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HOW THE GREAT DAY PASSED.

Some of the Things Lexington Did to Celebrate the Return of Yuletide.

Speaking figuratively it was a very quiet Christmas; speaking literally the nerves of the entire community are still vibrating from the incessan crashing of fireworks of all sizes and descriptions that marked the passing greatest day of the year. Only one victim was actually credited to at Morristown, Tenn. When a divithat invention of the Evil One, the giant firecracker, but Mr. Fred Thompson certainly has a good case against the sky-rocket for mental anguish, for a careless celebrator discharged one through one of the upper windows of his store, and it burst inside, not doing any material damage, however, except to Mr. Thompson's peace of mind, which was utterly wrecked when he received a telephone message informing him of the occurrence. He got up town in record time, but found that slight damage

AT THE CHURCHES.

At the churches the programs an nounced last week were carried out with the exception of a few minor details and the hearts of hundreds of The Episcopalian, First Presbyterian, First Baptist, First Methodist, First and Second Reformed Lutheran, West End Methodist, West End Baptist Nokomis Baptist and West Lexington M. P. Sunday schools celebrated the Christmas season by treating the children to candy, nuts, fruits etc. Everybody had a fine time and the poor of the town were remembered. THE MAYOR'S CELEBRATION.

In the police court it was a dull ay. But three dranks were raked by the police, and one pair of scrappers-no worse than many an ordinary Sunday. None of the drunks had raised any great disturbance, so all escaped with light fines except John Mowry colored, who by his excessive verbosity gathered unto himself a sentence of \$5 and the costs. Frank Welborn and Os Holt, both of African descent, had a perwitness was one Cicero Crawford who has made himself most wondrous scarce, forcing the continuing of the Mabray Wagner, colored, well known in Thomasville where he used to drive Mr. F. H. Fleer's motor, ran into hard luck on the train between here and the Chair City, being slapped no less than twice by an irrev-erent darky whom the Mayor charged \$3.41 for his fun. There are numer ous Afro-American citizens of Thom asville who would doubtless giadly pay twice the amount for the same

Good Corn Yields.

There is no weekly newspaper in the state that is doing more intelligent and valuable boosting of its home section than the Southern Pines Tourist. In the last issue of that paper find this:

Mr. J. M. Hussey, of Ritters township, on Deep river, raised ninety bushels of corn on a measured acre. The soil is a clay and sand mixture. The land was broken to a depth of 11

Springs, Mineral Springs township, measured acre. His soil is the orthodox sandy soil of this region. Mr. depth of nine inches following a cover crop of rye with a spring plowing. 15 inches deep. He planted Biggs' Prolific and in spite of the long

has done a fine thing in corn growing this year is Mr. L. J. Thomas. He had the sandy soil of the sandhills to work with, plowed deep, cultivated often and shallow and followed the modern methods that have become so well known as hardly to need repetition. As a result, he gathered 121 bushels where from his one acre.

It will be noted that the man who

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Horse Without Food and Water Two

charge of its welfare forcibly remov-ed him from the water. The first meal after the long fast consisted of

country two weeks ago, and noth-more heard of it by the owner

Rev. W. P. McGhee Dead.

Rev. W. P. McGhee, at one time pas tor on the Linwood circuit, and a resident of Lexington, died last resident Thursday in St. Peter's hospital at Charlotte. Mr. McGhee had been in the ministry more than twenty years; he left his last assignment, Concord circuit, only last month, to take the pastorate of the Calvary Methodist church at Charlotte, which he was serving when taken sick. He was 58 He joined the Holstein Conference

sion of that conference occurred in 1890 he became a member of the Western North Carolina Conference. In the course of his ministry he served at Bryson City, Webster, Canton, Haywood, Salem, Egworth at Con-cord, Mooresville, Bellwood, Linwood, Morven, Concord circuit and Calvary Mr. McGhee is survived by a wife and several children. Mrs. McGhee was formerly Miss Belle Caldwell. daughter of Marion and Elizabeth Caldwell of Haywood county. The sons and daughters are Dr. James McGhee, Messrs. Herbert. Roy and Charles, and Misses Stella, Willie and

Ruth McGhee. Mr. McGhee was deeply beloved among his brethren of the ministry and particularly by the congregation Lexington children were made glad. to whom he had stood in the pastoral relation during the more than two decades that he had devoted himself to his work. Religion with him was a matter of the deepest conviction and his chosen life-work, in spite of the many discomforts and trials which would discourage a weaker spirit, was to him a source of joy. His life was one of unselfish service.

> Marriage on Decrease in the County of Iredell.

Cupid and the "match-makers" have evidently been sleeping in Iredell, and unless they get busy there are going to be some old maids and bachelors. The Statesville Landmark relates this story: According to the records in the office of the register of deeds, who is-sues the matrimonial permits, marriages are on the decrease in the county, despite the fact that the population is on the increase. Register Boyd has just made out his report of marriage licenses issued during the fiscal year ending the first Monday of this month and it is found that there were only 302, compared with 309 last year and much larger numbers in previous years. Had all the licenses ssued served their purpose the rec ord would have almost come up to that of the preceding year, but during the past twelve months three licenses were returned unused. In one case the prospective bridegroom admitted that the marriage had been called off on account of the interference of the bride-to-be's parents, but in the oth er instances the "groom that was to be" had the nerve to say that he had "gone back on her" at the last minute before the ceremony.

Favors a Clean Sweep of State Offi cers Next Time.

Editor Williams, of the Newton En

erprise, comes out this week with a ing. He wants a clean sweep at Raleigh. He hears that the various state officers are beginning to enquire from position to their election for another term. "They seem to think," says Editor Williams, "that the people of the state are so enamored with them that ation of each anybody ought to be ostracised who from top to bottom. The men fulness that any liberal-minded mer time to put in practice and develop all the ideas and theories for the state's good that they possess. They bring in new blood, and give the state It will be noted that the man who raises a big crop of corn plows deep and cultivates often and as near the surface as possible.

The evidence is accumulating that the problem has been solved. It is little short of wonderful that me are influence are not requisites to good service in the state offices. "A new democratic ticket from governor down next year," he says, "would put snap and enthusiasm into the 1900, when some of the present state men come out and test the nomina One and we believe the people will be glad alsed to name an entirely new ticket."—

bushels per acre.-Greensboro News. Remarkable Usefulness of a Glass Eye Sir James Dormer was for a num-ber of years at the head of the Brit-ish army in Egypt, and as such took part in several of the Soudan cam-After having gone without food or water for two weeks, a horse was released from a stall in the Farmers' tobacco warehouse in Greensboro Wednesday and given food. The Record says, When the poor animal was other one when it became too warm. given water, he continued drinking This artificial optic played a very imwith great avidity until the men in charge of its welfare forcibly remov-native chiefs in the Soudan, who, al-

CHRISTMAS AT THE DACOTAH.

Hands Given a Yuletide Treat-Overseers Presented With Christmas Remembrances.

Last Saturday afternoon at the Dacotah Cotton Mills an event took place that promises well for the industrial peace of Lexington, when he proprietors of the Dacotah Cotton Mill gave to their hands their annual Christmas treat. This is a custom that the management of the mill always follow because they believe etter work.

But the generosity is by no means the place received a Christmas re-membrance from his force. Saturday afternoon was the time selected for the presentations; the entire force of hundred and eighty hands gathered in the weaving-room where Mr C. A. Hunt, Jr., mounted on a pack-ing-case, addressed his employees as

You good people have called on me fore in my life, that is, to make a speech, but I am certainly glad to to you, which will be very brief, as am very busy, and have not the time, and know you are in a hurry

Quite a number of you good people probably because I have known some of you longer and better. I want to had try and do your part so that I will like each one better.

I have been running this mill about a year and a half, we have had all kinds of disappointment and trouble, and have made no money until ,the last few months; as you all well know, no mill can make money and prosper with cotton at the high prices it has been since we started; in the last few months cotton has been much lower than formally, and we have made some money. The prospects are good now for 1912; we start up Wednesday morning, and hope to see every one at their post of duty, ready and willing to try and make 1912 a and the mill.

what I could consistent with business

if it is possible to do so. management must have the co-opernot how small the position may be would suggest that twelve years is to work for the interest of the mill, would suggest that twelve years is enough for one set of state officers. But at the risk of being set upon as a "knocker" we hereby suggest that we nominate a new ticket next year to him or herself nor any one else; from top to bottom. The men now we are at all times endeavoring to filling these offices have had all the better the running of the work, for every time your pay check is larger, it is also better for us, you make more money, we get better production, which means more profit to us.

We are going to present each one of you with gift; the gift in itself is the services they have ever rendered the party electing them, it is time to in which it is given. We are giving this only to show you our appreciaus for the year 1911, and we certainly in the spirit it is given.

will say that I am trying to copy after one of the best mill men in the country, who is one of the best friends I have. You just tell them that said that I was trying to copy after him as near as possible from a business standpoint, and that I had rather follow in his footsteps than any one I knew, and only hoped that some day I could make a mill man as near

presented the operatives gifts to the the office where they were payed off, and in addition to their money every family whose bread-winner works in the mill was presented a half sack of Grimes' Best flour as a gift from the mill, and the rest of the hands re-ceived each a sack of fruit and con-fections. Two boxes of oranges, two buckets of candy and two bushels of peanuts went to fill these sacks alone. It was a most enjoyable occasion all concerned; while such good fe ing exists between employers and employees Lexington can look toward

Of interest in naval circles was th Florida The service is one of the finest ever presented to an American warship. Funds for its purchase were raised by popular subscription, aided by a generous appropriation from the state of Florida. The presentation

DID HE FIND THE BOOZE?

Instead of Alcoholic Beverages the Personal Mention-Movements of the Grips Contained Only Clothes and Papers.

Somewhere in this community there is a would-be booze artist who is nursing a large and persistent grouch during the holidays; the consolation of knowing, however, that his cold sobriety is not at all his own fault, for he abstracted no less than two tempting grips, only to be foiled in both endeavors. The facts that it pays in dollars and cents, as came to light in the form and man-well as in countless other ways to ner following: Friday Mr. W. F. treat their hands well; if a man Curry came into The Dispatch office knows that his employer considers with a strangely assorted bundle; he him a friend, not merely an animate stated that he had accidentally dis-machine, he will do immeasurably covered the plunder under his house. which stands high up off the ground on one side, and had no idea how all on the side of the employers, for long it had been there. An inven-every foreman and second hand in tory of his load showed that it consisted of pieces of cloth from Dacotah mill, a skirt, a handkerchief, one calico waist, three aprons and a small hand-satchel. The latter was locked, but the frame had been forcibly twisted until it gaped on one side, revealing the contents

a bundle of papers. Investigation
proved that the grip belonged to Mr.

W. C. Wilson, the Farmers' Union for a speech; now this is something man, but the ownership of the clothes that I have never been guilty of be-fore in my life, that is, to make a morning, when Mrs. John Crotts, who lives out on the Raleigh road have a chance to make a little talk near the county home, came in and to you, which will be very brief, as identified them, and incidentally explained part of the affair. It seems that Charlie Crotts, her

son, same to town a week ago last Saturday, and hitched his horse behave been with me ever since the first bind Mr. Jule C. Smith's establishwheel turned; some have been here ment; his sister Miss Annis Crotts, a much less time than this, but I who works in the Dacotah, was to want to say that I think a great deal go home with him. She found out of each one of you; I naturally think where the buggy was, and put her more of some than others, but it is grip in it, covering it with the lap-When she returned the grip disappeared, and she hasn't like each one of you better every day, seen it to this day, though its conand I do hope that you will do what you can to make me like you better. There are some people here whom I like better than any people on earth, and I want to like you better each day I live, and hope you will always try and do your part so that I will and immed to the conclusion that it and jumped to the conclusion that it must contain fire-water, so abstracted it to have a celebration all by himself. His face when he opened it and found what it contained must have een a study; of course Mr. Wilson's grip went by the same route, and far-mers' literature being entirely undrinkable the thief cast that package odily into the discard.

Predicament of a Johnston County Cotton Farmer.

Mr. John C. Ennis has three acres of his cotton crop from which none has been picked yet. The guano and very successful year for yourselves rent of this land amounts to forty dollars. He made a start on the pick Each one of you know that I have ing Tuesday afternoon with a day hand as he thought. He could get no Each one of you know that I have always been your best friend when hand as he thought. He could get no always been you were in trouble, have never reone to pick it otherwise than by the day. He is paying the hand a dollar know I have always done for you has now given up the idea of saving it with day labor and is trying to perjudgment, and I want to say now, suade pickers to save it for him at whenever any one wants help, all you have to do is to call on me and it is half of the seed cotton for the pickpicked even on these terms, and is talking of plowing the cotton under cotton if picked and ginned would

Nothing But a Republic for China.

"I am convinced that the abdication of the emperor and the establishmen of a republic is the only thing which will satisfy the people of China, and prevent further wholesale shedding of blood." This statement was made recently by Tang Shai Yi, represen tative of Yuan Shi Kai, the premier after the session of the peace confer He is convinced that ther must be no foreign interference in the way of loans, or otherwise.

Six foreign powers, the United States, England, Japan, Germany, France and Russia, united in pre-Shal Yi and Wu Ting Fang foreign minister of the revolutionary provisional cabinet. The exact wording of the note was not made public. It is understood that it did not go much further than to express the good will of the governments represented, and the hope that the peace conference would aid in terminating the revolu-

In reply Tang Shai Yi said he hopequal to him as I could.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and 'Prosperous New of peace and would do his utmost to ed the conference would be success attain settlement.

A freekled-faced girl stopped the postoffice and yelled out: "A thing for the Murphy's?" "No, there is not," said the p

"Anything for Jane Murphy?"

"Anything for Ann Murphy?" "Anything for Tom Murphy?"

"Anything for Bob Murphy?"

"Anything for Jerry Murphy?"

"No nor for Pat Murphy, nor for Dennis Murphy, nor for Pete Mur-phy, nor Paul Murphy, nor for John, nor Jim Murphy, nor for any Mur-phy, dead, llving, taborn, native or

phy, dead, living, unborn, native or foreign, civilized, savage or barbarous, male or female, black or white, franchised or disfranchised, natural or otherwise. No! there is positively nothing individually, fointly, severally, now and forever."

The girl looked at the postmaster in autonishment and said:

"Please see if there is anything for clarence Murphy."—Mack's National Monthly.

IN AND ABOUT LEXINGTON.

People-Small Items of In-

Miss Pat Walser arrived to spend the holidays at home Thursday.

Mr. Walter Fitzgerald, ex-county reasurer, spent Tuesday in the city

Mr. Blair Hankins spent a few hours with his parents here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Moyer Sink are visting relatives in Salisbury this

Mr. C. M. Wall of Wallburg, visitor to the city yesterday after-

Mrs. W. D. Barr, of Chatham, Va. here on a visit to her son, Mr. L. F. Barr.

Miss Alice Earnhardt of Mt. Airy arrived Tuesday to visit relatives in this city.

Miss Eva Covington, of Laurinburg s the charming guest of Miss Zula Judge H. T. Phillips. Hedrick. Mr. B. K. Taylor, of Handy, favored

The Dispatch with a call and a renewal last week. Miss Zula Hedrick spent Christmas

in Laurinburg as the guest of Miss Eva Covington Wednesday Miss Annie Johnson

left for Greensboro, where she is spending the holidays. Mr. Gould Welborn, of Columbia

S. C., spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. A. F. Welborn. Miss Lois Love left last Thursday

for her home at Statesville, where she will spend the holidays. Miss Alma Owen, who has been eaching at Roxboro, has arrived in the city for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Butner, of Durham spent Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Timberlake.

Mr. and Mrs. Dermot Shemwell are pending the week with Mrs. Shem well's parents at Eufala, Ala. Miss Allie Hutchinson is at home

where she has been teaching. Miss Katherine Schultz, of Baltiore is visiting her sisters, Miss Lena Schultz and Mrs. H. W. Dorsett,

Miss Maud Kirkman is spending the holidays with her father, Dr. J. C. Kirkman, at Mt. Vernon Springs.

Mr. W. A. Reid, of Jackson Hill, was here Sunday to see Mr. J. B. Smith, who improves very slowly. Mr. J. F. Spruill is spending the

holidays with relatives and friends at his old home at Criental, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lindsay are pending a few days with relatives n Thomasville and in the county.

riends and relatives in Charlotte.

Mr. W. O. Boger left Saturday for Mrs. J. D. Heilig and children, of vicinity ordinarily travel. Salisbury, spent Christmas with he parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Thomp

Misses Nellie and Arline Trice are in the city, spending the holidays with their parents, Capt. and Mrs. C. W

Mr. M. Q. Hedrick, son of Mr. G. F. Hedrick, is home from Catawba College to spend the nolidays with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Moffitt, of High Point, spent Christmas here with Mr Moffitt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moffitt.

Mr. W. C. Weaver, a former Lexngtonian who is now living in Virginia, is spending the week here with

Mr. H. O. Sink arrived from Washington Monday morning to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Minnie Sink.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Burgin, of Thomasville, spent Christmas frs. Burgin's parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. Raymond Hinkle, of Winston-Salem, was among those who came to spend part of the holidays with

Mr. W. M. Owen, of Yadkin College.

passed through town Thursday on his ay home from the University of North Carolina. Mr. C. T. Younts, of Little Rock.

Ark. visited Mrs. Kathryn Cutting his mother-in-law, a few days during

Little Miss Josephine Wroe Barrarived Monday morning to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Barr. Mr. and Mrs. A. Loten Sullivan, of

Thomasville, spent Christmas with relatives in Lexington, returning home yesterday. Miss Louise Beeson, who has been in St. Mary's school at Raleigh reached home for the holidays las

Mr. Baxter Young, travelling representative of the R. J. Reynolds To-

days with his wife.

tives of Mrs. Phillips.

Mr. Joe Wilkerson, of Roxboro, visited his brother, Mr. S. G. Wilker on, for a few days during the pas week, returning home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hedrick and children, of High Point, visited the family of County Treasurer E. A. Rothrock during the holidays.

holidays here with his parents, Mr and Mrs. J. F. Hedrick.

Mr. Druid Conrad, from Wallburg, and Miss Beulah Conrad from Salem, are spending the Christmas vacation with their parents here.

Judge C. E. Godwin is in Thomas ville this week, enjoying the holidays with his family. He will return to his office today or tomorrow.

Mr. Eccles Hedrick, who is a student in the A. & M. College at Raleigh, arrived at home to spend the holidays last Wednesday morning.

Miss Elizabeth Hutcheson, who has been in school in the Greensboro Female College, arrived in Lexington Thursday for the Christmas vacation

Mr. W. E. Reid, secretary and treasurer of the Weaver Electric Power Co., Asheville, is spending the holi-days with his father, Mr. W. A. Reid, at Jackson Hill.

Mr. Wade H. Phillips and his brother, Dr. Byard Phillips, left yesterday Fairview, Buncombe county, spend the week with their father

Mr. Roland Totten, who is a stu-dent in the University of North Carolina, and Miss Lucy Bell Totten, of Greensboro Female College spending the holidays with their pa-

rents at Yadkin College. Mr. David R. Cecil, who has built two brick stores and is now com-pleting a large brick high school building at Page's Mills, S. C., spent hristmas at home, returning to

South Carolina Monday night. Prof. Byard Phillips, professor of athenatics in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, at Boston, arrived in the city Saturday night to spend some days here as the guest of his brother, Mr. Wade H. Phillips.

Mr. E. H. Small, clerk in Smith's drug store, is spending a few days counts. at his old home at Fayetteville. Mr. Cleveland Brinkley, for several years a popular dispenser of drinks and drugs at Smith's, is "subbing" for Mr. Small during his absence.

Mr. Herter, Judge Conlan and Mr W. P. Drewry are the guests of Mr E. I. Bugg this week. All the gentle for the holidays from Hepzibah, Ga., men are from New York and are taking advantage of the unusual supply of birds this year to do a little hunting in this section during the holi-

days.

Mr. Fred Hill, representative of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Mr. Joe Hill, of Richmond, their brother Mr Frank Hill, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and their sister Miss The limb was broken just below the Emily, of Bryn Mawr, are spending knee. Emily, of Bryn Mawr, are spending knee. the Christmas uncle, Dr. D. J. Hill.

Mr. John Hedrick, formerly assist-Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Plyler are the automobile races at Savannah both children were burned. It took last fall, and describes them with force to hold her from rushing into spending a few days this week with criends and relatives in Charlotte. of making one lap in one of the racing machines, and they covered the seventeen miles at an average speed Asheville, whither his family had pre- of sixty-five miles an hour-rather ceded him, to spend Christmas week. faster than most machines in this

WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

Mr. W. L. Warner, of Charlotte, was here yesterday.

Mr. T. M. Swink was The Dispatch's first "after Christmas" caller. dropped in early yesterday morning and subscribed for the paper for a year for himself and a year for cousin, Miss Mittle Swink, of Morven

Mr. S. R. Wagoner, who lives near Bethesda, killed two fine porkers re-cently. The two hogs netted him 778 ounds of meat, the largest one weighng 528 pounds. Mr. W. D. Trexler. of Lexington, a few weeks ago killed two which weighed even 800 pounds

was a member of Co. G. 38th North this section has serious though pretty good health; he believes us the compliment of calling the subscription to The Dispatch.

The Dispatch was pleased to re ceive a visit last Wednesday from Mr. J. F. Peters, of Linwood Route 2. Mr. Peters says that the people of his section are much pleased by the efforts of the railroad people to bring farming experts to their doors without expense to them, as evidenced by the uthbound's farming train. thermore, he says that he can't do without The Dispatch, and to prove it he paid up his subscription.

Surgery of the Scissors.

The wife of a prominent lawyer in western city was ordered by her physician to a sanitarium for treatment in preparation for a surgical op-

Her husband saw her safely established at the hospital, with her sister and maid in attendance, to do some necessary sewing for the invalid; then he departed on a short business trip with strict instructions to doctor not to perform the operation un-

Upon the receipt of the first letter from his wife he returned posthaste, and, encountering the doctor at the hospital door, angrily demanded to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Phillips left hospital door, angrily demanded to Monday to spend the remainder of know why the operation had been the holidays at Albemarle with rela-

"Your wife has undergone no opera-tion, to my knowledge," replied the puzzled physician.
"Then what does this letter mean?" week, returning home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hedrick and children, of High Point, visited the family of County Treasurer E. A. Rothrock during the holidays.

Mr. Henry Grady Hedrick is home from Trinity College, spending the ready."—McCall's Magazine.

"Then what does this letter mean?" demanded the lawyer, and produced the alarming document, which read:
"Dear Joe: I am so glad you brought me here before you left. Everybody is so nice to me, here. They cut out my kimono restarday, and had ft all sewed up before I knew anything about it. I am feeling better, already."—McCall's Magazine. The Past Week.

The News in Brief of What is Going on an North Carolina During

FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

The North Carolina Bar Association has decided on June 25-27 as the date for holding the annual convention. The place has not been determined but it is expected that Raleigh will get the gathering.

Government engineers have recom mended expenditures on the canals and waterways of eastern North Carolina reaching the respectable total of \$6,000,000. The improvements will "unbottle" 3,000 miles of navigable Salisbury's zoo has returned and

happiness reigns in that city. The Salisbury Post invites the people of all near-by cities to come over and see the animals. This is the second winter that Sparks' circus has wintered in Salisbury. Curtis Benton, a young farmer of

Harnett county, was found near Dunn one day last week badly wounded. He died soon after being carrier to town. It is supposed that he was struck by a train, as his body was found near the tracks.

Attorney General Bickett went to Washington last week to appear before the supreme court of the United States in the case of the Red C Oil Company vs. The N. C. Board of Agriculture, a suit arising out of the state law requiring inspection Four negroes and a mule were

drowned in Cranes Creek near South-

ern Pines last week. drive across the bridge in the dark when the creek was unusually high and went off. The Lody of the mule and went off. The body of the mule was found next day but the bodies of the negroes were missing at last ac-It has been found that the lands of G. W. Partin, near Raleigh are well supplied with amethysts of commercial value. The deposists were ex-amined this week by Secretary Elias

Carr, of the state department of agri-culture and experts who declares that there are valuable deposits on the Partin place. Cleveland Jackson, a member of the wholesale grocery firm of C. W. Stevens Company, of Wilmington met with an accident Thursday afternoon resulting in his sustaining a broken leg: As he started out from his sta-bles his horse stumbled and fell, catching Mr. Jackson's leg under him.

Friday afternoon a mile out from Wilson, the wife of Oscar Dew, colored, left her two young children lockant postmaster of Lexington, but now ed in the house while she went to a representing the R. J. Reynolds To- barn to get fodder. On her return she ed in the house while she went to a bacco Co., arrived here last week to saw her home in flames and before spend Christmas. Mr. Hedrick took in she could get back to the structure, the charred building with the hope of

rescuing the little ones. Thursday afternoon at Seasoms, a station on the A. & Y. division of the Coast Line Claude Vandergrift a young man connected with the Sampson Lumber Company, was caught by evolving shaft at the mill and fe. tally injured. Both arms were broken, his face and head fearfully lacerated, and he was internally In response to 'phone calls, physicians rushed to the injured man in automobiles and did what they could to save his life, but without avail. He died that night.

Blythe Says South is for Wilson. Samuel G. Blythe, the famous

Washington correspondent, and writer on affairs political, has lately had a series of three articles in the Sat-urday Evening Post, of Philadelphia, on the subject "What of 1912?" first two articles dealt with the situation in the north and west. last one, which appears in the cur-Among the visitors to The Dispatch rent issue, deals with the south. office last week was Mr. A. W. Clod-Blythe comments upon the fact that felter, of Conrad Hill. Mr. Clodfelter for the first time in nearly fifty years Carolina during the war. He is sev- insisting upon a southern man as the enty-six years old and still enjoys democratic nominee. He also pays strongly in keeping up with what is south the most important factor in happening and to that end paid up his the situation at present; it is his belief that at the present writing Wood-row Wilson leads all other candidates in popular favor in the south, though admits that Oscar Underwood, of Alabama, is growing in the minds of the people, and that if Clark can win the Missouri delegates away from Folk, that he may prove a formidable obstacle to the Professor-Governor's triumphal progress. One interesting statement he makes is that Wilson already has the North Carolina dele-gation, lock, stock and barrel. If the rest of Mr. Blythes prognostica-tions are no better than that, his opinion is not worth much. He con-cludes that the real fight will simmer down to Wilson and Harmon, with Clark a bad third.

Men Who Make Good.

"I have on my desk," said the wri-ter, a "a list of 1,000 successful mer of this nation. By 'successful' I not mean mere money-makers, men who have given us new concitions of steam, electricity, constr tion work education, art, etc. are the men who influenced our

al as well as our physical lives. They construct for better things. "How these men started in life is interesting. Their first foothold in work is a fine study. "Three hundred started as farmers

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