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MANY ENTER THE CONTEST.

The Great Agricultural Contest Meets With Instant Favor and Many Get in the Game Early.

The big Agricultural Contest inaugurated by The Dispatch last week... The contest is not to be of the long drawn out variety. It will be short and sharp and the who hesitates is lost.

Last week we announced some of the handsome prizes and they appear in the general announcement on the second page today. Read over the list. The \$125 manure spreader which heads the list...

We urge every one who is thinking of entering to enter as early as possible. The way is open to every farmer, no matter what his position. Landlord or tenant, the Dispatch will welcome you to the field and if you win you will be given as good a time as any one has.

CONTESTANTS ENTERED TO DATE

Since the announcement of the contest a week ago the names of the following farmers have been entered:

Table listing names and addresses of contestants across various counties: ABBOTTS CREEK, ALLEGHANY, ARCADIA, BOONE, CONRAD HILL, COTTON GROVE, EMMONS, HAMPTON, JACKSON HILL, HEALING SPRINGS, LEXINGTON, MIDWAY.

SCHOOL FUNDS APPORTIONED.

Board of Education Completed Its Big Task Thursday—\$25,920.67 For Public Schools.

The Davidson county board of education had an extended session last week, their meeting beginning Monday and ending Thursday. In addition to the routine work to be attended to the board had the problem of apportioning the funds for the one hundred and twelve white and colored schools of the county and this took time.

From the report filed out by Superintendent Vann it appears that the school fund was derived as follows: Proceeds of county school tax \$12,596.67

LEXINGTON GROCERY COMPANY BANQUET.

Monday night at Hotel March the Lexington Grocery Company entertained about sixty of its friends at a banquet. The menu prepared by Manager Bugg, the presiding genius of the March Hotel, was all that could be desired.

- Blue Points Queen Olives Celery Pin Money Pickles Roast Turkey—Cranberry Sauce Chicken Salad—Mayonnaise French Sliced Green Peas Pain Aux Paines—d'Asperges Saratoga Flakes—A la Maitre D'Hotel Neapolitan Ice Cream Gateaux Assortie Edam Cheese Water Crackers Cafe Noir—Private Estate

Rev. Dr. J. C. Leonard, of the First Reformed church, offered a brief prayer of thanksgiving and the inevitable speech-making followed. Mr. John Raymond McCrary was toast-master and he kept things going. Speeches were made by the following gentlemen: E. E. Raper, John C. Bower, E. B. Craven, W. H. Walker, D. F. Conrad, T. H. Spencer, H. B. Varner, T. M. Harris, H. M. Stone, Raymond McCrary, W. E. Wood, Dorsett, and J. F. Deaderick.

PREACHER BANNED BY CONDUCTOR.

Rev. George Cates, an evangelist of the Baptist church, was forcibly ejected from Southern passenger train number 8 Friday morning at Arden by the conductor and other railroad employees. Mr. Cates failed to supply himself with a ticket at Asheville and at Biltmore and presented mileage which the conductor refused to take.

REEDY CREEK.

P. E. Whicker 400 C. W. Rothrock 420

SILVER HILL.

John F. Beck 970 W. J. Beck 1,625 W. A. Beck, Jr. 400 A. L. Swing 20 J. A. Shirley 60

THOMASVILLE.

J. M. Conrad 440 P. H. Harris 415 E. J. Conrad 20 A. L. Jarrett 60 E. M. Bowers 20 S. H. Averett 20 Wm. H. Kepler 40 Percy Payne 40 P. S. Miller 35 W. K. Black 20

TYRO.

Arthur L. Leonard 3,020 Ed. C. Koonce 415 Ed. H. Fritts 45 Curran A. Snider 40 E. M. Bowers 40 Jeff Craver 60 G. M. Thompson 50 E. A. Myers 50

YADKIN COLLEGE.

J. F. Foster 445 J. W. Waler 400 Wesley Phillips 60 Ed. L. Green 40

LEGISLATURE IN SESSION.

Mecklenburg County Gets the Seats of Honor—Constitutional Amendment Called For.

The North Carolina legislature met Wednesday at noon and up to the present has done but little. Organization was completed by the election of Mr. W. C. Dowd, the Charlotte editor, to the high office of Speaker, a position which he has sought persistently and faithfully since the legislature of 1905.

In the senate, Hon. Neil Pharr, of Mecklenburg, was elected president pro tempore and driver of the house. Pharr has served several terms and has been the strongest member of the upper branch of the legislature for the last two sessions. As in the house, the smaller offices went to the regulars without serious contest.

The work of passing local bills began early. Already two scores of bills have passed through the mill and they continue to pour in. The local legislation every year takes up a large part of the time of the legislature and there are scores of justices of the peace to appoint, dog laws to repeal in many townships, jury fee bills, bills to prevent fishing in John Smith's millpond, bills to protect squirrels in Coonrod township and a thousand other like bills.

Friday the Charlotte Observer threw a scare into the n-beer dealers of the state by announcing in its column three columns wide, that the house had passed a bill prohibiting the sale of that detestable, trouble-making beverage in the whole state. Representatives Ray of Macon, is the man who has the near-honor of introducing the measure and it developed on investigation that the law was only local, applying to Macon county. It passed the house and went to the senate, where it was referred to the proper committee. Senator Brown of Columbus, stopped the bill on its mad career toward enactment, having it referred instead of place on the calendar as requested by Senator Anderson of Clay. Mr. Brown said that the legislature was going to pass a law prohibiting the sale of the iniquitous beverage in every county in the state.

There was great rejoicing here when the Charlotte Observer announced the finish of near beer and much grief when it turned out that that ordinarily reliable paper had scored a fall-down. A bill was introduced in the senate by Max Gardner, of Cleveland, to increase the salary of the governor to \$8,000 per year.

Senator John W. Graham, of Orange county, got in the limelight by introducing Friday a bill to compel the Southern railway to put on a new train between Greensboro and Goldsboro. He also introduced a bill making it discretionary with a trial judge as to whether the challenge of jurors on the ground that they are not free-holders shall be sustained or denied.

Mr. Koonce introduced a bill calling for an investigation of the rates of fire insurance companies doing business in the state. Representative Stubbs, of Martin county, introduced a bill providing for a vote on a constitutional amendment that would do away with the great mass of petty legislation that takes up the time of the legislature every session.

J. E. HILL IS MISSING.

Baltimore Man Who Was to Start Produce Business Swindled Merchants and Others.

A man of perhaps thirty-five years of age came to town about ten days ago to open a produce store. He said that his name was J. E. Hill and that he was from Baltimore. He stopped first at Hotel March and later moved to the Central Hotel of which Mr. W. D. Surratt is the proprietor, where he stayed for several days. He looked over the local field carefully and seemed to be greatly pleased with it, finally deciding to locate here. He rented the building in the rear of the Southern Express office on Depot street and was ready for business. He hired Mr. Surratt, at a good salary, and left him in charge when he went to the country early last week.

He hired a team and driver at Denton to wait his return. On this trip it is alleged that he bought eggs, turkeys, rabbits, chickens, etc., ordering them sent to J. E. Hill & Co., Lexington and some of these he paid for with checks that have never been cashed, according to Mr. Smith. Mr. Surratt received several crates of eggs and some chickens and he sold enough of them to make himself safe and he will lose nothing. Yesterday Mr. Smith levied on a crate of eggs containing 60 dozen, which he found in the express office. The eggs came from W. A. Frank, at Denton. At one place, complainants allege, Mr. Hill bought eggs, etc., to the value of \$10 and gave a check for \$20, the merchant obligingly cashing the check for him.

Therefore he left town, Hill said that \$2,400 would be placed to his credit in the Bank of Lexington last week, but there must have been a tie-up in his arrangements. He has had no account with the Bank of Lexington and the bank knows nothing about him, other than that check on Mr. A. B. Dry, for \$20, had been presented for payment. If he gave other checks, there is no record of them at this writing. No other have yet been presented for payment and the bank has not received \$2,400, which Mr. Hill said was Hill or Mr. Hill.

PRIZES FOR TOBACCO GROWERS.

Wachovia Bank & Trust Company Starts a Tobacco Growing Contest.

For some weeks the Wachovia Loan and Trust Company has been interviewing the farmers of this section with a view to stimulating them to better and more profitable tobacco growing, and induce the cultivators to the need to deeper, better fertilized and more systematic farming, but it was not thought best to give the matter to the newspapers until the consolidation of the two banking concerns into the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company was effected.

The bank now offers prizes, in four classes, as a stimulant for better production. The first class is divided into three prizes, of \$50, \$30 and \$20 for the largest number of pounds of flue-cured tobacco grown on one acre of land. The second class is divided into two prizes, of \$50 and \$20 for the largest number of pounds of air-cured tobacco grown on one acre of land. The fourth class is a prize of \$25 for the largest number of pounds of air-cured tobacco grown on one acre of land.

Certain rules are set down governing the contest, first that all tobacco entered must be sold in Winston-Salem Wednesday November 15, on any warehouse floor in the city and all tobacco will be sold by number and no buyer will know to whom it belongs. All contestants are to register their names and postoffice addresses with the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company not later than May 1, and the necessary blanks can be gotten at the office of the bank, or same will be mailed on application.

The land to be measured and marked off by three disinterested farmers, preferably in immediate vicinity, and any farmer in Alexander, Caldwell, Davie, Davidson, Forsyth, Guilford, Iredell, Rockingham, Randolph, Stokes, Surry, Yadkin and Wilkes counties in this state or Patrick or Carroll counties of Virginia, may enter the contest. The Wachovia Bank and Trust Company offers these prizes in a two fold purpose. First, to advertise the bank by bringing about a closer relationship between the bank and the farmer; second, to stimulate the farmers to make intelligent efforts along the line of scientific and economic tobacco growing, with a view of making it an industry more profitable to themselves. It is believed this can be done, and the bank is anxious to see it tried, and in consequence is offering prizes as an inducement.—Winston Journal.

PROGRESSIVE FARMER OFFER EXTENDED.

Our great offer of the Progressive Farmer and The Dispatch one year for one dollar to every subscriber who paid a year in advance, closed January 1. No offer by any paper anywhere ever made a bigger hit than that and hundreds of our good friends took advantage of it; and though it was a rather expensive proposition to us, we were glad to help increase the circulation of the Progressive Farmer, the greatest farm paper in the world, and we felt that we were doing good service for the cause in putting it within the reach of everybody.

Our Agricultural Contest is now on and realizing the assistance such an offer would be to our farmer friends who have entered and who will enter the contest, we have secured a renewal of the contract with the Progressive Farmer for three months and will continue to give the Progressive Farmer free for one year to every subscriber, new or old, (not now a subscriber of the Progressive Farmer) who pays all back dues and one year in advance to The Dispatch.

We feel sure that this offer will please our contestants. With this added inducement it ought to be easy for them to get out after new subscribers and bring them into the fold. The Dispatch has never been so popular with the people and it has never stood so high in the estimation of the people as it stands today. Every farmer in the county knows that The Dispatch is worth every cent asked for it and more too. Every man who knows anything about the Progressive Farmer knows that it is worth the one dollar per year asked for it; and when both papers, 104 issues, are offered for the price of one—the proposition is enough to make every one sit up and take notice.

Remember, this offer will last just three months. It will hold during the Great Agricultural Contest and the contestant who wakes up to the value of what he has to offer and wakes up NOW, will be a winner. Sample copies of the Progressive Farmer may be obtained at The Dispatch office. Full particulars of the Agricultural Contest will be found on page 2 of this issue of The Dispatch.

North Carolina Will Not Lose.

There will be 42 more representatives in the sixty-second congress than there are in the sixty. The reapportionment bill prepared by Representative Crumpecker, chairman of the house committee on census, provides that the membership of the next house will be 423. The present membership is 391. The ratio of population as fixed by the new bill is 211,800. By setting this ratio, none of the states will lose any of their representatives. It is declared that this provision will avert the fight which has been threatened over the bill. The apportionment follows: Alabama, 10; Arkansas, 7; California, 11; Colorado, 4; Connecticut, 5; Delaware, 1; Florida, 4; Georgia, 12; Idaho, 2; Illinois, 27; Indiana, 13; Iowa, 11; Kansas, 8; Kentucky, 11; Louisiana, 8; Maine, 4; Maryland, 6; Massachusetts, 10; Michigan, 13; Minnesota, 10; Missouri, 16; Mississippi, 8; Montana, 2; Nebraska, 8; Nevada, 1; New Hampshire, 2; New Jersey, 12; New York, 43; North Carolina, 10; North Dakota, 3; Ohio, 22; Oklahoma, 8; Oregon, 3; Pennsylvania, 36; Rhode Island, 3; South Carolina, 7; South Dakota, 3; Tennessee, 10; Texas, 18; Utah, 2; Vermont, 2; Virginia, 10; Washington, 6; West Virginia, 6; Wisconsin, 11; Wyoming, 1.

Rev. E. P. Bryson Killed.

On Friday afternoon Rev. E. P. Bryson, an aged minister, employed in shops of the Southern railway at Spencer, met sudden death under a mass of falling iron. Three pairs of engine truck wheels and axles dropped from the great travelling crane and struck him on the head and he never knew what had hit him. Death was instantaneous. Standing a few feet away was his only son, Mr. V. H. Bryson, also a machinist. Rev. Mr. Bryson, who was a native of Vicksburg, Miss., was an honored Confederate veteran, serving as a volunteer throughout the city war. He was in Guilford county, N. C., when the surrender was announced. The family resided in Greensboro on Deery street, for the past twelve years, and came to Spencer only two months ago. Together with other members of the family he was a member of Spring Garden Methodist church in Greensboro. For two years or more he was pastor of Bennett's chapel and Cool Spring charges and frequently filled other appointments in various churches. He also lived at Shelby for several years and was well-known throughout the state.

Mother and Child Asphyxiated.

One of the most distressing tragedies of recent years occurred at Raleigh Friday afternoon when Mrs. H. O. Bannister, wife of the manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, at Raleigh, and her little seventeen month old baby were asphyxiated in the bath room of their apartments. Mrs. Bannister prepared for a bath, using an instantaneous gas heater. Her child accompanied her. Later she returned, hearing the water flowing into the bath tub for an unusually long time, investigated and was horrified to find the lifeless form of Mrs. Bannister on the floor and that of the child across a chair. Just how the accident occurred is not known, but Mrs. Bannister evidently turned on the gas without properly lighting the heater and was overcome by the deadly fumes, the child suffering the same horrible fate. The servant braved the gas fumes and had the presence of mind to turn it off. Physicians were summoned, but life was extinct when they arrived.

Representative Stewart Dead.

The following news story from Raleigh tells of the death of a good man, one of the old soldiers honored by the people by election to the house of representatives: John L. Stewart, member of the house of representatives of the general assembly of North Carolina from Montgomery county, died at Rex hospital in this city at 12:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. His body will be carried on the 8:40 Southern train tomorrow morning to his home at Star for burial. He had been carried to the hospital Saturday evening suffering from a deep cold and congestion. His death was due to angio neuritic aledia of the throat. Representative Stewart was 79 years of age. He was a Confederate veteran, having left a leg on one of the battlefields. He has been to the legislature several sessions as a laborer and in the last campaign the democrats of Montgomery county ran him for representative. He led his ticket.

Two Hens Worth \$22,000.

Winner over all others of her breed Lady Washington, a raven black Orpington hen, worth \$15,000, has only one of her kind as a rival, her own daughter, Her offspring is worth \$10,000. Whenever either chicken is to be the champion of the world, it is to be the champion of the world. The contest is an exhibition at the 25th annual poultry show in Philadelphia. Lady Washington arrived Thursday from her home at Farmington, Md., accompanied by two attendants, and occupied a specially reserved compartment in a specially reserved coach. The contest is a rivalry between two champions, and is a rivalry between two champions, and is a rivalry between two champions.

Irish Potatoes May be Planted This Month.

Irish potatoes may be planted this month if well covered with pine needles. Break the land thoroughly, lay off the rows with a long shovel and 20 inch bow. Plant the potatoes in every row about 15 inches apart. Cover with the best furrow and the rows should be 15 to 18 inches apart.—Sparsburg Journal.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

Current Events in The United States and the World at Large Briefly Set Forth.

Secretary of the Treasury McVeagh has issued a detailed statement showing savings effected in the treasury department during his administration. The total is \$1,664,500. Economies totaling \$1,933,000 are planned.

Eastern North Carolina celebrated the opening of the inland water-way from Norfolk to Beaufort Friday with appropriate ceremonies. A number of important guests were present and an interesting program carried out.

The popular fad of midnight marriages continues to be in favor with Virginia couples. During the past few months not less than twenty-five couples have eloped from Virginia to Elizabeth City and experienced midnight marriages.

It is not a crime to steal an umbrella on a rainy day, according to a decision by Recorder Carroll of Patterson, N. J. Robert McCauley of Philadelphia was tried for taking an umbrella from a hotel during a rain storm. The recorder dismissed the case.

Mr. W. A. Graham Clark, who has made a big reputation for himself in the employ of the government, has been promoted. He becomes a tariff expert in the service of the new tariff commission at a salary of \$4,500 per year, having especial care of the textile tariffs.

A third bank went down in New York Saturday as a result of the criminal operations of Joseph G. Robin, or Robinette, the promoter who failed last week after one of the most spectacular careers in the history of American finance. This was the Carnegie Trust Company.

The twenty-sixth annual session of the North Carolina association of city public schools superintendents and principals will be held in Raleigh January 26, 27, 28. For a quarter of a century this association has been helping to shape the educational destiny of North Carolina and today it is one of the most potent factors in educational progress.

While the bells of the city were ringing in the new year this afternoon the alarm rang out for fire in an ancient building at Liberty Point, at the intersection of Person and Bow streets, where the resolutions of independence were adopted by citizens of the section in 1776. The fire was not very serious and was extinguished.—Fayetteville Observer.

Governor John A. Dix, the newly elected chief executive of New York, announces that he believes that he can save the state \$1,000,000 per year by certain contemplated economies. The governor says that expenditures for all purposes have increased too rapidly of late years, the rate being close to \$1,500,000 per year for the last decade. He demands a revision of the state primary and election laws.

The Waters-Pierce Oil company, which pleaded guilty in the district court at Enid, Okla., last August to violation of the state anti-trust laws and was assessed a fine of \$75,000, paid \$25,000 as the second installment on the penalty last week. The apportionment of the fine was: State of Oklahoma, \$50,000; Garfield county, \$10,000; H. G. McKeever and Dan Huett, \$15,000. The latter two attorneys assisted Attorney General West in the prosecution of the suit.

The new jail in Winston-Salem, thought to be impregnable, was unable to hold Dan Carter, Hugh Smith and John Jordan Sunday night. Carter was awaiting trial in the superior court for shooting George Brewer. Smith was in jail for fraud and Jordan was in jail for a criminal assault. They were confined in a steel cage, in the upper tier of cages and in escaping cut through this cage and through the bars over the window. Not the slightest trace of the escaped criminals has been found.

Rev. J. P. Rogers, field agent for the Methodist Children's Home, this city has done some good collecting for that institution during the past year. To date he has raised by subscription \$54,000 which will be used in erecting buildings, etc., and aid in making this institution one of the best in the state. Let us say that in the matter of support, in addition to the above, the Methodists of the Western, N. C. conference are contributing liberally. It is a worthy work and a credit to Methodism and the spirit of benevolence which actuates every effort.—Winston Republican.

Representative Thomas Butler of Pennsylvania, chairman of the subcommittee having charge of private bills before the house naval committee, announces that the subcommittee will report a bill recognizing Robert E. Peary as the discoverer of the north pole. There are five bills and one joint resolution pending before the committee having for their object the recognition of Peary's feat. Representative Mason of Arkansas, a member of the committee, refused to accept the story of the north pole discovery and will attack Peary's record on the floor when the bill comes up.

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