# THE PAPER OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE AND WITH THE PEOPLE

ESTABLISHED 1882

LEXINGTON, N. C. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1911.

VOL. XXIX-NO. 40

# ANOTHER ATTRACTION ADDED.

## Farmers Getting Interested in Contest -Preparations Made to Give Winners Great Time.

These are days when the good farm—
These are days when the good farm—
These are days when the good farm—
The groans mightily when he is forced to hitch his good team to wagon or buggy and drive through red mud an interesting story about the cause of the fact that everything control of the necessaries of ilfs—at least that is the way things stand in Davidson county. Over in Meckienburg no such condition exists.

The Greensbaro News of Sunday had an interesting story about the control of the squabble is of interest of ilfs—at least that is the way things stand in Davidson county. Over in Meckienburg no such condition exists.

The farmer rather welcomes a rainy spell for it gives him a chance to get made to the fact that the contest over the Lexington postoffice had broken plan, visiting, etc., and he wraps up good and "puts out." He does not strong and aweat through hours of torture in making a trip to town for groceries, but he travels with all ease, over roads that are as sound and firm under weeks of pelling downpure of rain and sleet and snow as are the roads over which he travels in the summer. They have good roads down there and The Dispatch longs are the roads over which he travels in the summer. They have good roads down there and The Dispatch longs are the roads over which he travels in the summer. They have good roads down there and The Dispatch longs are the roads over which he travels in the summer, they have good roads down there and The Dispatch longs are possible.

Sight—latered the feath that the board of county as sended and an amount of the grant of the proportion and time it was. There were speeches and bundreds of the people of Lexington and time it was. There were speeches and bundreds of the people interested were on hand to chours had bundreds of the people interested were on hand to hours and hundreds of the people and the county, it is given here in full form the complex of the combined senter and the contest over the combined senter and the form the combined senter and the form the combi when The Dispatch party goes down to Mecklenburg on March 4, these good roads will be inspected and every one of our fifty guests will come back with a head chock-full of new ideas, and one of the biggest ideas of the lot will be the "good roads idea."

The contest grows in interest. Dur-ing the week that has passed there has been something doing in The Dispatch office ever minute of the day and the business manager has been so busy counting votes and taking in money that he has hardly had time to go to his male regularly. The black money that he has hardly had time to go to his meals regularly. The hig bonus offer expires Saturday, February 11th, and it is right up to every contestant to get busy and very busy at that. Bear in mind that one dollar paid on subscription between today and Saturday will be worth just as much as \$1.50 thereafter. If you have a friend in the contest, now is the time to make your money "talk" for him and your subscription will be worth more to him this week than it will be next week. will be next week.

will be next week.

The Dispatch has just received a letter from Mr. E. B. Moore, manager of the fine Selwyn Hotel, of Charlotte, which will be headquarters for the guests of The Dispatch and where the light banger will be severed and head the severed and head

present and would address The Dis-patch party? Sure, he will be there patch party? Sure, he will be there and his speech will be well worth all the trouble that it is going to be for you to win the trip. C. C. Moore, T. B. Parker and a host of others, among whom are numbered some the the best titles. ettisons of Mecklenburg, will help en

biles? Plenty of them. The best in the town is none too good fo the guests of The Dispatch and Char-lotte will be called on to put up her best. In comfortable automobiles The Dispatch party will be whirled over the smooth macadam roads of Meck-lenburg to the farm and back again and if there is time to visit the theato the theaters the crowd will From the top of the sky-scraper, go. From the top of the sky-scraper, the loftlest building in the state, our guests can gaze about them and see the woulders of the hustlingest city in North Carolina. This building is twelve stories high and its lofty summit is an admirable place from which "Watch Charlotte Grow."

The prizes are worth while. They range in value from \$14 to \$125 and it is not necessary to repeat the rules of the contest relative to their distri-The prizes alone, if the bli free trip were entirely eliminated would be enough to arouse and stim

would be enough to arouse and stim-ulate every live farmer in the contest. (and there is no other sort in the con-test.) Every prize is a dandy. Look over the list again. Here it is: The International-Harvester Com-pany offers a Kemp Twentieth Cen-tury Magure Spreader, the most per-fect machine of its kind in the world, valued at \$125. The spreader offered is 10 feet and 3 inches long, 4 feet and 6 inches wide and 20 inches deep. The cylinder is 12 inches in diameter. The front wheels 6-inch tires and the rear wheels 6-inch tires. If any far-

# THE LEXINGTON POST OFFICE.

## Made Public-End is Not Yet in Sight-Interest Grows.

ed will of the Davidson county comed will of the Davidson county com-mittee in the matter of the Lexington postoffice, seemed to suggest the par-tial lack, at least, of the elements of consonance and consistency.

NO RESPONSIVE CHORD. The suggestion of Mr. Cowles found The suggestion of Mr. Cowies found no responsive chord as was shown in the emphasis and unanimity of the refusal to allow that gentleman 30 minutes in which to reduce to writing his own view on the subject of local self-government. Following the meeting Mr. Cowies allowed that, if it had

do not live in Davidson county) "members of the state committee for the seventh congressional district, have carefully considered testimony

disagreement with this recommenda-tion of Messrs. Dockery and Hanes, and advise me of your decision prompt-

"With respect, very truly yours,
"JNO. M. MOREHEAD."
Another letter is addressed to Congressman Cowles, personally. It fol-

"My Dear Mr. Cowles: Most of those who attended the last committee meet ing have signified that they thought it best to reopen the recommendation in the matter of the Lexington postoffice, and have since expressed the opinion that they believed the matter should be eft totally in the hands of Messrs. Dockery and Hanes, of the seventh

"It is my belief that this troublesome matter should be concluded, and I am writing to know if this method of deciding meets your approval.

"Very truly yours, "JNO. M. MOREHEAD." MR. DOCKERY REPLIES. In reply to this inquiry Congress-man Cowles addressed to Chairman Morehead the following letter:

My Dear Mr. Morehead: I am just in occint of your letter of the 2nd intant, stating "that most of those who

## Some Interesting Correspondence House Committee Gives Favorable Re- County Commissioners Will Again Aid port and Senate Committee Gives it Black Eye.

endorsement of Mr. Conrad. Mr. Walser was endorsed for reappointment,
Mr. Cowles sounded the one discordant note of the meeting by urging the
committee to give ear to the Davidson side is out of heart. Solicitor Hamcommittee to give ear to the Davidson side is out of heart. Solicitor Hamcounty, or local committee, and the
congressman's presence became positively distasteful when he begged
leave to submit that the very beautiful tribute which the committee had
paid to the principle of local self-govabout it any more. The rumor comes
in setting aside the definitely expressin setting aside the definitely expressed will of the Davidson side is out of heart. Solicitor Hamreached \$73.50.

Messrs. D. B. Clinard, J. A. Hedrick
Chief Glover went to the front door
and Policemen Warren and Wynne
carried the state by 40.000 majority,
carried the state by 40.000 majority,
divided the senate would surely kill the bill
the senate by no means a spointed
the senate would surely kill the bill
the senate would the rear. As Mumford and
the senate by no means a spointed
grows opened fire. Mumford and
the rear. As Mumford and
the rear. Simple the head and Glover through
the legislature. Two the legislature. Simple the head and Glover through
the definitely sure senate is by no means a dead sure proposition. Senator Boyden, of Rowwho champions the measure in report and he has not been at all slow about pressing his case. Senator Ben-nett, of this district, will, it is said, mond, our other representative in the upper house, has not been heard from, but it is understood that he opposes it. It is going to be mighty close anyway, unless all signs fall.

The bill introduced to the new county home. The amount of insurance carried is \$8,-1000. cast his vote for it. Senator Lem-mond, our other representative in the upper house, has not been heard from, but it is understood that he opposes

The bill introduced by Representa-tive Stubbs to provide for the holding

for divorce from the husband, where-felt sympathy of a host of relatives as in the past, habitual practice had and friends in this city. to be proved before the wife could se-

cure a divorce.

The Hoke county bill was made a a sweeping majority in the senate. The people of North Robeson and southern ning. when the first effort was made the name of the county wanted was Hooper. from a signer of the declaration senator Boyden introduced a bil

A look like a pretender. It is a lit Senator Brown introduced a bill to the bit the fiercest thing that has ever abolish the social club evil in the been offered in the way of legislation state. This will do away with the liture. The Charlotte Chronicle says pass. It is manifestly unjust to put that the bill has tunks and not teeth out of the way the humble groggery

# DOG FALL FOR PIEDMONT COUNTY PRIZES FOR CORN CONTEST.

# in Good Work-They Hold a

paid \$35, the balance due on the ap-

propriation.
Mr. R. L. Spaugh was appointed road trustee in Cotton Grove township to succeed Mr. J. W. Fitzgerald. H. L. Black was paid \$150 for

will be next week. just received
The Dispatch has received
The Dispatch has week the device of the committee of the committee

committees on bills introduced by Sen-ator Baggett and others, to require railroads to pull mileage on trains. the seventh congressional district, have carefully considered testimony presented and developments arising since your decision rendered at the Greensboro meeting, in the matter of endorsing Mr. J. G. Walser, and they both recommend that, for the sake of harmony and the adjustment of this constant of the matter of the matter of the matter of endorsing Mr. J. G. Walser, and they both recommend that, for the sake of harmony and the adjustment of this constant of the sake of the matter of the sake of the sake of the matter of the sake of the sa harmony and the adjustment of this embarassing situation, it is their opinion that the action taken at Greensboro be rescinded and that the recommendation of Mr. D. F. Conrad be made by the committee.

Friday the house passed the bill to Bragaw. Until three years ago, when made by the committee.

Friday the house passed the bill to Bragaw. Until three years ago, when footing in an action for divorce on disagreement with this recommendation of Messrs. Dockery and Hanes. For divorce from the husband, where-felt sympathy of a host of relatives

> The Roxboro Courier says that Mr special order for the house for next James Turner, who lives in the Al-Tuesday, February 14. As told in The lensville section, had the misfortune Dispatch last week this bill passed by to lose his barn, all of his feed stuff a sweeping majority in the senate. The

that would take Union county from ginia last week proved latter and place it in shirt was concerned. The policeman who are attributed and place it in the eighth and place it in the miners of the town introduced a bill to allow like a pretender. It is a littent of the figure o Senator Boyden introduced a bill

that the bill has tusks and not teeth. The bill would fill about two columns and it is a dandy throughout. One of the most remarkable features of the bill is its definition of a trust which it sets out to be "combination of capital, skill or acts by two or more persons, firms, corporations or association of persons the purpose of which may be:

1. To create or tend to create restrictions in trade or commerce.
2. To fix, maintain increase, or restrictions in trade or commerce.
3. To prevent or lessen competition in the manufacture, making, transportation, sale, or purchase of such merchandise.

Representative Ewart, the republicant mark will make the probibition

# HORRIBLE CRIME IN WILSON.

## Negro Desperado Kills One Officer and Prominent Charlotte Lawyer Speaks Fatally Wounds Another-Thrilling Man Hunt.

Friday one of the most horrible crimes in the history of the state was ommitted at a near-beer joint in Wil-L. C. Glover, attempted to arrest Lewthe following special from

dated Saturday:
This town is laboring under the greatest excitement of its history, caused by the cold-blooded murder of

\$10 and \$5 respectively.

The sum of \$883.95 was paid to the York Bridge Company for building a steel bridge at M. R. Shoaf's.

Who broke in a store at Dunn last of the state The jail account of the month and the officers went to the house to

stationed at the rear could run around to the front the criminals darted out of the congressional districts. The of the front door and escaped.

the trial. Poses in automobiles, in buggies and on foot are scouring the nearby country and the military com-pany, reinforced by hundreds of citeral arrests were made, but parties giving him a third election.
who witnessed the shooting exonera"But it is not only their recollec-

ted the prisoners.

Ition of his loyalty and activity in a Foeling is running high and the ex-stormy period that impels North Car-

# est service. good news comes from it. The mine is been notoriously on the map because is being operated by Mr. Louis Don- of a band of wild gypsy folk who have ker, an expert miner of Philadelphia, been vexing the officers, robbing the

turning out very rich ore. Mr. Thomboro dated Friday it appears that troubs Moyle, a brother of the Messrs.

Moyle, of Salisbury, with an expe-Moyle, of Salisbury, with an expe-lence in mining of twenty-five years and more, has charge of the opera-this time it is in the branch of the suthe work. Two new shafts have been term of the superior 200 foot level the rich vein continues would be through with them.

to show the same quality of ore as Immediately after the trial here in

# for one Creed Potter, an escaped con-vict, and claimed Clarence as the man. Sheriff Ragan protested, but to no avail, and the prisoner was taken on to Kentucky. The Sheriff is now advised that his man is ready for him and he will start as soon as requisi-

Chrence Potter is one of the worst of the old-time "bad men." He has killed more than one man and has shot perhaps a dozen. He escaped from the penitentiary of Virginia last summer and shortly after his return shot a neighbor wounding him seriously and one shot, going wild, struck his (Potter's) mother, break-

## AN APPRECIATION OF SIMMONS.

## of Feeling of the State for Our Senior Senator.

Hon. Cameron Morrison. of Charlotte, is not only one of the best lawyers in the state but he is a good citson when two officers, Deputy Sheriff izen and a close observer of men and George Mumford and Chief of Police, events. He is one of the shrewdest polis West, a negro desperado, who with two others had broken into a store at Dunn. Mumford was killed almost worth listening to. He was in Baltiinstantly and Glover will die. The more last week and a reporter of the story of the crime is briefly told in Baltimore American had the following Wilson interesting story about him:

lotte, N. C., former state senator and one of the leading lawyers of North Carolina on being asked regarding the Deputy Sheriff George Mumford and the probably fatal shooting of Chief of Police A. O. Glover yesterday by nescribed esperadoes, whom the officers that have prevailed for the past 10 were trying to arrest.
Yesterday afternon the authorities were notified to look out for negroes who broke in a store at Duan last night and stole several pistols and

"In 1894 and 1896 a combination of make the arrest. Deputy Mumford and republicans and populists attained and getting a four-fifths majority of through the head and Glover through both lungs. The former died in less than an hour and the latter is expected to die at any moment.

Simmons was made chairman of the state democrat campaign committee and he turned the tables on the fusionists, beating them by 20,000 and Immediately upon seeing the officers giving back the legislature into the fall and before either of the officers hands of his party by a preponderance ands of his party by a preponderance

Bloodhounds were brought here on disfranchising amendment which was a special train and are now following carried in 1900 by 55,000. The same year Mr. Simmons was chosen to the United States senate as the successor of Marion Butler. In 1907 he was chosen for a second term, and two izens, is on duty picketing the roads years hence his people will, in my from the territory in which the neopinion, show that their appreciation gross are supposed to be hiding. Sevand gratitude is as strong as ever by

citement is most intense. Over a clina democrats to keep Mr. Simmons thousand heavily armed men are at Washington. He is deserving that scouring every inch of ground in this section, and should the murder or murderers fall into their hands, a the decade of his service. Largely beynching would cause little surprise. cause of his zeal and activity, our The search for the criminal went on state has received as much financial throughout Saturday and Sunday with aid from the government for the bet-ardor unabated. A reward of \$250 terment of our rivers and harbors in ardor unabated. A reward of \$250 terment of our rivers and harbors in was offered by the state Monday and the Wilson military company was ordered to remain in readiness to respend to the summons of the sheriff at any time of the day or night to prevent a lynching. Mumford was buried Sunday and his was decidedly the biggest funeral ever held in Wilson. The dead officer was very popular and his dantimely enl occasioned no little strief. his membership on the minority steer ing committee. In retaining him in the senate, the people of North Caro

# Gypsy Troubles Again.

who has been making his home in negroes and making life a burden for Salisbury for the past year.

Mr. Donker has found that the Coggins mine offers splendid inducements for working with every prospect of the following dispatch from Wades-Cleveland Brinkley, who resigned for working with every prospect of the following dispatch from Wades-Cleveland Brinkley, who resigned for the following dispatch from Wades-Cleveland Brinkley, who resigned for the following dispatch from Wades-Cleveland Brinkley.

ations for Mr. Donker and is pushing perior court. When, at the recent promise was effected, it was expected feet wide, eight feet of which is said that the two tribes would leave here to be rich bearing gold ore. At the and that the people of Anson county

that near the surface.

New machinery, including a stamp mill is being placed at the mine and the latest improved methods for obtaining gold from the ore is to be adopted.

Big things are expected from the Coggins mine at an early day.—Salisbury Post.

Clarence Potter Captured.

Clarence Potter Captured.

The trip of Sheriff Ragan to Virginia last week proved futile, as far as bringing Clarence Potter back with him was concerned. The policeman who mine the surface is the carry part of the past month Emil Mitchell, the so-called king of all the gypsy tribes of the United States, left the camp near Lilesville and went to Memphis, Tenn., which seems to be the headquarters of the various tribes of these strange people. After reaching there he employed attorneys and instituted suit against Stephen John and Gregory John, alleging malicious prosecution and attached the bank account of the two Johns, the amount being reported at about \$8,000. When the news of this suit reached here the Johns immediately began to seek means of retallation.

Mitchell, the so-called king of all the gypsy tribes of the United States, left the camp near Lilesville and went to Memphis, Tenn., which seems to be the headquarters of the various tribes of these trange people. After reaching det through that it was reported that a deer passburgh of the two Johns, the amount being was not a deer at all but a strange sort of animal, something akin to the news of this suit reached here the Johns immediately began to seek means of retallation.

Mr. W. S. Anderson, county commissioner, who was here Monday to attend the meeting of the board, said that it was reported that a deer passburgh week. Just where the wanderer halled from no one can tell and the animal was not a deer at all but a strange sort of animal, something akin to the importance of the suit reached here the Johns immediately began to seek means of retallation.

of the assault committeed on them in the beginning of the trouble. Two suits were brought and in each case the amount is \$5,000. But the Mitchells managed to get away and when the sheriff went to the camp to serve the papers he could not find them. Telegrams have been sent along the road and the officers hope to catch the men and bring them back here for trial. trial.

trial.

Attorneys representing McMillar Mitchell, the gypsy leader who was arrested yesterday by mistake, filed suit today against the sheriff of the county and his bondamen for damages for false arrest and imprisonment. The complaint has not been filed, but it is understood that the gypsy will ask for damages in the sum of \$5,000 for dam-\$10,000 damages.

## NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

## Current Events In The United States and the World at Large Briefly

Charlotte, so far this year, has sold more cotton than last, by 1,363 bales.

to hold the World's Panama Exposi-tion in 1915. This is a hard blow for New Orleans but the fight will be carried to the senate and the Crescent City may yet win. The vote in the house was 188 to 159.

Hon. Moses N. Harshaw, of Lenoir, bas been named as assistant district attorney for the western district, suc-ceeding ex-Judge Coble, of Statesville. Thus does Mr. Taft straddle again, appointing a Duncan man to be assistant to a Butler-Morehead henchman. Harshaw was solicitor for eight years and he is a good prosecuting officer.

In Charlotte last week five social club managers were convicted of a technical violation of the revenue ordinance in that they failed to file with the desk sergeant on the first day of the month a report of new members, etc., of their clubs. Judgment in each instance was suspended and the defendants paid the costs of the proceed-

The Piedmont Buggy Company's factory is a busy place and things are being done in that plant. During the more finished buggies and surries were turned out. That means that about \$20,000 worth of vehicles went out. For the month of February four hundred and fifty jobs are on the order books here at the beginning of the month, and a number of these orlegislature submitted to the voters a ders are for car load lots.-Monroe

## Personal Mention.

Mrs. A. L. Clodfelter is quite sick. Mr. A. L. Welch, of Arcadia, was in

Mr. J. P. Sanders, of Greensboro spent a few hours here Saturday.

Miss Florine Robertson, of High Point, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rob-Sunday.

Mr. Thos. H. Lamb, the tinner, has been confined to his room by illness for sevral days. He has the grip, Mr. H. B. Varner returned yesterday

from Burgaw where he went to de-liver a good roads address Monday. Mrs. C. W. Trice returned from Concord Monday night, where she was father.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dunham and Hotle daughters, Mary and Jean, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. F. L. Hedrick.

Mr. J. A. L. Conrad, of Thomasville township, was in the city Monday for several hours on business with the

ounty board of education. Mrs. J. Raymond McCrary and little daughter, Christine, went to Critz, Va., Saturday to visit Mrs. McCrary's mother, Mrs. John Tatum, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Burkhead, of Versailles, Alleghany township, spent Sunday in the city visiting their son

and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. Burkhead. Mr. J. E. Costner, of Gastonia, a registered pharmacist and a very popular druggist, has accepted a posi-Reliable." Mr. Costner succeeds Mr. Cleveland Brinkley, who resigned the

first of the year to go with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company as travelling salesman. Rev. H. L. Powell, pastor of the Methodist Protestant circuit near this city, was a caller at The Dispatch office Monday. He subscribed for The Dispatch while here. His many friends in the county will be glad to sick with typhoid fever for 14 weeks, is now improving and stands