Bainger, \$177.

Chas. Branson to Lee Younsa; \$300.

G. A. Fritts to Dr. J. C. Leonard, house and lot on State street, \$1,500.

C. M. Wall to G. W. Clinard, \$300.

L. F. Weaver to T. A. Barnes, \$4,000, house and lot on Center street.

W. L. Hill to Wade H. Phillips, \$250.

Wade H. Phillips to W. L. Hill, \$1,000.

Catherine Young to G. T. Feezor, \$1,000.

Kelly C. Welborn to A. H. Ragan and W. O. Burgin, \$200.

Z. M. Veach to G. H. Shoaf, \$1,450.

Flora V. Page to J. H. and T. J. Taylor, \$1,271.

G. T. and A. W. Feezor to C. M. Thompson Sons, \$550.

J. E. Young to D. Q. Smith, \$168.

Fred Young to D. Q. Smith, \$410.

Julia Michael to Ella M. Bryerly, \$110.

Moses Teague to Jas. R. Teague, \$400.

This does not include the transfers made at public sales by order of court. Davidson farm land and Thomasville and Lexington lots will sell by lot, good times; and there is a gradual increase all the time. Farm land sells easily at \$30 and \$40 an acre, though of course there are some that can be bought for less.

### Davidson Gets \$416.57.

From the state appropriation known as the second hundred thousand dollars for schools, Davidson county gets \$416.57. This money is to aid the "pauper" counties in running their schools for the full four months required by the constitution. The various counties asked for more than the appropriation amounted to and hence their requests were scaled down by the state.

Among the counties which received aid were the following:

Angon, \$1,350.75; Ashe, \$2,777.54; Iredell, \$938.69; Montgomery, \$688.50; Moore, \$2,476.09; Randolph, \$1,649.54; Stanly, \$789.93; Stokes, \$1,912.45; Surry, \$1,350.00; Wilkes, \$5,234.67; Yadkin, \$1,108.80; Alleghany, \$2,741.18.

In all 64 counties received state aid. The others pay their own way, and help to other counties. Among these "pauper" counties, which do not pay as much to the state as they get from the state in school funds, pensions, etc., are several that have no business in the "pauper" class. Davidson ought to be able to get out of it, Iredell certainly might, and Cleveland should not be in it, and it seems that Union and Randolph could get out. It isn't fair to burden counties with a "pauper" label, and it isn't right for some large, fairly wealthy counties to be taking money contributed by counties not in the "pauper" class but which are not very much more wealthy than some of the healthy "paupers."

### Courthouse Wrecked by Dynamite.

Thursday night while Oscar Conley, Barrett Banks and Lee Francis were in the latter's office in the courthouse of Swain county at Bryson City, tawling out dynamite on a radiator preparatory to going fishing, a cartridge of the explosive fell to the floor and produced deplorable results. Conley was killed outright, Banks lost both eyes and both he and Francis were fatally injured.

Francis was registered of deeds. He was sitting at his desk writing, with his back to the two boys when the explosion took place. The fine new courthouse, costing \$75,000, was greatly damaged. Valuable public records were totally destroyed. The town was jarred by the explosion and it was heard a mile away. Some time ago a loud explosion in the river, somebody having set off a charge of dynamite to kill fish, which is strictly against the law of the state. This courthouse explosion appears to have been the result of very rank foolhardiness.

### High Point to Enforce Dog Law.

For sometime past High Point has had a law which prohibited dogs running at large on the streets. At first the law was enforced, but gradually the officials have grown careless and the dog owners bold, so that dogs have been running at large ever since. Last week the mayor issued a statement to the effect that the police would kill any dog running at large. He cited an instance where a child in a neighboring town had been bitten by a worthless cur that was mad, and died from the effects of it. The mayor is determined to enforce the law and stop the nuisance.

### Black-Handers Convicted.

Ten members of a black-hand society of Italians were convicted of attempting extortion through the mails at Toledo, Ohio, last week, and several received sentences ranging up to 15 years in prison. It is believed that this will break up the business in the middle west. These foreigners threaten their countrymen with death unless they put up money, and as they use the mails to threaten, they lay themselves liable.

### Explosion at Sparta.

Friday a keg of powder in the store of W. L. Hoppers at Sparta, Alleghany county, exploded and three men, Hoppers, George Edwards and Martin Pool, were seriously injured. The men were actually shooting fireworks in the store, and one of these sent the powder booming. The store was wrecked, goods scattered, and Pool may lose both eyes. This is about as big a piece of foolishness as that dramatic business in the Swain county courthouse mentioned elsewhere. It seems that some people won't believe that explosives will explode.

### POSTPONING COURT DISCUSSED.

Prevalence of Smallpox in the County Brings Up Subject of Continuing February Term.

During the past few days the subject of continuing the February term of Davidson court on account of the prevalence of smallpox in the county has been discussed by a number of the lawyers and citizens. While the disease has by no means reached any alarming proportions in Davidson county, yet there are numerous cases. For several months past the disease has appeared in various parts of the county and along the line of the Southbound. Quite a number of people have it in Emmons, around Deaton and Old, and in Boone, in the Horsehoe Neck, at Hannah's Ferry, Thomasville has 11 cases, but the situation there seems to be well in hand and it is said that if no new cases break out this week, the worst will be over. There has been some little talk of quarantining against Thomasville and High Point, and the reporter has gone out to Lexington has taken this step; but it is a mistake. There has been no case of the disease here, but because his wife on a recent visit was probably exposed to smallpox in Thomasville, the family of Mr. Will Freddie has been quarantined. Many people here have taken the precaution of being vaccinated, and some argue that the school children, at least, be required to be vaccinated; while others argue that the health authorities should make everybody vaccinate, as has been done in various other towns. Thomasville has made vaccination among the school children compulsory if they attend the school.

In regard to continuing court, which would convene on the 23rd with Judge Biggs presiding, it is said that the gathering of people from the infected districts might cause such a spread of smallpox that it would cost the county thousands of dollars. The disease has already cost a pretty penny, perhaps a thousand. Forsyth has continued her court, and it was brought up Monday before Judge Long at Winston-Salem, but been postponed to the 27th, which is an indictable offense. Every case must be reported at once, or penalties will be inflicted.

So far as has been noticed the disease in all parts of the state has been in a very mild form, no deaths having been reported. It was rumored here that Policeman Pleas Oaks, of High Point, had died, but it was untrue. He had smallpox but in a convalescing, and the churches, which had been closed there, have been allowed to hold services again.

There is nothing whatever in the situation to cause any needless alarm, but where the disease is prevalent, there is, of course, always present the danger of its spreading. By the time for court to convene, the majority have no necessity for continuing the term, which would be undesirable and costly as well.

Prompt report of every case to Dr. Buchanan, superintendent of health, and vaccination will eliminate the possibility of an epidemic.

### Two Mitchell Men Acquitted.

Sam Yelton, charged with giving his wife poison in liquor, and Dock Tipton, charged with the murder of Mack Webb, were acquitted at Bakersville, Mitchell county, last week. Yelton claimed that the liquor was poisoned when he got it and that he drank some and it poisoned him; but he did not do his wife did, for the whiskey threw her into convulsions and she died in three hours. Tipton killed Webb several years ago, he claimed in self-defense. It was in evidence that Webb followed him to a store, and as Tipton came out with a shotgun Webb tried to get a pistol out of his pocket. Tipton called on him to elevate his arms but he kept trying to get out his gun, whereupon Tipton transferred the contents of his shotgun to Webb's body with instantly fatal results.

### Sad Case of a Wilkes Man.

Cleve Hegewood, who is occasionally afflicted with slight mental aberrations and has several times been in jail for safekeeping, has suffered a relapse and is now in jail again. Cleve has an ox which was his frequent companion and probably his best source of income. One day last week Cleve was found at his home near Moravian Falls trying to cut the ox's throat with an ax, having already felled him with a fatal blow. The unfortunate man has a large dependent family, which is doubtless in want while he is in jail.—Wilkesboro Patriot.

### Southbound Contractors Attach Property.

The F. W. Hunt Contracting Company, which has a contract to grade the Southbound from Wadesboro north to Ansonville, and which sublet a portion of it to F. W. Young and J. M. Smith, of South Carolina, have attached the property of the latter, consisting of 25 mules, 9 wagons and tools, etc., on the ground that the two sub-contractors, having finished the easy part of the grading, are about to jump the game and leave the hard part.

### Highwaymen at Goldsboro.

Three masked men in Goldsboro held up three citizens Saturday night and sandbagged them, robbing them of various amounts. Full Howell, a farmer, was relieved of \$500; and two others were robbed and left unconscious on the streets.

Manley Thompson, son of W. P. Thompson, of Buncombe county, was fatally shot by two bandits in an automobile in Oregon last week while resisting their robbery of a house.

### A Terrible Calamity.

The Post says that when Col. O. W. Spencer, of Salisbury, was notified that he had been elected a steward in the Methodist church, he declared that, "This is the worst calamity that has befallen the south since the outbreak of the civil war."

Wonder what Cleve thinks about it.

### Census Examination Saturday.

Seventy Applicants for Enumerator Will Stand the Test in the Court House Here.

Postmaster Waiser has received the following from A. Turner Grant, Esq., of Mocksville, supervisor of the census in the 7th district:

"You are advised that as supervisor of the census, I have issued cards to about 70 applicants for the position of census enumerator in your county to stand the test at your office on February 5, 1910. I have divided this number of candidates into three sets. One set to begin the test at 9 a. m., the next set to begin at 12:30 p. m., and the other set to begin at 4 p. m. I did this in order that your room would not be crowded. If, however, you have sufficient room to accommodate half of this number at any given hour in the day, I would suggest that you change the hours and hold the test for the first half beginning at either 10 or 11 o'clock and the last half beginning at either 2 or 3 o'clock p. m.

"I would further suggest that you see the school authorities in your city and get permission to use the school room for the applicants to take this test, since there will be in the school building, desks upon which the applicants can write; and since it will be great deal more convenient. The admission card direct the candidates to appear at the postoffice. If you should hold the examination either in the school building or the county court house, you could direct them to go there. Of course you know that no person is allowed to take this test who does not present to you an admission card signed by me as supervisor."

### WANT \$250,000 FOR ROADS.

North Carolina Good Roads Association Urges State and National Aid in Road Building.

At the meeting of the North Carolina Good Roads Association held in Raleigh last Thursday, the following resolutions were adopted:

Realizing the great value of good roads in the industrial advancement and general uplift of the state, and believing that the time has come for the state to take some definite action in regard to state aid, it is hereby resolved:

That it is the sense of this meeting that the state should appropriate a sufficient amount to make it possible to give, through the geological and economic survey (highway division) adequate road engineering to all the counties in the construction of roads and bridges.

That it is the sense of this meeting that the best use that can be made of the state convicts in the construction of public roads, and that counties desiring same should have the first right to use them for this purpose; provided, they pay to the state a stipulated amount per day for each convict, the state to bear all expenses of maintenance, care and guarding of the convicts. In allotting convicts, counties that do not maintain chain-gangs shall have preference in leasing prisoners.

It is further resolved that it is the sense of this meeting that the state should give to the counties composing the state assistance in the actual construction of their roads and should appropriate out of the general treasury for this purpose at least \$250,000 annually, the said amount to be apportioned among the counties provided, the said counties raise twice the amount allotted by the state; and, provided further, that such moneys are apportioned by the state to the counties, and that raised by the county to meet the state allotment, shall be spent in the construction of public roads, whose locations and plans are approved by the state highway engineers.

It is resolved, also, that the association take steps to secure the cooperation of all the county authorities and various industrial and other organizations in each county; that copies of these resolutions be generally distributed throughout the state under the direction of the North Carolina Good Roads Association. That copies of these resolutions be sent to all chairmen of board of county commissioners and presidents of good roads associations in the state, and that the counties be urged to organize good roads association.

Our senators and representatives in congress are respectfully urged to use their best endeavors to secure national aid for road-building in the states.

Delegates attended the meeting from every part of the state. The principal address was delivered by Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, who is reported by The News and Observer as saying that it seemed necessary for the states in some form or other, to assist the counties in public road work, though the largest expense should be borne by counties and by townships, as they derived the individual benefit, while the states are aided. He declared that three ways are presented: (1) By appropriations to counties for actual construction; (2) by giving engineering assistance to counties in location and construction of public roads, and (3) by engineering convicts on good road construction. He told of work in other states along these lines and how they had succeeded and stated that his idea of state aid was to give for a term of years aid in constructing public roads so that the work begun in a particular county in the right way will go on and result in the continuance of good road construction.

As the best plan for state aid he advocated engineering assistance to the counties, that it is a thing needed in the south. His plan is to have the state create a highway engineering office and give it sufficient appropriation so as to employ an adequate number of road and bridge engineers, so as to conserve the funds appropriated, that road engineering will help in (1) by engineering convicts on the lines on which work is to be done, in fact he held that a road engineer would be the best investment in each county, the road engineer to be held responsible for the location of the road, its proper grades, the right drainage, the correct surfacing, and with bridges rightly constructed, in the right place.

In the third place Dr. Pratt emphasized the necessity of state convicts on work in the counties as is done in Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, which he held to be of the best advantages. In conclusion he told of the value of through lines of good roads and cited examples to show the value of these to the counties and the state.

Mr. Clem Wright, of Greensboro, spoke of the necessity of the education of the people to the need of good roads, that when informed they will favor state aid. He spoke of the hard fight necessary in getting two votes changed in the legislature in order to have \$5,000 appropriated in North Carolina in the matter of preliminary work on the good roads movement, and told of the great appropriation in Virginia, Maryland, New York, Michigan, and New Jersey. He declared that good roads paid, that the \$300,000 voted in Guilford is worth a million to the county, that good roads paid in Durham, Gaston, Duncombe and Mecklenburg. He favored state aid in the service of engineers, or with convicts or with appropriations.

Mr. S. E. Coble, of Randolph, endorsed the demonstration work and told of the value of the Randeman township meeting which had been done in Guilford, a small bond issue was voted and as good roads grew there was more interest till Randeman township, largely composed of men of small means, had voted \$50,000 for its roads. He declared that good roads are "catching" and that these would increase as their value is seen, that good roads in North Carolina farm lands would jump from \$10 an acre to \$20 and \$10 that the farmer would secure property would have

### Parish Company Falls.

The Eagle Furniture Company, of High Point, has been placed in involuntary bankruptcy in the federal court. R. F. Dalton has been named as temporary receiver. The debts are placed at about \$100,000 and the assets at \$35,000.

### Increase in Winston Tobacco.

Revenue receipts for tobacco tax at Winston for last month increased \$14,000 over same period last year, the total being \$232,504.62. This means that during the month tax was paid on \$1,500,000 worth of tobacco, or 8,875,000 pounds.

### Smallpox Postpones Court.

Forsyth court has been postponed on account of smallpox. There are three homicide cases which would draw great crowds of negroes and it is believed that it best to let the court be held over.

### Paris Suffers from Floods.

For a week the beautiful city of Paris, capital of France, has been suffering from floods in the Seine river, and much of the city has been under water. Hundreds of thousands are homeless in the Seine valley and the damage is estimated at more than two hundred million dollars. Many have lost their lives and many more are likely to die of pestilence because the river broke into the sewers and these overflowed and flooded the city. Numerous buildings known by name throughout the world are in danger of collapse because the waters undermined them. Thousands of dollars have been subscribed for the sufferers. It is perhaps the worst flood in the history of the city, although about a century ago there was something similar to this. For three months past there has been an unbroken season of wet weather and scientists believe that the earth had become so saturated with water that when great storms swept over all Europe the waters, especially in the Seine, simply could not carry the volume of water much of which would have been absorbed had the land been dry. The entire continent for a week has been in the grip of storms and rain and snow fell in great amounts. All the streams have been very high. The Tiber at Rome has been extremely high and much damage was also done in Italy. At Paris the waters have receded revealing a scene of wreck and ruin such as the city doubtless never witnessed before.

### The Result in England.

While the liberal party in England won its expected victory at the polls, the result shows that the country does not want any radical changes either in the house of lords or in the policies of the government. The spirit of give and take, therefore, is abroad and compromises, from which all legislation springs, will be made. That the house of lords will be reformed, however, is assumed, and the second and third generations in that body will hardly be allowed to vote unless they have proved their fitness to govern by service in civil office or in the army and navy. Heretofore the peers have inherited the right to vote, and if one should happen, as many doubtless are, to be a blooming half-wit, why he voted just the same. The budget, a new system of taxes which covers the tax on land and on the profits of trade, and which would save the lordly tax on whiskey may have to be taken off. The Irish are wet. The liberals want to fix it so the lords can not vote at all.

### Big Mules in Demand Now.

The Monroe Enquirer says: The mule season has opened. The style of mule has changed just about as much as the style of women's hats has changed. It used to be that a little bit of a mule sold readily and was more in demand by the farmers than was the big 1,200 pounder. The smaller mule was about the only one who called for a big mule before the style in mules changed. Now the big mule is all the style. A little goat of a mule and his little brother, too, cannot pull a plow the way plowing is now done. In former days when land was broken with a little bull-tongue plow, about as broad as three and a half or four fingers, one little mule was all that was required in the way of motive power. But now when a twelve-inch broad and ten-inch deep furrow is to be made and land really broken and some real man plowing to be done, the style in mules had to change, and the big balala, weighing away over a half a ton, is in demand and it takes two of him and sometimes three, to pull a plow.

### No Authority to Accept or Reject Lee Statute.

The members of the Virginia delegation in congress will not introduce any resolution asking for the acceptance of the bronze statues of Washington and Lee, which stand in the hall of the American hall of fame.

Individually and collectively the Virginia congressmen are opposed to any formal presentation which might sanction the idea that congress has any right under the law to reject either one or both of Virginia's statues. They have carefully examined the law under authority of which each state is invited to place in the national hall two statues, and they take the position that congress has no right, under the express terms of that statute, to reject any of the statues sent by the states.

The law provides that each state shall determine which of its citizens of illustrious fame or renowned for civic or military virtue shall be honored by having their statues placed there.—Washington Dispatch.

### Carrie and May Have a Bout.

Messames Carrie Nation and May Maloy engaged in a thrilling round bout but at Butte, Mont., Thursday night, same being considered a draw by some, by others a victory for the lady of the tomahawk. Mrs. Maloy runs a dance hall in the tenderloin, and Mrs. Nation paid her a visit, denouncing as soon as she got inside, a picture which hung on the wall. Mrs. Maloy, fearful lest Carrie would throw a hatch through her painting, hit into her with both fists, snatching her almost baldheaded. Mrs. Nation was pushed to the ropes but ducking, she landed left on the ribs and swatted Mrs. Maloy a stiff right on the jaw, and the crowd intervened.

Abram and Jacob Crawn, father and son, boom companions in their cups, lost their way Saturday night while drunk near Newton, N. J., and Sunday morning Jacob was found frozen to death in a snow bank. A wife and five children survive him.

His fine horses and that the man in town would wish for a ten-acre farm and the joys of the farmer's life.

The association by a unanimous vote endorsed Southern Good Roads, the monthly magazine devoted to the street and highway improvement, published at this place by Mr. H. Varner, editor and general manager.

### FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

The News in Brief of What is Going on in North Carolina During the Week.

William Moses, charged with killing his wife, was acquitted in Goldsboro last week.

Dr. James Boyce, president of the college at Due West, S. C., died Thursday, after an illness of a week.

The Twin City Mutual Life and Health Insurance Company has been chartered, W. E. Franklin, W. J. Lippert and others, of Winston, being stockholders.

W. P. Ragan has received his commission as postmaster at High Point and took charge of the office last Monday. He has been recorder, and this office he resigned.

The governor has consented to an exchange of courts between Judges Webb and Council, and the latter will hold Catawba court the 7th and Alexander court the 21st.

The bird law prohibits hunting after February 1 in Rowan county save in the townships of Cleveland, Scotch Irish, Steele and Morgan, where the open season prevails till March 1.

Postmaster Willis G. Briggs, of Raleigh, will marry Miss Beulah Sanderlin, of Washington, this month. The bride is a daughter of the late George W. Sanderlin, one time auditor of the state.

Of the ten barrels of whiskey seized at Mocksville by Collector Davis, previously noted, one and a half barrels were stolen from the depot that night by thirsty souls whose names are unknown.

A child with only one arm and one leg was born to Mrs. Thomas Dunagan, of Surry county, recently. With the exception of its lack of a full complement of limbs, the child appears strong and healthy.

M. D. McKee, who came out for marshal some days ago, has withdrawn his application on the ground that it would necessitate his moving from Asheville to Greensboro. Hope Greensboro doesn't feel slighted.

William Cochran, who lives on the boundary of Swain and Jackson counties, this state, recently celebrated his 104th birthday, and is still a hale and hearty old gentleman, able to shuffle around and do various stunts.

Because of the rigid quarantine maintained by Swain and Jackson counties, the state, recently celebrated his 104th birthday, and is still a hale and hearty old gentleman, able to shuffle around and do various stunts.

As a sign that there is a gradual awakening of the public conscience on the subject of cruelty to dumb beasts, two men were convicted in Pitt county recently for cruelty to animals. It is well said by one paper that it is the duty of every right-minded citizen to see to it that the state law against such cruelty is enforced.

It is said that via grapevine telegraph the news has been received that John M. Morehead will not run for congress again in the 5th district. The democrats say he would be beaten if he did. Cyrus B. Watson, R. B. Glenn, J. C. Buxton and Judge E. B. Jones, of Winston, and Dr. Mebane, of Spray, are suggested as democratic candidates.

James E. Cothran, a young fellow 20 years old, deserter from the 17th infantry at Marietta, Ga., who was arrested at his home in Surry county in December and who escaped from the train by crawling through a window, was re-arrested last week, and this time he will go back to his military punishment. A reward of \$50 was offered for

James A. Reid, a man of 70 years, taxes the patience of Winston's recorder. He sells whiskey and sells in spite of the law, the recorder and the blue coats. During Governor Glenn's administration he was pardoned, six weeks ago he completed a term of six months in jail, and last week he was up again in two cases for dispensing booze to his fellow citizens.

William Tate, a former High Point citizen, who went to Missoula, Bitter Root Valley, Montana, four years ago and began fruit raising, brought in some samples of fine fruit raised by him, same being placed on display in High Point. He says that a number of North Carolinians live at Missoula and vicinity and that it is the home of Senator J. M. Dixon, who is also a Tar Heel.

East Spencer wants a postoffice all its own. The demand has arisen because of the resignation of M. L. H. Denkel, who has been in charge of a sub-station. It is said that the receipts are \$400 a month, while the salary allowed Mr. Denkel was only \$205 a month. Senator Overman and Congressman Cowley have agreed to help get a fourth-class office for the East Spencersites.

Eben Cagle, "king of moonshiners," was taken from Raleigh to Atlanta last week to begin his sentence of 13 months. He said he was satisfied and that he had got out of the light. He had been dodging the officers 13 years, he said, and finally caught himself, for he went to a village and got drunk. Otherwise, he declared, they never would have got him. The federal prison in Atlanta now contains 300 convicts, one-fourth of whom hail from the Old North State.

In the neighborhood of Brattleboro, Burke county, last week John D. Morgan, a gold miner operator, and his companion, a man named Allen, were severely handled by four men named Walker. Morgan was shot and lost an eye as one result thereof, while Allen was beaten painfully by the Walkers. Walker brothers claim the two men shot first; the two claim they were ambushed. The Walkers had been employed by Morgan and having witnessed his gold mining, they declared that he was a prospector.