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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

Chief Holmes Deposed—He Is to Be Succeeded by Mr. J. F. Welch. Other Items.

The board of aldermen met Monday night at eight o'clock and remained in session until 11:30. The volume of business to be attended to did not call for such an extended session, but there were several matters up that called for much talk and the board talked to it's heart's content. Until ten o'clock the session was open but along about that time somebody yelled "police," and the board immediately went into executive session. What they did in that hour and a half of secrecy is not known, but one result of it was a change in the line-up of the city police force. Chief Holmes was deposed and in his place was named Mr. J. F. Welch, who resigned as second officer a few weeks ago, at a salary of $45 per month and fees. First Officer F. H. Lookabill "drew a pink slip" and goes off the force after several years of faithful service. He is replaced with Mr. David C. Hayes.

Chief Holmes was made tax collector and a sort of "ex-officio" policeman, at a salary of $15 per month and one per cent commission on collections, the board guaranteeing that his salary should not be less than $50 per month. He is authorized to make arrests but will not devote much time to the work. Officer Hayes will be the night man, and will draw a salary of $35 per month and fees.

For fire chief and building inspector, Attorney J. F. Spruill was elected without opposition. He was the unanimous choice of the two fire companies and it is expected that he will wake things up along the line of fire-fighting. He is energetic and capable and will make a good one.

An interesting feature of the meeting was the effort on the part of the trustee in bankruptcy of the Eureka Trouser Company to secure a rebate of $132.50 on the taxes of that defunct corporation. The taxes due are $325 and there was a check here for the full amount a few days ago, but this was returned. The city attorney was authorized to take steps to force the collection of the taxes immediately.

Mr. Sam E. Finley, manager of the Atlantic Refining Company, of Atlanta, Ga., appeared before the board and gave some interesting facts and figures about treating the surface of the macadam streets with asphalt binder. The aldermen are preparing to make this much needed improvement, if their financial circumstances will warrant, and the following committee was appointed to confer with Mr. Finley and find out what it will cost, and other details of the work: Messrs. Harbin Varner and McCrary.

The preparation would make the streets of Lexington dustless and mudless under all conditions and will add much to the life of the streets.

The regular reports of the various officers were presented and approved and a number of other matters of minor importance attended to.

Baptist Fair Exhibitors.

On page 2 of The Dispatch today appears a long list of the wholesale and retail merchants of Lexington and elsewhere who have sent merchandise, etc., to be exhibited at the great Baptist Fair which is to be held in this city during this month. Other contributors are as follows:

Cartwright Bros., East Liverpool, O., crockery.

John Duer & Sons, Baltimore, Md., dry goods.

Rosenbacher & Bro., Winston-Salem, N. C., dry goods.

The Belmont Stamping & Enameling Co., New Philadelphia, O.

Foster, Merriam & Co., New York, N. Y., hardware.

Noblet Bros. & Co., Philadelphia Pa., hardware.

Lexington Mattress Factory, Lexington, N. C.

C. L. Greens Co., Cincinnati, O., upholsterer.

Hitchcock, Trotter Co., Winston, N. C., dry goods.

Heywood Bros. & Wakefield Co., Baltimore, Md., furniture.

Streep, Miller & Ferrell, New York, N. Y., dry goods.

W. H. Williams, Newton, N. C., Snuffs.

Misses Judd, Lexington, N. C., milliners.

Mrs. Ida Hunt, Lexington, milliner.

W. G. Penry, Lexington, dry goods.

G. A. Adderton, Lexington, dry goods.

W. L. Lopp, Lexington, dry goods.

Fred Thompson Co., Lexington, dry goods.

J. F. Ward Co., Lexington, dry goods.

Jule C. Smith, Lexington, dry goods.

J. K. Hankins, Lexington, dry goods.

Thomas, Variety Store, Lexington.

Hunter's Variety Store, Lexington.

Nokomis Cotton Mill, Lexington.

Dacotah Cotton Mill, Lexington.

Wenonah Cotton Mill, Lexington.

Mrs. Sheppard, Lexington, ladies' clothing.

Business News Notes.

The Lexington House Furnishing Co., "The House of Quality," advertises this week their line of summer goods. They have porch shades, rockers, mattings, etc., for the porch and their prices are right. Read their ad in this issue.

Shepard's this week calls attention to a few of the things to be found in that interesting store for women. Read their ad in this issue and note a few of the things they offer.

The Myers Force Pump is one of the best in the world. The Davidson Hardware Company advertises it in their space this week. They say they can save you $15 to $20 on every pump. Read it.

The Davidson Furniture Company advertises this week a cut price sale on hall racks. Read their ad.

Dr. J. W. McCulloch, O. D., is well equipped to do what he says he will do in his ad this week—"brush away the cobwebs" from your eyes. Read his ad.

J. B. Smith, "The Old Reliable," offers cheap a boy's good bicycle. This opportunity ought to interest every boy in Lexington.

Representative B. W. Parham, of Thomasville, spent the day in the city Monday.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET.

Funds Apportioned for Work on Central Highway—Paying Off Tax Assessors.

The most important matter before the board of county commissioners Monday was the Central Highway through Davidson county. There was a big delegation from Thomasville township and other citizens from along the road in Boone and Tyro. Mr. C. M. Miller, the highway engineer in charge, offered blue prints showing the location of the road through the county, the various changes and re-locations, grades, bridges, etc., and explained them to the board. He also showed profiles of the road and outlined carefully the work to be done. His report will be published in full later.

Lexington township asked for no help in constructing the road, as it expects to build it with the proceeds of the bond issue already voted, and Lexington's part of the $1400 was divided up among the other townships. Of this amount, $670 was apportioned to Thomasville township, $400 to Tyro and $325 to Boone. Tyro has but one and a half miles of road, but it is one of the worst pieces of road in the county. Boone township has several miles of the road, but Boone has a special tax to help build it, and the bridge company, together with progressive citizens, has raised a large sum of money to help build the road. It is expected that Boone will have about $1200, raised by private subscription to spend on the road.

The following tax assessors were paid off: Mr. Alex Garner, Emmons township, $90; Mr. B. M. Hedrick, Emmons, $87; Mr. P. E. Whicker, Midway, $150; Mr. H. P. Gallimore, Lexington, $174.75; Mr. B. F. Lee, Lexington $171.75; Mr. John Hege, Reedy Creek, $96; Mr. I. P. Fishel, Arcadia, $90; Mr. J. R. Reece, Abbotts Creek, $168; Mr. J. B. Tussey, Silver Hill, $78; Mr. N. H. Johnson, Jackson Hill, $87; Mr. Edward Sink, Hampton, $33; Mr. S. L. Owens, county assessor $104.

Among the other accounts audited and paid are noted the following: J. M. Morris, painting bridge, $45; L. A. Martin, admr. of Rev. J. T. Lewis, an old Confederate soldier, $20 for burial expenses; Irvin L. Sink, for painting bridge, $45; W. S. Cecil, for the burial of C. W. Cecil, a confederate soldier, $20; J. H. Fritts, keeping the county home, $84.94; Dr. D. J. Hill, services as county superintendent of health, $42.50; J. H. W. Wilson, material for bridge, $14.50; J. H. Curry, lumber for bridge, $10.50; C. A. Davis, painting bridge, $14; Davidson Hardware Company, material for road work, $19.41; W. G. Miller, extra clerical work, $34.45; C. E. Godwin, commitments for insane persons, $14.25; H. C. Johnson, feeding prisoners in jail, $93.53.

There were many smaller claims ordered paid. A franchise was granted to the Arnold and Arcadia Telephone Company and it was authorized to build a line from Lexington to Welcome and from Welcome to Arnold.

The board adjourned at five o'clock to meet again next Monday.

Sheriff Sues for Fourteen Cents.

Sheriff Goalder Johnson has filed suit against the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway for 14 cents. The suit was filed in the Quarterly Court, but Judge W. A. Naylor overruled the defendant's demurrer to the plea and allowed the case to be transferred to the Circuit Court. Mr. Johnson claims he was unable to get a ticket at Union City and was made to pay fare to Hickman at the rate of 4 cents a mile. Nearly every lawyer in the county, with the exception of the railroad's attorney, proffered his services to Mr. Johnson, without charge. About thirty-two witnesses were summoned for the plaintiff, and among them were men who had the same experience Mr. Johnson had, and who will swear that the agent at Union City did not open the ticket window in time for them to purchase tickets, and that they had to pay the extra 1 cent per mile by not having tickets. The suit has already cost about $100, and the case is only started.—Hickman, Ky., Special to Courier-Journal.

Negro Beaten and Shot.

A Raleigh dispatch to the Charlotte Observer Sunday tells the following brutal story:

With boood streaming from two deep gashes in his head and from a dozen shot wounds in his back, John Hatcher, colored, appealed to a policeman this morning to take him where he could have medical attention. He said J. H. Council and his son, Swaney Council, farmers near Raleigh, met him in the road and beat him up and then shot him, as he ran because he had stayed out longer than they thought he ought to with their horse and buggy in making a trip to Raleigh.

He says the father covered him with his gun while the son knocked him out of the buggy and beat him and that finally the son took the gun from the old man and struck him twice over the head with the butt of it before shooting him. Hatcher's wounds are serious, but not considered dangerous. He had been working for the Councils for a month.

Many Suits Against the Seaboard.

A Durham dispatch of the 5th runs as follows: More suits are being brought against the Seaboard Air Line on account of the wreck of last week and talk of action against Eugene Weaver, colored, who managed the excursion, is also being indulged in. There are more than thirty of these actions now in court in some shape and it is expected that there will be as many more before the thing is over. They are well scattered over the law firms, though one of these is said to have alone about thirty that have not been brought.

Celebrated Farms at Auction.

The Holt Farms, 5 miles from Burlington, have been divided into small farms, 25 to 200 acres. Each well wooded and watered. Macadam road, rural mails, telephones, schools and churches. Black red land, highly improved. One modern home. One-fourth cash, balance in three years. Sale day, Tuesday, August 29th. For further particulars see advertisement elsewhere in this issue, or write Alamance Insurance & Real Estate Co., Burlington, N. C.

CRIMINAL COURT NEXT WEEK.

Nearly 100 Criminal Cases on Docket. Noel Case Probably the Most Important.

The August term of Davidson county superior court begins Monday, with Judge F. A. Daniels presiding. The term is for the trial of both criminal and civil cases. The first three days, according to arrangement, are to be devoted to criminal cases and the remainder of the term to civil cases. It is not believed, however, that three days will be sufficient to complete the criminal docket.

The most important case on the criminal docket is the case of State vs. Charles Noell and his wife, Jamie Wolf Noell. The details of this case are fresh in the minds of the citizens of Davidson county and need no re-hashing here. Noell has been in jail since the trial, unable to give a bond of $200. His wife was released after medical examination, and has been making strenuous efforts to secure bond for her husband. It was generally believed at the time of the preliminary hearing that Noell would give bond without any trouble, but it proved to be harder than was anticipated and $200 has been sufficient to hold him. This case will be fought to a finish. Walser and Walser appear for the defendants and other attorneys may be employed before the trial. Phillips & Bower will aid the solicitor in the prosecution.

There are ten blind tigers slated for slaughter. Most of the cases are of long-standing, one dating back to August, 1908. There are few of these tiger cases that are of recent origin.

Of larceny cases there are seven and three others are set down as larceny and receiving. There is one case of perjury, two of abandonment, one of gambling, three of f. and a., four or five of false pretense, one of resisting an officer, and many other petty offenses.

An interesting feature of the docket is the number of cases in which assault with a deadly weapon, and carrying a concealed weapon, is charged. It appears that there is much rowdyism abroad in Davidson county. It is an open and notorious fact that there has been too much of this sort of thing allowed in old Davidson and the reputation of the county has suffered in consequence. There are now on the docket twenty cases in which assault with a deadly weapon is charged and fifteen defendants stand charged with carrying concealed weapons.

Annual Excursion to Atlantic City.

The annual low rate excursion via the Southern Railway to Atlantic City will be run this year on Tuesday, August 22nd.

Special train consisting of first-class coaches and Pullman sleeping cars will leave Salisbury at 9:00 p. m., Tuesday, August 22nd. Leave Lexington 9:38 p. m., Danville 9:53 p. m., and High Point 10:05 p. m., arriving at Atlantic City about noon August 23rd.

Tickets will be sold good going on special train, and returning will be good on any regular train, within the limit, which will be fifteen days from date of sale. Stop overs will be permitted at Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington on the return trip, within the limit of the ticket.

Following round trip rates will apply from stations named: Salisbury, $12.00; Albemarle, $13.00; Norwood, $13.00; Randleman, $12.00; Lexington, $12.00; Thomasville, $11.50; High Point, $11.50.

For Pullman reservations and any other information, apply to T. W. Anderson, Ticket Agent, Salisbury, N. C., or R. H. DeButts, Traveling Passenger Agent, Charlotte, N. C.

Yadkin River Lowest Ever Known, They Say.

The Yadkin river is said to be the lowest ever known. The Yadkin Pilot says: Quite a number of people have visited the Yadkin River the past week to look at the barren rocks in the river. Old people say they have never seen the river so low as it is now. The writer visited it last Friday and I believe that with a plank ten feet long a man could walk across the river dry shod just above where the old river mill used to stand. The scenery is grand and no pen picture of it can express an idea of the rough, uneven waste of rocks that ordinarily are covered with water and over which when the river is up the waves dash and foam. At the ferry at Shoals depot the ferry boat will hardly run at all and they do not attempt to carry over in it a loaded wagon.

Great Activity All Along Southbound.

Mr. E. A. Schubert of the land and industrial department of the Norfolk and Western Railway, who came in yesterday from a trip to Wadesboro over the Southbound, says that the development through this territory already has been wonderful, but that it is merely a foretaste of what is coming.

At each station an attractive depot has been built, and there are signs of considerable industrial activity in all the towns.

The road bed, Mr. Schubert says, is remarkably smooth for a dirt foundation, and he declares that when the road shall have been ballasted, it will be one of the smoothest bits of track to be found in North Carolina.—Winston Journal.

—In the city this week are Messrs. Wade B. Leonard, of Dallas, Tex., and Mr. John B. Leonard, of Kinston, N. C. They are visiting their sister, Mrs. S. D. Swain. Mr. Wade B. Leonard is an investment broker, of Dallas, and is especially interested in coal mine stocks, and other mining stocks. He told The Dispatch man that he had discovered unmistakable signs of a deposit of coal on Main street, below the railroad bridge. In the second cut from the bridge there is a vein of dark material about two feet wide, exactly like the out cropping at the Jellico mines and around other coal mines. He said that, of course, it might amount to nothing at all, but it looks like it is worth investigating. There might be a considerable deposit of coal a few feet down.

Capt. W. O. Burgin, of Thomasville, was in the city Monday on business.

TRAIN NO. 22 DITCHED.

Five Seriously Injured and Twenty Hurt—Much Anxiety Felt In Lexington.

When it was learned here Friday afternoon that train number 22 had been wrecked near Salisbury there was much anxiety felt. It was soon known that Miss Margaret Hunt and Holt Hunt, children of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hunt, Jr., were on the train and it was several hours before it was learned that neither were seriously injured. Miss Margaret Hunt was bruised about the head and her right leg was injured. Holt Hunt was bruised about the head.

The accident was caused by the spreading of the rails. Every car left the track but only one, the parlor car on the rear, turned over. An Associated Press dispatch in the daily papers Saturday tells the story briefly as follows:

Five were seriously hurt and 20 received lesser injuries today when train No. 22 of the Southern railroad was derailed six miles west of here. The engine and all of the coaches left the track and a chair car went down a 25-foot embankment. Those seriously injured are:

E. S. Taylor, 78 years old, New Orleans, head cut, injured internally.

Richard Taylor Wilson, three-year-old son of Mrs. Richard Clark Wilson, New Orleans, legs badly mutilated.

John P. Sims, 30 years old, Augusta, Ga., right hip and leg and back injured.

Dr. J. M. Belk, 47 years old, Monroe, back of head hurt, spinal cord seemingly affected.

Judson Buchanan, 51 years old, Chattanooga, Tenn., head severely cut and bruised.

The seriously injured were removed to a hospital in Salisbury.

Those receiving minor injuries are: Taylor Daniels, negro porter; W. A. Harrison, fireman, Asheville division; Rev. R. C. Beaman and Miss Catherine C. Beaman, Durham, N. C.; E. W. Tatum, Salisbury, N. C.; U. S. Garrett, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Margaret Hunt, Lexington, N. C.; Holt Hunt, Lexington, N. C.; L. W. Wessell, Wilmington, N. C.; I. W. Soloman, Wilmington, N. C.; Mrs. E. W. Habel, Raleigh, N. C.; Fred Habel, Jr., Mrs. Richard Clark Wilson, 4927 Perrier street, New Orleans; Nell Piper, Durham, N. C.; Elizabeth Warren Thompson, Raleigh, N. C.; G. C. Scarlet, LaFayette, La.; Lillie Gray, Durham, N. C.; Mrs. A. P. Gilbert, Durham, N. C.; H. E. Ortman, Wilmington, N. C.

Sunday afternoon little Richard Taylor Wilson died in the Salisbury sanatorium. The boy's mother, who was also injured in the wreck, was so far recovered as to be able to accompany the corpse to their home in Mobile, Ala. Mr. G. S. Taylor, the lad's grandfather, is still unable to leave the hospital.

Can't Blame It On the Wires.

On the first page of this paper is an article from The Greensboro News about the whyforeness of the great drought now prevailing throughout this part of the country, and they are trying to lay it on the electric wires stretching across the country. As the lawyers say, we "hold no brief" for the electric wires, but we arise to say that unless somebody has done some tall lying there was a drought in this country in the year 1845 which parched everything in the way of vegetation, dried streams so that people going from Wadesboro to Charlotte never wet a wheel in the streams they crossed—and at that time there were no bridges between the two towns named. In 1823, if history is given us straight, there was a long, distressing, tree-killing drought. In 1845 and in 1823 electric wires did not bring on the dryness for there was not an electric wire in all the land. No, sir, the heavily charged electric wires are no more responsible for this drought than are the tacks in the shoes of the gentleman who blames the wires for this dryness. —Monroe Enquirer.

Black's Pardon Revoked.

Raleigh dispatch, 4th: Governor Kitchin, on the strength of a certified copy of the conviction of Wiley P. Black, of Asheville, for implication in white slave traffic, revokes the pardon from 15 months remaining of a 22 months road sentence for running a disorderly "near-beer joint" at Asheville. The revocation was ordered yesterday and kept secret until it reached the sheriff of Buncombe. Today Black was taken into custody.

Black and his lawyers have been urging the governor to take no action until appeals from the conviction passed upon him are heard in the higher courts.

THOMASVILLE MOVES.

Will Have Best Link of Central Highway In Davidson County—Organization Complete.

The Thomasville township folks who were here Monday, appearing before the board of county commissioners, were more than enthusiastic over the building of the Central Highway. One of the Thomasvillians said that Thomasville's part of the road is going to be the best piece of road in Davidson county, with the probable exception of Main street, Lexington. It will certainly be the best piece of road outside of town.

Last week Thomasville held a meeting and perfected organization for the work. The following officers were elected for the movement: Walter G. Fitzgerald, chairman; John W. Lambeth, secretary; Frank H. Fleer, treasurer. Before the meeting had ended $165 had been subscribed and a strong committee was appointed to go out after more.

The road through Thomasville township will be a costly one in some respects. There are several bridges to be built and the road is to be re-located in several places. A new stretch of road, about one mile in length, is to be built, cutting out the heavy grades at Kennedy's Mill. There is to be no grade over 4 1-3 per cent.

Miss Maude Fayssoux, a trained nurse from the Charlotte Sanatorium, is in the city this week.

IN AND ABOUT LEXINGTON.

Personal Mention—Movements of the People—Small Items of Interest.

Miss Pearl Hege spent a few days with her aunt, Miss Alice Earhardt, at Mount Airy.

Miss Mary Trice went to Hiddenite last week to spend a week or two at the Springs.

Mrs. Joe V. Moffitt and Miss Nona Thompson, went to Asheville Friday to visit friends.

Mr. Tyson Terry, of High Point, spent Sunday here with his brother, Dr. J. R. Terry.

Mr. J. W. Robertson, of The Dispatch force, is spending a week's vacation with relatives at Burlington.

Mrs. W. J. McLendon, of Wadesboro, and Mrs. D. H. Morton, of Thomasville, were registered at Hotel March yesterday.

Miss Louise Hanes, of Dallas, Tex., is expected to arrive here today to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hanes.

Mrs. D. A. Shoaf and daughter, Miss Eugenia, left yesterday afternoon for Winston-Salem to spend a week or ten days visiting relatives.

Prof. J. M. Cheek, assistant principal of the Liberty-Piedmont Institute at Wallburg, was in the city Monday in the interest of his school.

Mrs. J. R. McCrary and little daughter, Christine, who have been spending several weeks at Patrick Springs, Va., returned to the city last week.

Mrs. J. W. Cronk, a sister of Mrs. L. J. Peacock, and Mrs. J. V. Herbert, a niece, of Shreveport, La., are here for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Peacock.

Mr. S. D. McMillan, livery man and telegraph operator, near-sheriff in the last election, announces the arrival at his home of a boy that weighs 18¾ pounds.

Mr. John J. Hedrick has accepted a position with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and has been stationed at Savannah, Ga., where he will work the city trade.

Mr. Roby Thomas, of Spencer, was in the county this week visiting relatives and friends. His big gray horse, valued at $400, attracted a great deal of attention on the streets.

Mrs. A. L. Couch and little daughter, accompanied by Miss Ethel Edgerton, who has been here for a week, went to Guilford College Monday to spend a week with relatives.

Miss Sadie Miller, whose serious illness was announced in The Dispatch last week, is improving rapidly and there is every reason to believe that she will have a speedy recovery.

Miss Addie Judd will leave Monday for Richmond, Va., to spend a few days. She will be joined by her sister and Miss Lillie Yarboro, who will go with her to New York to study millinery.

Mr. L. D. Cox, of Birmingham, Ala., spent last week here visiting the family of Mr. A. L. Clodfelter. Mrs. C. E. Sensenson, who has been here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. A. L. Clodfelter, returned to her home at Spartanburg, S. C., last week.

There arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shaw last week a very fine boy. Both mother and child are doing well. Mr. Shaw says that it will be but a short while until Shaw, Jr., will be able to operate the moving picture machine at the Star.

Mr. J. B. Smith, the druggist, has returned from Jackson Hill, where he had been the guest of Mr. W. A. Reid for several days. Mr. Smith says that his aunt, Mrs. Alfred Smith, was bitten on the hand last week by a copperhead snake. She was very ill for a day or two, but has recovered. Mrs. Smith is a very unusual old lady. She is 87 years old and is "as spry as a cricket."

Rev. Joseph T. Watts, secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Baptist State Convention of Virginia, formerly pastor of the First Baptist church, of this city, spent a day here last week enroute to Bluemont, for a short vacation. He will return to the city Friday and will remain here for several days. He will be the guest of Prof. and Mrs. P. S. Vann. Mr. Watts is one of the most popular ministers this city has ever known and he has many friends here.

Mr. Kerney E. Surratt returned Sunday from Jackson Springs, where he had been spending a few days for his health. He reports that this famous resort is having the best season in its history. The hotel is full of people and every cottage is crowded with health and pleasure seekers. Since the building of the fine sand clay roads in that part of Moore county, Jackson Springs has become a favorite place for touring parties and on Sunday two weeks ago, there were 75 automobiles at Jackson Springs.

Mr. J. F. Leonard, of Ebenezer, was in the city Saturday. He told The Dispatch man of the burning of a tobacco barn belonging to his father, Mr. P. J. Leonard, Friday morning. The barn was full of tobacco which they had just finished curing. The fires were all killed Thursday afternoon and it was thought that everything had been left in good shape. The fire was discovered at about four o'clock Friday morning and was beyond control. The loss is estimated at about $125. There was no insurance.

Hearing for Cotton Mill Men.

Washington dispatch, 5th: Senator Simmons finally won his point before the finance committee today when he had the committee grant the cotton manufacturers of the south a hearing on the Underwood cotton bill before that measure is reported out of the committee back to the senate.

Senator Simmons spoke for nearly an hour and at the conclusion of his remarks it was announced that the manufacturers would be heard next week, the hearings to commence Monday and last until Wednesday afternoon.

It is said that a number of North Carolina mill men will be here Tuesday.

WINSTON LEADS STATE.

Twin City Is Greatest Manufacturing Center—Interesting Facts and Figures.

In accordance with its policy of keeping as closely in touch as possible with facts relative to the progress of North Carolina in order that inquiries to his department may be answered promptly and accurately, Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman has gleaned from the latest census returns of the government statistics as to North Carolina progress that are most creditable and interesting.

He finds that Charlotte leads in the number of manufacturing enterprises, having 108, and being followed by Wilmington with 64; Greensboro 61; Raleigh 55; Asheville 55; Winston 52.

In general growth Raleigh leads with a percentage of 120 2-3; Charlotte is second with 85 per cent; Asheville 63 2-3; Winston 41 per cent; Greensboro 22 per cent; Wilmington 16 per cent.

In the value of finished products Winston leads with $16,778,000; Charlotte shows $10,460,000; Asheville $3,250,000; Wilmington $3,005,000; Raleigh $2,376,000 and Greensboro $2,032,000.

In the percentage of increase in volume of products manufactured Raleigh leads with 119 per cent, Charlotte 116 per cent; Asheville 69 per cent; Winston 48 per cent; Greensboro 17 per cent and Wilmington 3 per cent.

In capital invested Winston leads with $12,856,000; Charlotte, $9,451,000; Asheville, $2,827,000; Raleigh $2,027,000; Wilmington, $2,022,000 and Greensboro $1,097,000.

A Fatal Flogging.

From Aiken, S. C., comes the following tragic story:

Because her parents could not break off the engagement between a daughter of A. L. Holstein and Columbus Spradley, five men, A. L., R. H., Sidney and T. C. Holstein and Robert Cockrell are now in Aiken county jail, Mrs. Ben Stradley is dead from nervous fright, Ben Stradley is not expected to recover from the effects of a merciless flogging and Columbus Spradley is missing.

Both families are fairly well to do and are prominent in that section of the county where the flogging occurred.

When the parents of the young woman found that they could not break up the love match, members of the Holstein family went to the Spradley home near Monetta Wednesday night and calling Columbus Spradley from the house took him to a nearby field and flogged him unmercifully, telling him meanwhile that he would have to leave the community. Ben Spradley followed the Holsteins and Cockrell to the field when he attempted to interfere and was treated similarly, being so severely flogged that he is still in an unconscious condition and physicians believe has little chance of recovery.

Mrs. Spradley was the mother of a five weeks old baby and in her weakened condition, hearing the screams of the flogged man, and probably seeing the flogging going on—succumbed to nervous fright. She was found dead yesterday in the Spradley home.

Shooting Follows Horse Trade.

The Winston Sentinel Friday told of a disastrous horse trade in Yadkin county:

A negro named Joe Sawyer was shot in the leg Thursday morning near East Bend, Yadkin county, and a mulatto named Glenn Boyden was arrested on the charge of firing the shot.

It appears that Boyden and Sawyer traded horses several days ago, the former paying the latter five dollars "to boot." Dissatisfaction arose and the deal was declared off, but Sawyer refused to return the cash bonus. Boyden then brought suit to get his money, but the magistrate decided against Glenn and taxed him with the costs.

Sawyer alleges that he was out in the field ploughing when somebody shot him from ambush. He says that he followed Boyden until his wounded limb gave out.

Boyden was arrested at his home and was to have been given a hearing today.

Wild Man In Bertie.

Atlanta, Ga., dispatch: Word came to Atlanta, via the north Georgia mountains of a strange man named John Castellow who has grown to be 61 years of age, hale, hearty and happy without ever wearing a stitch of clothing and without ever using a single word but the monosyllable, "Gee."

Says a traveller from Young Harris, describing the marvellous person:

"He lives four miles east of Windsor, in Bertie county, N. C., and his health is perfect, not having missed a meal in fifty years. When I visited him he was entirely nude. He is the strongest man I ever saw. His body is normal and well shaped, but his strength is prodigious. He can break doubled plow line as easily as if it were a cotton cord. He is gentle and has never been known to hurt a living soul intentionally. He cannot speak a word except the one monosyllable, "Gee," with which he expresses all his desires and emotions."

Drought Reminiscences.

The seriousness of the present drought has caused the recalling of the summer of 1845 by the older inhabitants, and many facts of that period are interesting to the present generation. In that memorable year Back creek, in Rowan county, run dry. Mrs. D. C. West, who is now more than 80 years of age, tells her son-in-law, Mr. Spruce Hart, that during that summer the crops were a total failure, and that farmers had to go to the Brushy mountains for corn with which to feed their cattle and stock. Mr. Hart's father kept the stage house near Back Creek, and was under contract to feed the stage horses that were operated on the line from Salisbury to Lincolnton. He was among the number forced to go to the more favored sections for feed stuff for the coach horses. Back creek is dry again this year for the first time since 1845. The head waters of Forky river, known as the Brandy branch, several miles east of town, is entirely dry except early in the morning.—Salisbury Post.

A FISHING TRIP.

Mr. Varner Tells of First and Only Vacation—Fine Fishing Around Morehead.

I have never been very strong on sports or vacations, for the good and sufficient reason that I have always been busy fighting the battles of life for a living. Yet, from my youth up, I have had a weakness for wanting to go a-fishing and I thought I had been several times, but to tell the truth, which is considered a rare thing in a fish story, I really didn't know the first letters in fishing until last week.

My good friend, Mr. William Dunn, of New Bern, who is a great fisherman for sport's sake, and who owns a fine $7,500 yacht, "The Spartan," very kindly invited me, in company with Col. R. M. Phillips, of the Greensboro Daily News, Capt. Peter B. Beard, of Salisbury, Dr. B. F. Huske, Rector of Christ's Episcopal Church, New Bern, Mr. George A. Nicoll, of New Bern, to take a fishing trip with them, with Capt. Sam Morgan, engineer in charge and Shadrack Fenner, colored, cook and steward. We boarded "The Spartan" at New Bern Monday morning at ten o'clock and sailed down the Neuse River via Oriental, and down the Inland Water Way, a distance of 65 miles, anchoring about twelve miles from Morehead City, entirely outside of civilization. I never had as good a time in my life and I have traveled practically all over the United States and Canada and thought that I was fishing in various sections of the country. I caught more fish and bigger fish than I had ever caught before or ever had any idea of catching.

I intended to write at some length on this, practically the only vacation of my life, but as Col. Phillips, the entertaining and versatile editor of the Greensboro Daily News has written at some length in his Sunday paper and I will let him tell it. While he rubs it into me considerably, a good natured fellow always expects a thing of that kind. The Daily News article of last Sunday in part is as follows:

We reached the pier at Morehead City at 4:20 Monday afternoon, where we secured a bucket of shrimps and the launch Bessie, belonging to Engineer Sam Morgan of the Spartan. We then crossed the sound and anchored off Shackelford banks for the night. The sun was low, but some of us were eager for a try at trolling. Boarding the Bessie we rounded the point into the rough water of the inlet shoals. In a few minutes we had five fine blues, and returned to the Spartan where they were quickly prepared for supper. Those on the Spartan had, in the meantime, hooked a flounder and some pigfish. We were at a point where the tide current runs strong and during the night our anchor dragged some 50 feet. Mr. Beard declares the dragging of the anchor was due to the loud snoring of the president of the central highway who was occupying the cabin with him. Some very good evidence was procured to sustain the position held by Mr. Beard, who is a trustee of the central highway.

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Tuesday morning dawned auspiciously, and at 5 o'clock the Spartan weighed anchor and was headed for the open ocean. It was calm and there was no ugly disturbance on the bar. Gliding smoothly out we passed the bell buoy and then headed straight for Cape Lookout 12 miles distant. At 6:30 we anchored in what is known as the "hook of the cape," a perfectly calm and secure land-locked harbor, with the roar of the white caps in hearing distance just over the sandbar that extends out from the lighthouse. This sandbar is "made land," and it has been made since the lighthouse was built. It extends some three miles out on diamond shoals. Some 30 or more fishermen have rude shanties on the extension around the "hook." Fishing is their business, and they raise hogs as a means of profitably disposing of unsalable fish, many of which are caught in the nets. Pork thus raised cannot be eaten. Pig is good and fish is good, but a blend of the two flavors is described as simply awful. The way it works is this: The stock hogs roam the beach and eat the fish. The offspring are carried out and sold at from eight to ten weeks old, and by the time they live like ordinary hogs until large enough and old enough to pork the fish blend is all gone and nothing is left but plain hog. That is what they tell me.

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I have not reached the fishing story yet. What I have said is merely incidental to it. I may have to cut it short, but I hope the patience of the reader and the space in the paper will at least allow me to count the fish we caught. They were many. Col. Varner caught at least a dozen more than he wanted. I can produce absolute proof of that statement.

The launch Bessie would permit four of us to troll at the same time. Leaving the Spartan at anchor we made the first trip for Spanish mackerel. The party was Messrs. Varner, Huske, Nicoll and myself. Details here are impossible, if they were not too tedious. The mackerel were hungry and they struck viciously. In less than two hours we had filled our fish box with 126 mackerel and had two large searoes, or king mackerel, and a four-foot long green gar lying in the boat. Total, 129.

Late in the afternoon another trip was made by other members of the party, who returned in a short time with 19. Total for the day's fishing, 148. Several pig fish, croakers, black fish and flounders were caught with hand lines from the deck of the Spartan.

Wednesday morning a three-hour trolling trip netted 119 mackerel and blue fish, including two more king mackerel. The afternoon party brought in 27—a total of 146 for the day, with several more caught by hand lines from the Spartan. The trolling for the two days reached the handsome total of 294. About 25 fish were caught by hand lines at Shackelford banks and at least 30 more in the "hook." Actual count 294, estimated 55, which is conservative, we had the grand total of 349. The residue, after "Shade" was through feeding us, was

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