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LECTURING THROUGH DAVIDSON.

Better Farming Train Received With Enthusiasm—Its Journey as Far as Lexington.

Loaded with farming experts, cow specialists, orchard and fruit men and "bugologists," the Winston-Salem Southbound's Better Farming Train has passed through Davidson county, leaving behind it a newly-aroused interest in improved farming methods that cannot but result in great good to the county.

The train consists of five coaches, two and a half cars two exhibit cars and a combination sleeper and diner, operated by a picked crew of nine men, loaned by the Norfolk & Western for the occasion.

THE FARMER.

Mr. T. B. Parker, Director of the Farmers' Institutes in North Carolina, addressed the farmers on intensive farming, drawing his arguments from results actually obtained by the experiment stations.

THE BUG MAN.

Prof. Frank Sherman, of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, delivered a lecture on a few of the more common insects that afflict the farmers of this section.

THE ROADBUILDER.

One of the most forceful speakers on the train is Mr. D. H. Winslow, United States Superintendent of Road Construction. He is a practical highway engineer of wide experience.

Sheriff Captures Still and Places It in Jail.

The Madison Herald learns that Sheriff J. M. McCullum, of New Bethel, recently captured a large still in that township. There was no one present when the sheriff came upon the scene, but everything was in readiness for a big run.

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Teachers in Session.

The teachers of Davidson county held their regular monthly meeting in the courthouse Saturday. It was well attended and much good was accomplished.

The Davidson county teachers met in the courthouse last Saturday. It was by far, the largest attendance in many years. The court house was nearly full of teachers, and many committees and visitors were present.

The work now being done by our teachers is very satisfactory. Progress is the motto along all lines. Much progress has already been made and the good work continues.

Moral: Buy at Home.

No truer statement has ever been made than that distance lends enchantment to the view. A practical illustration of this is noted by the Wilmington Star:

"A Wilmington lady bought a buffet in New York, paid the freight on it, footed the bill for the drayage and had to go to the expense of having it uncrated and put up. She found out that it was manufactured at High Point, North Carolina, and some just like it were on sale in Wilmington at less price than she paid in New York.

Hydrogen Explosion Gets Three.

Three workmen in the producer gas plant of the Charlotte Power Company were overcome with an accidental overcharge of superheated hydrogen in that city Friday afternoon, one meeting death instantly and two others receiving injuries which will perhaps cause their death.

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DAVIDSON MAN WINS.

P. D. Finch Walks Off With \$100 Prize at Southern Corn Show, Atlanta, Ga.

Davidson county scored again last week when Mr. P. D. Finch, champion corn grower of Davidson county, was crowned champion of North Carolina at the Southern Corn Show, Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Finch's victory will do Davidson county a great deal of good in that it will bring to the attention of the people of North Carolina and of the south her matchless advantages.

Mr. Finch is a young farmer, close to 30 years of age, and he will bring other honors to his county in the years that are to come.

The Seaboard Medical Association, which met at Newport, News last week, has selected Newbern as its next meeting place.

A North Carolina doctor, N. M. Gibbs, of Newbern, was elected president.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

All of Davidson County Cases Have Been Decided—One New Trial Is Ordered.

The supreme court of North Carolina has handed down decisions in practically all of the cases that were carried up from Davidson county. The following disposition was made of the cases:

Earhardt vs. Town of Lexington, affirmed. It will be remembered that Miss Nell Earhardt sued the city for damages to her property resulting from the laying of the new sidewalks on Main street.

Curry vs. Flier, affirmed: Charles Curry, now a member of the police force of Thomasville, sued Mr. F. H. Flier for damages received when his team took right at Mr. Flier's automobile and ran away.

Sexton vs. Insurance Company, new trial. This case will take its place on the docket and will be threshed out again.

Lookabill vs. Southern Railway Co., affirmed. In this case the plaintiff was suing for the wrongful death of Charles F. Lookabill, who was thrown from a train between Lexington and

IN AND ABOUT LEXINGTON.

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

Mrs. C. M. Clodfelter spent Friday evening in Salisbury.

Mrs. J. R. Bailey, of Tuckertown, spent Monday in the city.

Mr. W. A. Warner, of Denton was here Monday on business.

Mr. Vernon Hepler, of Thomasville, was in the city the early part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Phillips spent Friday in Winston-Salem, visiting friends and shopping.

Mrs. W. O. Boger and Miss Kendall, have gone to Asheville to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Mr. T. E. McIntosh, general manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York for the state of North Carolina, was here last week.

Mr. Manly D. Curtis, of Ahoskie, N. C., spent Saturday and Sunday here as a guest of his uncle, Prof. P. S. Vann. While here he visited his

Maine Blown Up From Outside.

The navy department issued a brief statement last week containing the conclusive statement that the battleship Maine, which sank beneath the waters of Havana harbor in February, 1898, was blown up from the outside. The statement given out by the navy department is brief. Secretary Meyer does not believe it necessary to issue any extended explanation of the board's conclusions beyond the flat statement that an exterior explosion was responsible for the loss of the warship and the lives of many men.

The board finds that the injuries to the bottom of the Maine were caused by the explosion of a charge of low form of explosive exterior to the ship between frames 28 and 31, stake B, port side. This resulted in igniting and exploding the contents of the six inch reserve magazine, A-14-M said contents including a large quantity of black powder. The more or less complete explosion of the contents of the magazine resulted in the destruction of the vessel.

Secretary Meyer announces that there might be a further statement on the report of the board after it had been considered by the president. One member of the board was of the opinion that the report never would be published in full, but would be kept in the confidential archives of the navy department. The declaration that "a low form of explosive" was used in the outside explosion indicates a belief that a mine and not a dirigible torpedo was the instrument of destruction.

This only deepens the mystery of the destruction of the Maine. A mine, charged with sufficient gun powder to blow in the bottom of the ship and lay the electric connections necessary for its discharge would have required the services of a number of men.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

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

David Newkirk, a New Brunswick county negro, was struck by a street-car in Wilmington one day last week, and received injuries from which he died a few hours later.

Capt. Edward Carpenter, of the United States Coast Artillery, will arrive in Greensboro shortly, to give some special training to the company of artillery reserves located there.

Friday morning Mr. Jesse Grant an aged citizen of Newton was found dead in his wagon 13 miles from Newton, on the Claremont road. He was subject to heart disease and it is supposed he had an attack while on his way home.

Dock Bass and Emmett King, two white boys of Burlington, were convicted in federal court at Greensboro Friday of stealing a mail bag in their home town in September. The case occupied the greater part of the day. They will sojourn in Atlanta federal prison many years.

Another illicit distillery in Henderson county has been located and destroyed. The still was destroyed by Deputy Collector A. S. Gowers and Special Employee J. L. Sams. It was located seven miles from Tuxedo and when the officers arrived was fired up and running full blast. The moonshiners had evidently been warned as no captures were made.

The Piedmont Wagon Manufacturing Co. of Hickory, has been purchased by a company, whose principal business is the manufacture of motor-trucks, and it is being predicted that before long motor-trucks will be made at Hickory. The hustling Chamber of Commerce of that town is investigating the prospects for getting such a manufactory now, and if it is within the bounds of possibility, they mean to have it.

George, emperor of India, landed on the soil of that particular part of his dominions last week, for the first time since he ascended the throne as king of Great Britain and Ireland and emperor of India. The occasion of the trip of the king-emperor and the queen-empress is the durbar where their majesties will review the troops of their Indian army, and incidentally, be officially received as the sovereigns of India.

There is unusual interest throughout the state in the Wake county fight over the office of county superintendent of health since it develops that the ruling of Judge Peebles against Dr. J. J. McCullers in his claim to the office brings into question the constitutionality of the creation of every county board of health in the state and through the fact that the county superintendents of health are elected by the county boards of health right to the office through such election is questioned.

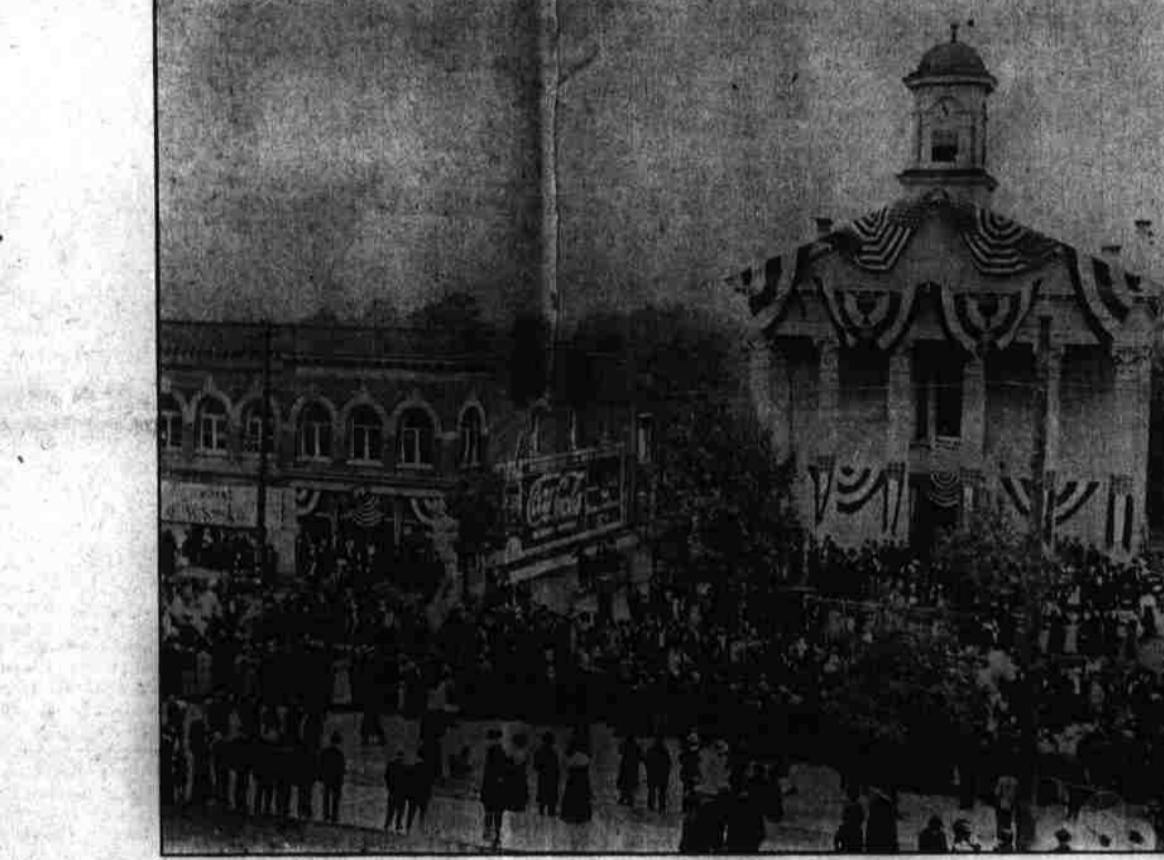
Register of Deeds W. H. Rankin of Guilford county, has forwarded to the state treasurer a check for \$688, its proportionate part of the receipts from marriage licenses granted in Guilford during the fiscal year December to December. During the year there were 688 licenses granted for marriage in this county, the county getting \$2 and the state \$1. Before the county placed its officers on the salary basis the \$3 fee was split three ways, the register of deeds faring alike with county and state.

Last week there was read before the congress of the United States a most pitiful plea from the threatened kingdom of Persia. Some time since, Russia sent an ultimatum to the Shah, demanding the instant dismissal of Mr. Shuster, the American treasurer-general of Persia, among other things. Persia ignored the message, and as a result, Cossacks are now marching on Teheran, the capital. The message sent to congress implores our sympathy and aid in averting what seems to be a death-blow to Persian independence.

Willis Young, a negro of an unenviable reputation, was in the recorder's court at Laurinburg Thursday as a witness in his remarks to the court and was told to be quiet or he would be fined for contempt. He continued to talk and walked out. The recorder sent for him by the constable. He refused to go, and advanced upon the constable, who fired on him, putting two balls in his legs. His wounds were dressed and he is now in jail waiting his trial for resisting an officer.

Deputy Collector J. E. Cameron and Deputy Marshal Sam Lilly Friday morning located and destroyed near Jacksonville, Onslow county one of the largest illicit distilleries ever found in eastern North Carolina. The plant was cut up and more than one thousand gallons of beer poured out on the ground. The still had a capacity of two hundred gallons and was in full operation, but the operators had got wind of the officers' visit and had made their escape. The still was located near a church at that place and the revenue men think it has been in operation for a number of years.

A verdict of \$400 for mental anguish, caused by the delay of a telegram announcing the illness of his mother, was awarded Friday in the Forsyth superior court to Robert Labberton son of H. H. Labberton. Young Labberton sued for \$2,000. He alleged that while a student at Chapel Hill his father sent him a telegram, announcing that his mother was very ill and that he should come home at once. The telegram was delayed in transmission and Young Labberton arrived home, in response to a long-distance telephone message, to learn that his mother had died before his arrival. The Western Union was the defendant.



A STREET SCENE IN LEXINGTON. From a Photo Taken on the First Day of the Davidson County Fair, November 8. Crowds Lined up at Speakers' Stand Waiting for Parade to Pass.

Another Tobacco Contest Coming.

It will be of interest to the tobacco farmers of Davidson county to learn that another tobacco contest is being planned for next year. It will be remembered that Davidson county was carried off the leading prize in the contest which was decided recently and that Davidson farmers won easily at the Forsyth Fair in a number of classes.

At a called meeting of the Winston Tobacco Board of Trade held in the Board of Trade rooms this morning, at which meeting Col. F. H. Fries, president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, was present, the matter of having another contest tobacco sale for 1912 was discussed and was heartily endorsed by the Tobacco Board of Trade and the date for the sale was fixed for November 15th.

The Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. will again offer prizes for tobacco.

The great prize contest recently conducted by this progressive institution had a far-reaching effect in the tobacco culture of this county and section and the farmers throughout this section of the state will be pleased to learn that another contest will be held.

A committee was also appointed to cooperate with the Board of Trade committee and the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company in securing the establishment of an experimental farm in Forsyth county.

The board decided to adjourn sales on Thursday, December 21st, and to re-open on Tuesday, January 2nd.

A distressing accident occurred near Oak Ridge Friday afternoon and as a result Charles Simpson, a lad 11 years of age, will go through life a cripple. While his brother, a boy 17 years of age, will forever remember with sorrow that he was the cause. It seems that the Simpson brothers went rabbit hunting and were tramping through the woods with Charles in front and the older brother bringing up the rear toting the gun. In some manner the weapon was accidentally discharged and the bullet, dead of shot found lodged in the smaller boy's left leg just above the ankle. The bones of the leg were shattered and part of the flesh blown away.

Thomasville and Killed. The jury found in favor of the railroad and the higher court sustained the finding.

Lexington Grocery Company vs. Philadelphia Casualty Co., affirmed. In this action the local firm was suing the company for money due by contract under an insurance policy carried by the plaintiff. This casualty company is in the business of insuring accounts and refused to "come across" and cover certain losses sustained by the insured. The case was tried before Mr. John C. Bower, referee, who awarded the Lexington Grocery Company a verdict for \$3600. This was affirmed by the superior court and also by the supreme court. Gallimore vs. Grubb affirmed. This was a suit for the possession of certain lands in Boone township and to enforce a contract. The supreme court upheld the decision of the lower court.

Trollinger vs. Flier, affirmed. In this case Mr. F. H. Flier was sued by Mr. T. Trollinger for damages resulting from breach of contract. Mr. Trollinger was employed by Mr. Flier to superintend Mr. Flier's fine farm near Thomasville and moved his family there. He was dismissed summarily and the suit followed. The jury gave Trollinger a verdict for \$1174.50 and its verdict was affirmed by the higher court.

Beek vs. Armfield, appeal dismissed.

This case was dismissed as premature and will come up again later.

Back From Oklahoma for Good.

Mr. H. T. Sanders, who left Salisbury about two years ago for Oklahoma, locating at Ada in that state, arrived back in the city today. He has enough of the new state and says North Carolina beats it all to pieces, and he added that he is going to make his home in the future in his old state and perhaps here in Salisbury. He has just completed a course in optics and will probably open a business here. Mrs. Sanders returned to North Carolina more than a month ago.—Salisbury Post.

Mr. C. E. Volls, of High Rock, spent Sunday here with his family.

Mr. Volls has just been appointed postmaster at High Rock and arranged for bond while in the city. The new post-office will be ready for business in about a month.

brother, Prof. Kader R. Curtis, at Wallburg.

Messrs. P. Spanolia and Lele Leonard spent Sunday in Charlotte. They made the trip through the country, travelling in Mr. Spanolia's little Huppmobile.

Mr. L. U. Weston teacher at Fair Grove, dropped in for a few minutes at the Dispatch office Saturday. He was attending the meeting of the Teachers' Association here that day.

His many friends in Lexington will be glad to hear that after several weeks' confinement to his room, Mr. J. B. Smith was strong enough to walk down town again Saturday morning.

Mr. Paul C. Barnhardt, of the Davidson Hardware Company was called to Salisbury Friday by the sudden death of his uncle, Mr. Caleb Barnhardt. Mr. Barnhardt returned to the city Sunday.

Mr. Margaret Kelly Abernathy, of Charlotte, well known as the society editor of the Charlotte Chronicle and one of the most talented writers in the state, visited Mrs. S. W. Finch several days of last week.

Messrs. Lee McCrary and E. I. Bug returned Monday from Ocracoke where they went last week for a duck hunt. They had a fine trip and returned laden with ducks and geese. They killed 144 in the two days they hunted.

Mr. James Tussey, of Springfield, Mo., is here on a visit to his brother, Mr. Thomas Tussey, and other relatives.

Mr. Tussey has been away from Lexington forty years and on his return found nothing that looked as it did when he left. He has prospered in Missouri, his friends will be glad to know. He will spend several months in the county.

Flag Presentation at Happy Hill.

Reeds' Lodge, No. 292, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, presented a Bible and a flag to Happy Hill school last Saturday morning. Rev. J. M. Hillard, of Wake county, but well known in Davidson, where he preached for years, made the presentation speech to a pleased and appreciative audience. Mr. J. F. Spruill, in behalf of the school, made the speech of acceptance; his address touched on American history, as related to the origin and principals of the Junior Order. Mr. W. M. Owen, of Yadkin College, a son of ex-state senator W. S. Owen, made a magnificent address on the principles of the order. Those who heard him say that Mr. Owen proved himself an orator of great eloquence and unusual power. After the exercises a bounteous dinner was served, and in the afternoon Mr. Spruill spoke again on education; the fact that Happy Hill is a special tax district is ample evidence that he addressed an interested audience.

Horse Runs Into Train and Escapes Unhurt.

The Greensboro News deposes and says that a runaway horse ran into a moving train at Greensboro the other day, damaged the train and then escaped unhurt. The horse was running at high speed when it collided with a moving railway train—moving slowly, of course—at a street crossing. The horse's head went through a window of a car, smashing the glass, but it got its head out and freed of the train without a scratch. When the horse struck the train the impact was so great that it was broken loose from the vehicle to which it was attached.

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