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THE BLUE LAWS FIZZLED OUT.

ern—A Battalion of Citizens Called Before Them.

Called Before Them.

At a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen in the grand jury room last Tuesday night the matter of enacting a Sunday closing law came up. Rev. J. T. Jenkins, having been granted the privilege of the floor, made a speech advocating an ordinance forbidding the sale of any merchandise of any kind whatsoever, with the exception of food, drugs and funeral supplies, from midnight Bautrday night to midnight Sunday night. Mr. Jenkins endeavored to impress upon the board that he came before them, not as a preacher, nor as the representative of the minister's association, but as a private citizen of the town of Lexington. He reparked, however, that the preachers had felt that there the board that he came before them, not as a prescher, nor as the representative of the minister's association of the supposed trio came to constitute of the minister's association of the supposed trio came to the strongest properties of the supposed trio came to constitute of the minister's association of the supposed trio came to constitute of the minister's association of the supposed trio came to constitute of the minister's association of the supposed trio came to constitute o

eration, and to try to arouse senti-ment against anything that even looked toward Sabbath-desecration.

Alderman Hedrick then introduced an ordinance, the substance of which is stated above, and moved the suis stated above, and moved the suspension of the rules and its passage. He took his seat, and the silence of the tomb settled over the assemblage; someone snickered, and finally Alderman Varner suggested that somebody second the motion is man Varner suggested that somebody second the motion in order to bring it before the Board for discussion. But the Fathers seemed to feel an unwonted delicacy about raising their voices, and after another interval of voices, and after another interval of painful silence. Mayor Moyer, with the remark that he "guessed the ordinance had died a-borning" ruled that there was nothing before the house and called for other business.

Mr. P. V. Critcher appeared before the board in behalf of Mr. Picker and

was referred to the street committee. Chief Davis' mild request for an adonal night policemen dropped a bb in the camp, for it started a discussion of that chronically tender subject, the city's finances. One thing led to another until it wound up by the cierk's being instructed to request Mesars. W. E. Holt, Baxter Shemwell. E. J. Buchanan, June Michael and the school board to appear before the board of aldermen at their next meet-ing to explain points of difference. The Chief's request was lost in the

reception on account of the startling discovery that the town has been paying interest on the school's bond-ed indebtedness to the tune of \$550 a lights and water free of cost. Of There is a little fellow living in Lex-course, in the end the school and the town are all one, but the town board has troubles enough of its own, with-

crossing came up. After a lengthy discussion and the rejection of several tentative plans, Alderman Harbin introduced an ordinance which provided that the trains of the Southern Railway, on and after December 15th, ed that the trains of the Southern Raliway, on and after December 15th, shall pass that crossing only in the form and manner following: After the train has been brought to a full stop, the flagman shall run shead and look up and down the road to see if anyone is approaching the track; if not, he will signal the engineer, who then may set his train in motion and pass on. The omission of any part of the programme will be punished with a fine of \$50 for each and every offence; provided, that the railroad shall not be bound by the ordinance if they build a bridge at the crossing, or station a flagman there to warn drivers of the approach of trains.

A large bunch of bills was presented and passed and the Board adjourned.

The Salesmen's Convention.

Handsome engraved invitation we been issued by the Lexingtourniture Manufacturers to their find learner's Convention and banquibe beld here November 19th as the The program is as follows:

NESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH.

He Stuck Hotel March for \$50. A trio of crooks have been going the rounds recently buncoing the hotels of the state. Hotel March got stuck for \$50 and the merry grafter went on his way rejoicing. He made his next good haul at Concord and his work there is described by the Tribura as follows:

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The police in North and South Car-olina, Virginia and numerous cities throughout the south are seeking clues to the identity of what they be-lieve to be a trio of forgers, who have operated in the above named territory with Louisville, Ky., as their head-quarters, their method being forged checks drawn on a bank in Louisville in the name of the Kentucky Electric Company

dorsed. He left the city and so far no trace of him has been found. The check was returned in a few days with several dollars protest fees on it. It has since developed that he "stuck" the Central Hotel in Charlotte for \$75,

In the November term of superior court, for the trial of civil suits, the following cases were tried and de-Brown Mfg. Co. vs. D. L. Everhart

A. C. Burgess, admr. vs. North Car-olina Railway Co., verdict for defen-dant. Tesh, Admr., vs. C. G. Berrier, et al. udgment for P. L. Brinkley and oth-

Ludiow vs. The Town of Lexington. continued on account of sickness of leading counsel for plaintiff. In re will of H. R. Berrier, judg-

ment austaining will. Hanes vs. Crump, Judgment for plaintiff. Bank of Davidson vs. Noell, judg-

nent for defendant.

Jordan vs. Jordan, judgment for Harmon vs. Ferguson Contracting

the chief's request was lost in the chief's request was lost in the chief's reduced were invited to the & Western Junction Planing Mill Co.,

Lexington's Youthful Cartoonist. Thomasville Davidsonlan, says: troubles enough of its own, with-borrowing any from the school of age but he takes his place in this place just the same. Those of you who read the Charlotte papers have doubless seen and read the Y. & B. advertisements. Well, whether you have seen them or not, this is the con-uced an ordinance which provid-Millan, of Lexington, drew a cartoon which made him famous. His work was given more than column space in the Charlotte Chronicle of November 8. Douthey is the son of Mr. S. D. McMillan, democratic nominee for

> Brogram for Teachers' Meeting. The following is the program for the Meeting of the Teachers' Asso-ciation for Saturday Dec. 9, in the

What can we do to make our-better teachers?—L. A. New-

2. How can we interest the pa-trons of our district for local tax?-

a. How to get the pupils to attend regularly—Miss Margie Yarbrough.
4. How to gain and hold the confidence of the pupils—L. U. Weston.
5. Should there be Biblical study in our school course?—J. Carl Sink.
6. The Importance of keeping the school room clean—Miss Flora Regular.

taught in our public schools?—R. H. Blesiecker.

The teachers named will open the discussion with a short talk or theme on the subject assigned and the other teachers will be expected to take part in the discussion. All teachers are expected to be present.

I will be in Raleigh all next week, after Tuesday noon, attending the meeting of the Superintendents and Teachers of the State.

P. S. VANN.

SAMUEL BOTHBOCK LEADS.

Contest With Yield of 61%

ile. Lexington Hardware Company. Harvey M. Hedrick, 22 48-56 bushels, \$2.50 rocker, offered by the Queen

Yields this year were cut short by furthe drought and it is no fault of the boys drop. that the record made is not a better one. Thurman Hedrick, who led the one. Thurman Hedrick, who led the lege and vicinity. Madame Rumor is county last year with a yield of 85% on the job and working over time and bushels. dropped to sixth place, with there are those who "have their susa yield of less than half of that of picions." The names of certain parlast year. He cultivated five acres the are even being called in some this year on which he made 210 bushels of corn, an average of 42 bushels course, and something may come from the acre. His prize acre was pick-

ONE BOY'S ACCOUNT OF HIS WORK The following is the record of Numa A. Leonard, whose good yield is noted above. The account is in his own words and told in his own way. He

says:
"My father cultivated the acre on which I made my corn before this year, plowing it about 10-in. deep, the acre. It was a good piece of land, had been well cultivated, and has been covered with stable manure before.

day of Jan. and broke it with two horses and sub-solled it with two, an average of 14-in. deep. I then broad-cast the acre with 4 two horse loads of stable manure and harrowed it breaking up all the lumps with a cut-4-ft. wide with a single plow, and sub-soiled it then I put 156 pounds of 8-3-3 Guano in the furrow. I planted the corn on May 2nd and used South-ern Prolific seed. I thinned the corn out with my hands, leaving the stalks 18-in, apart in the drill. On May 10th 18-in. apart in the drill. On May 10th I ran the weeder over it, May 18th I ran the weeder over it again and on June 2nd I ran the weeder over it again, May 29th I plowed it with a cuftivator. June 12th I plowed it again, June 17th I plowed it again, June 17th I plowed it again, July 4th I put 125 pounds of Nitrate of Soda on it. My corn stalks averaged two ears to the stalk. I saved 17 aged two ears to the stalk, I saved 175 bundles of tops and got 2520 pounds of corn. averaging or allowing \$5.00 for rent of land, and ten cents per hour for my time and 5c. for horse and \$2.00 per load for stable manure and adding what 8-3-3 and Nitrate of Soda cost me, the entire cost was 40c. per bu. Home corn is worth \$1.00 per bu. Home corn is worth \$1.00 per bu. Leave cleared \$21.50 on my acre. And counting tops \$1.00 per 100. I would have cleared \$22.80 net.

That interest is growing corn is not confined to white boys was shown by the reports of John F. and Roby Payne, two colored boys, who made report. Their reports were not made out in the form prescribed by the rules of the corn contest and were not sworn to, and therefore were not considered. The showing these boys made, however, is a good one. John F. Payne made \$2½ bushels on his acre and Roby made \$5 bushels and \$35 pounds. Baxter McRary and some of the county, should see to it that the colored boys of the county get in the game next year. COLORED BOYS' REPORT.

WAS IT MURDER!

He Wins Davidson County Boys' Corn Officers Unable to Ferret Out the Hundreds of Delegates in Richmond Mystery—The Case is Arousing Much Interest.

The Davidson county boys' corn contest for 1911 is over. The winning yield was sixty one (61%) and three fourths bushels and it was made by a brightfaced youngater named Samuel Rothrock. Riley Hege was second with a yield of fifty eight bushels and two pounds. Hollis Miller was third with fifty-five bushels. The following is a list of those reporting, their yields and the prizes awarded:

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Late Machine College is much interested in the mysterious death of an unknown infant and the case is attracting annual meeting of the American Association for Highway Improvement. This association is the greatest organization of its kind in the world and is backed by the leading citizens of America.

A disappointment of the first day of the convention was the inability of President Taft to make the opening address, as announced, on account of not the slightest cine to the mystery and it is one that promises to remain fined to his room. The president telegraphed his regrets, saying:

"I am in sympathy with the movement, which is gaining strength in ment, which is gaining strength in ment, which is gaining strength in

of the dogs. Coroner Peacock went to the scene Chair Company, Thomasville, N. C.
Emery Walser, 17½ bushels, 25
pound bag of sugar, Tussey & Koonts.
Roy Snider, 13½ bushels, \$1 cash.
Roy Snider, 13½ bushels, \$1 cash. Z. I. Walser, lawyer.
YIELDS CUT SHORT BY DROUGHT,
Yields this year were cut short by further and will not let the matter

Speculation is rife in Yadkin Colquarters, quite confidentially of course, and something may come from the rumors and the talk. Sheriff De-lap is not hoping to convict some uned from this piece of corn.

Considering the season the yield of the winner is as remarkable as that of the winner last year. All of the boys were hopeful and full of courage and promise to come again next the rumors and the tata. Sherin the rumors and the tata.



MR. JAMES A. MYERS.

The Confederate veteran who rais ed 107 bushels of corn on one acre with 60 cents worth of fertilizer, winning second prize in the corn con-test. The story of Mr. Myers' achievement will be found on page 3,

Chicle Company Indicted

The American Chicle Co. was in dicted on ten counts in New Orleans interstate commerce act through false valuations placed on shipments of gum, by which the company got i cern is the manufacturer of Chicklets the candy-covered chewing gum on which Mr. Frank H. Fleer, of David-son county, made his fortune. We understand, however, that Mr. Fleer sold out his interest some time ago.

Printing More Money: Small Denom ination Bills.

Rush orders have been given the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, says a dispatch from Washington. It will put on an extra force and add an

will put on an extra force and add an hour to the working day in order to fill a pressing demands on the treasury for notes of small denominations. The demand is for \$1, \$2 and \$5 notes. Increase in population and in business, the demand for sanitary notes, the approach of the holidays and other reasons are given for the abortage of small notes in the country.

Even this may not fill the

ROAD MEETING REGINS.

-President Taft Falls to Make

Railway; Representative Lamb, of Virginia; J. Hampton Moore, of Pennylvania, and others.

Interest in the congress is intense especially among the delegates from the southern states which sent large

Governor Mann pledged Virginia to policy of highway development and announced he would send a special message to the legislature. He favored convict labor and declared it the colution of the road-building prob-

Quite unexpectedly the question of ederal aid for road-building came to the front in the first day's session. Congressman J. Hampton Moore, of Pennsylvania, opposed it but half a lozen other members of congress

Senators Martin and Swanson and Senator Bankhead of Alabama tacity pledged themselves to ask the coming congress to pass a national highway bill carrying an appropriation of at least \$50,000,000.

Senator Martin declared that if the ulary those of the southern states could be improved in no other way, ie would vote to cut down the annual appropriations for the improvement rivers and harbors or favor reducing the appropriations for the army would favor having the federal treasury issue bonds at the rate of \$50, 00,000 a year for good roads work and let posterity pay for the improve

nt Tait u ention the subject in his message ittee of which T. Coleman Dupont

named members.

The declared intention of the congress is for a good roads improve-ment movement, wholly within the took the delegates by surprise, though many seemed to favor it, Senator Swanson declared that the American people, particularly those of the south, were paying a mud tax of \$250,000,000 a year because of the increased cost of living, which he de-clared could be traced directly to poor roads and the resultant difficulty in getting food to market.

Closing Up Business of A. T. Co. The directors of the American Tobacco company adopted resolutions providing for the closing of the transfer books for both the preferred and common stocks on December 1. A special meeting of the stockholders was called for December 26 to act up-on an amendment to the charter to give the preferred stockholders the give the preferred stockholders the right to vote as provided for in the

lisintegration plan.
The transfer books for the prefer The transfer books for the preferred stocks are to remain closed until January 3 for the payment of the regular quarterly dividend January 2. The common stock books will remain closed from December 1 until March 14 for the purpose of the regular annual meeting of the stockholders on March 13, as well as for the special meeting December 28.

Five Stills Destroyed.

The most successful revenue raids ever pulled off in the eastern part of the state in a single week were re-ported at Refielgh Saturday by Deputy Collector K. W. Merritt, Deputy Mar-shal J. B. Jordan and Posseman S. W. Knight, who raided from Franklin to Durham counties since Tuesday. In addition to destroying five stills, they arrested three negroes and destroyed many gallons of liquor. An 80-gallon still was destroyed near Louisburg Tuesday, together with a quantity of liquor and a lot of beer; a 75 gallon still was destroyed Wednesday three miles from University Station, and two negroes, Charles and Alex Mc-Dougald, were placed in Durham jail; a 90 gallon still, the largest of all was captured near Bahama, Durham county, and a 35-gallon still was found near the larger one; a large still was destroyed Friday three miles from Chapel Hill, 50 gallons of liquor was

This would seem to indicate that not all of the blockading now going on in North Carolina is confined to people would have it. There is, at present, more illicit distilling going on in the eastern part of the state than in any other section, and it is good that some of it is being stopped.

The program included ad- 58 Indictments for Murder in Robeson.

Judge Frank Carter, who held Robeson county court last week, found that in the past five years, fifty-eight indictments for murder in Robeson had been returned by the grand jury. Speaking on the grand jury's report, he said as quoted in the Robe-sonian, this condition is attributable to the failure of juries to do their du-ty and convict persons charged with murder in a proper cause. He urged that in the trial of capital felonies it was the duty of the jury to take a common sense view of the evidence and that if they were morally satisfied from the evidence of the guilt of the prisoner they should not hesitate to convict, leaving the question of the punishment with the court.

The sixth week of the McNamara trial at Los Angeles, Cal., came to an end last Saturday, with only five ju-rors agreed on. The union men of rors agreed on. The union men o perately, for they know that if the McNamaras are convicted it will deal a staggering blow to organized labor in this country. At the recent meeting of the American Federation of Labor at Atlanta, a resolution was introduced to appropriate \$50,009 of the federation's funds to the defense. The resolution was finally killed by the desperate efforts of the leaders, who realized that such action would look to the country like the federation was trying to clear the men whether they and navy to permit a good roads appropriation. If this plan were not by the way, that a large number of feasible, Senator Martin declared, he people have come to anyhow.

Farmer Killed in Peculiar Accident. A horrible tragedy in which Mr. James Irvin, one of the leading far-Monday near Hollis. From the best information we could get over the telephone yesterday, Mr. Irvin was in of Wilmington, Del.; Jesse Taylor the woods hauling pine needles for president of the Ohio Good Roads his stables. He was driving two federation, and Leonard Tufts of Pinehurst, N. C., president of the When one of the wagon hubs caught Capital Highways Association, were against a small sapling. He got down to work the wheel by when the mules tree, tearing off an ear and crushing The boom for federal aid he managed to scramble on the wagon road, took him home in an unconscious

> Fell in Fire Place and Burned Death.

> sciousness to tell the story .- Cleve-

While alone at her home in Diamon Hill, in Burnsville township, Monday afternoon, Mrs. W. L. Winfield fell in-to the fireplace and was so badly burned that she died early yesterday morning from injuries received. has been subject to these spells for a number of years and the family was not in the habit of leaving her alone. As soon as she was found Dr. Boyce, of Polkton, was called and did every-thing possible to save her life. He had decided to carry her to a hospital at Charlotte Tuesday, but death came -Wadesboro Ansonian.

Murders in Moore and Lee Counties The Moore County News says fellow beings in that county unwhip-ped of justice, and that within the last few months there have been four last few months there have been four murders in the county, or one a month. Four people have been murdered in Lee county, of which their slayers are unwhipped of justice. The first of these murders was committed some two years ago. One of these prisoners is now in just awaiting the next term of court. The other three are still at large.—Sanford Express.

As the result of the arrest at Wilmington a few days ago of Barne Lehr, a white man, on a charge of

IN AND ABOUT LEXINGTON.

People-Small Items of In-

Mrs. Lee Phillips spent Tuesday in

Mr. T. H. Spencer, who has been ill for some time, is improving.

Mr. Merritt Peacock went to Ral-Mrs. H. L. Propst, and Miss Kath-erine Propst spent Monday in Char-

Miss Carrie Beall, of Linwood, spent Friday with Miss Gertrude Hamner.

Mrs. Kemp Alexander, of Asheboro, was the guest of Mrs. J. F. Deaderick last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis E. Mendenhall, poured out, together with a quantity of High Point, of beer, and Tom Hayes, a negro, was ington Sunday. of High Point, were visitors to Lex-

Mr. H. F. Williams, an aged con-federate soldier, of Yadkin College, attended court last week. Mr. Paul Barnhardt went to Salis-

bury yesterday to attend the aviation meet and visit home folks. Mr. J. G. Walser left Monday night for Florida, accompanied by his son. Joe., Jr., to spend several weeks.

County Superintendent of Schools. P. S. Vann, motored over to Salisbury with Mr. J. W. Lambeth Monday.

Deputy Sheriff Fred C. Sink left donday for the lower part of county on a tax-collecting expedition. Attorney Sapp, of Winston-Salem attended court here last week and visited at the home of Mr. J. A. Lindsay.

Mrs. J. D. Heilig, of Salisbury, spent a few days here last week as the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Men-Miss Maude Kindel went to Asheville yesterday to visit friends.

will not return to the city until after Mrs. C. W. Trice, Mrs. G. W. Mont-castle, Mrs. C. A. Hunt, Jr. Miss Mary Trice and Miss Camille Went to Charlotte Tuesday.

Mr. Robert L. Jordan and son, Robert J., spent last week in the city. Mr. Jordan is a Davidsonian who has made good in Winston-Salem.

His friends will regret to hear that the condition of Mr. J. B. Smith who has been ill for some time, is but lit-tle changed. Mr. Smith is suffering a good deal with neuralgia.

Miss Marietta Wright, Miss Bertie Brewer and Mrs. Mollie Enochs, and little daughter, Mildred, of Winston-Salem, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Eanes last week. The many friends of Mr. Jeff Smith. the painter, will be interested to know that he has quit the business of

spreading paint and has gone to At-lanta, Ga. to learn the barber's trade. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McCrary will go to Thomasville tomorrow to attend the reception to be given by Mr. and Mrs. John R. Myers in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Lambeth and Mr. and Mrs. Zed Griffith.

Mr. W. G. Penry, the merchant, who has been ill for some time, is so far recovered as to be able to resume his will be glad to learn that his health is improving rapidly.

Mr. F. M. Hunter, former proprietor of Hunter's Variety Store, left Monday for Winston-Salem to take a position with the White Star Grocery Company, the leading dealers in fancy groceries in the Twin City.

Rev. A. L. Stanford, former pastor of the First Methodist church, went to Winston-Salem yesterday to visit his brother. He will return to the city the last of the week and will go to Hendersonville next week to take up his work there. Hon. Cyrus B. Watson, of Winstor

Salem, was one of the most notable figures in the court room last week. Mr. Watson was on one side or the other of almost every case tried and seems to be as good a lawyer as he was twenty years ago.

Moravian Synod Meets.

The Moravian Synod of the South-ern Province, which meets tri-annualern Province, which meets tri-annually, held its sessions in Winston-Salem last week. Reports show a gain of 394 souls since the last Synod, and a gain in the Sunday schools of 766. The Synod went on record as advocating more decided church activity, and to this ond recommended the establishment of a Provincial Sunday school committee. More organisations in the