

ADMINISTRATORS NAMED.

Olin Davis and S. W. Finch Will Settle the Big Grubb Estate About \$500,000 Involved. The Salisbury Post of Friday had the following very interesting story: Much interest centers in the Grubb estate, and the settlement of the vast holdings of the late Clay Grubb will be watched with more than ordinary interest.

Salisbury naturally feels a large interest in the affairs of the late Clay Grubb. While he never lived here he was in the city much of his time, he owned large properties in and around Salisbury and he was in many ways looked upon as a Salisbury man. The interest leads to the hope that the vast estate will be carefully managed and conserved so that the same shall pay out and leave as large a fund for the wife and children as is possible.

It is estimated that something like a half million dollars are involved and to handle this to the best advantage is a man's work, and should be the task of the best of ability with splendid backing, that the state may be carefully adjusted. Mr. Grubb was a very active man. He made lots of money in times past and invested in real estate. His lands are all valuable and his real estate holdings are valuable, the very choicest. While he made large sums of money, he also suffered a good many reverses. He made several inroads into his fortune and the building of the Grubb building in this city taxed him heavily for a number of years before it brought in any returns and with these difficulties in the way the man was under great stress at times and was involved to a considerable extent. The exact extent must be known later when the details of the settlement are taken up and the affairs gone into in detail.

At the present, no one can tell what sort of condition the estate is in. One of the administrators said Monday that he believed that with careful handling there would be something left for the family. Mr. Grubb was interested in enterprises of one sort and another all the way from Philadelphia to Tampa, Florida, and owed money in a dozen different cities.

Harry Thaw Escapes from Asylum. By far the most sensational happening of recent months was the escape of Harry K. Thaw, the man who killed Stanford White in New York City in 1908 and has since been confined in the insane asylum at Matteawan, N. Y. Sunday morning Thaw was up earlier than usual and walking about the grounds. When the gatekeeper opened the gates to admit the milkman, Thaw dashed past him and leaped into a high powered automobile that was standing near and made his escape. He was captured yesterday near Quebec, Canada.

A Suicide Over the Drought. Dependably over the dry weather and the unfavorable crop conditions are believed to have been the cause of Mrs. W. B. Root, wife of a widely known democratic politician of Washington county, committing suicide at Alma, Kan., Saturday, by shooting herself through the head with a .32 caliber revolver.

Dr. Hennessee Not Guilty. The trial of the case of State vs. Hennessee came to an end at Morganton Monday when the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty after 36 hours of deliberation. Dr. E. A. Hennessee is the man who fought the famous battle at Glen Alpine several months ago that resulted in the death of Gorman Pitts and the infliction of about 100 wounds on his own body.

Business News Notes.

The Manning Hardware Company's ad should interest every farmer in the county. Better rest your right now. Opportunity knocks at your door. See what the Bank of Lexington, with assets of over half a million dollars, says about it. The latest wonder of the household is the Beulah washing machine. It washes, rinses, starches and irons. Free demonstration by calling on Griffin Brothers at Mr. George W. Crouse's.

Note the N. & W. very low excursion rates to Washington for Sept. 9. Phone to Young's Market for your brooms. Read their ad. The Peary Grocery Company advertise their meats this week. Read their very attractive ad.

There is no hat like the Stetson. The W. G. Peary Company has a wonderful assortment of them this year. You will be surprised at the striking beauty of that new line of enamel ware at the Lexington House Furnishing store. Their supply of it is limited and you had better speak early for yours. The McCrary Furniture Co. offers bargains in bedroom suits, odd dressers and beds. Read their ad.

Mrs. McCrary Witnesses Accident. The following is from the Statesville Landmark of Friday: En route from Blowing Rock to Linville last Sunday morning, an automobile occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ramsey and Mr. D. E. Jenkins of Statesville and Mrs. Lee McCrary of Lexington, met a buggy occupied by Sheriff Inard and Deputy Richards of Caldwell county at a narrow place in the pike. Realizing that it would be difficult to pass the buggy, the automobile was run to one side of the road and stopped.

To Committeemen and Teachers. To those committeemen who have not signed their acceptance, I would say please do so at once, or send me the name of some good man who will accept on your behalf. Hunt up that card and send it in or write me if you can't find it. And to the committeemen who have not signed again or for the first time let me urge upon you the importance of getting together, organizing and selecting your teachers. You may have fine committees of good houses, the best books, everything along this line, but a poorly equipped teacher and you will have a poor school.

High Point will celebrate the entrance of the Carolina and Yadkin River Railway to that city on Saturday, August 30th, by a program both unique and attractive. There will be special rates on all the railroads and the Carolina and Yadkin will run special trains. Upon arrival of the first train that day a salute of twelve big guns will be fired. There will be a band concert, an automobile and military parade, two aeroplane flights by Beckwith Havens of New York and two by Judge James E. Boyd of Greensboro, N. C. Picnic grounds will be provided for basket dinners and everybody is invited to come. Bring your basket.

No Commission for Negro. J. W. Bailey, who was worn in Salisbury as collector of internal revenue for the eastern district of North Carolina, refused to renew the commissions temporarily of James H. Young, colored, as stamp deputy at Raleigh, and Deputy J. P. H. Adams. Another vacancy exists because of the discharge by Collector Martin of W. G. Staples. Mr. Bailey issued temporary commissions to other deputies.

Poor House Old People Try to Get Married. We are informed by J. A. Elledge keeper of the county home, that Joe C. Keller, aged 71 years, and Eiler Pardue, aged 62 years, inmates of the county home, journeyed to Wilkesboro last week and endeavored to get a marriage license. Register of Deeds Foster being uncertain whether to issue the license or not, appealed to the county attorney who was undecided as to what course should be pursued. The register appealed to the solicitor who was of the opinion that they could not marry unless they left the home. The license was not issued and they went back to the home.

THE GREAT STATE FARM.

Has 7300 Acres in It—Six Thousand Acres in Cultivation—Will Make 100,000 Bushels of Corn. Mr. H. B. Varner, Chairman of the state prison board, made inspection of the state's farm in Halifax county last week, and he was very much pleased with what he saw. He said this farm contains 7300 acres and that it is probably the finest farm in North Carolina. There are something like 4,000 acres in cultivation. There are nine miles of dikes on the farm, seven and a half miles on the Roanoke river. These dikes are built to prevent the river from overflowing and destroying the crops on the farm. They are 100 feet at the base and about 20 feet on top, from 30 to 40 feet high. Sometimes the rains become so heavy and the river gets so high that it breaks through the dikes. When it does, the crops are destroyed.

Out Yadkin College way crops are equally fine and between Lexington and Winston-Salem corn and tobacco look mighty good. A narrow strip of territory in the northern part of the county between Lexington and Linwood and throughout the Jersey section. The corn is especially fine.

One good citizen who was in The Dispatch office Saturday was asked how his prize corn patch of two acres was coming on. He said that the storm of a few weeks ago blew it off of it nearly down and that he did not believe that he would make over 225 bushels, maybe 250, on it. Two acres, now mind you!

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Sulzer and Tammany. Governor Sulzer is coming in for some sympathy because his exposure has been brought about by Tammany. Mr. Sulzer's present station, methods to climb to his present station and then after he landed he spurned the organization and its rulers. These in turn began to bring about his destruction and they have succeeded. The New York Journal of Commerce has the following paragraph which describes the situation exactly: "But there is no triumph for Tammany in this revelation. What it uncovers are methods and practices familiar to Tammany and characteristic of its political discipline. It could have been kept hidden at the price of submission to its behests, and it has been exposed as the penalty of defiance. The rottenness is of the Tammany kind. While the exposure is humiliating to Sulzer, and we fear, not undeserved, it is no less an exhibition of Tammany politics in all its hideous deformity."—Charlotte Chronicle.

Hopes Moving Train. A Farnell, Mo., dispatch to the New York American tells this story: Willie McHugh, aged 10, tried to stop a moving train and it lasso the other day the train won, but Willie will recover. Willie in a new cowboy outfit and a lasso strayed down to the railroad tracks. A fast freight train hove in sight. Here was something worth while. He swung his lasso over his head in frantic zeal. Just as the train whizzed by Willie let go. The swirling rope hovered in the air for a second and then settled over a coupling rod. In an instant the rope straightened out and with it Willie, to whose waist one end of the lasso was fastened. Willie shot through the air like a rocket. Sam Vance, a merchant, who was standing on the platform, grabbed a flag and stopped the approaching train. "Some buffalo, that," Willie grinned through his pain as they carried him home.

Amended Ruling as to Road Funds. Now that the ruling of the department of agriculture as the road fund, which was adopted by congress last year, there is no reason why Davidson county should not get a nice slice of it. Mr. Parker Anderson, writing from Washington to the Greensboro News as Saturday, says: Attorney General McReynolds, today overruled the decision of the department of agriculture, forbidding the use of a part of the \$500,000 appropriated for aid to good roads by states who refused to strictly adhere to the eight-hour law, which compels all government work to be done under its provisions. Mr. McReynolds' rules that as the federal government is only furnishing a part of the money to construct the roads it cannot be construed as government work, and hence the law does not apply.

The Boy and the Cigarette—Also, the Law. It is against the laws in North Carolina for any boy under 17 years of age to smoke cigarettes. Know that? So, and what is more, any person who gives the boy a cigarette, or cigarette tobacco, as well as any one who sells the same to a boy, can be fined for the offense. Still further, the law requires the officers of the law—"every police officer in the state of North Carolina," it reads—to ask the boy caught smoking to tell where he got the cigarette, and on being told, to forthwith issue a warrant for the arrest of the party so offending. If the boy refuses to tell, he shall be hauled up before a magistrate, mayor or recorder, as the case may be, and tried for a misdemeanor. The old cigarette law was amended in this stringent manner. Of course no attention is going to be paid to it. The streets of Charlotte are filled with arch-enemy cigarette fiends every day and the enforcement of this law would paralyze the delivery service of the whole town, and might even break up some of the Sunday schools. But all the same, the parent who is worried by his boy smoking cigarettes has it in his power to give painful trouble to both the boy and the one who gives or sells him the cigarettes.—Charlotte Observer.

Justice Done. Mr. T. H. Vandorf, who was removed from the revenue service on account of politics, is reinstated by the President and will be given a position in the same service. The high tribute paid to Mr. Vandorf by a former collector indicates the high character of the service he rendered, and further guarantees that under Collector Watts Mr. Vandorf will again render a splendid service in a position he seems peculiarly fitted for. Mr. Vandorf's friends are glad to see him reinstated, and his getting a place with the government service on merit rather than political prejudice will add to this pleasure.—Salisbury Post.

THE SCORCHED CORN FIELDS.

While the Great West suffers Great Crops are Promised in the East and South. The heat wave that has been sweeping the west for two weeks has done untold damage to the corn crop, and up to the present, no relief is in sight. In several of the corn growing states of the middle west the corn crop will almost be a failure. It is gratifying to note, however, that in the east and south prospects for a bumper corn crop are mighty fine. North Carolina's corn crop will be the biggest ever and people who have travelled over Davidson county recently say that Davidson's crop will beat all records.

Recently a Dispatch man drove through the Jersey section. He did not ride in an automobile and whizz across the landscape at the rate of 40 miles an hour but took it in the old fashioned way with a horse and buggy and he had opportunity of seeing things prevailing all the way through the Jersey section. He saw a considerable number of guards and overseers to look after these concerns. It is a little world all to itself and is a very interesting place to visit. No North Carolinian would regret spending the time and money sufficient to visit this wonderful farm, and see these wonderful products.

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Mr. G. Thomas Feezor, substitute letter carrier, is on duty this week, relieving one of the regulars who is taking his vacation. Mr. George W. Mountcastle returned Friday night from Knoxville, Tenn. He came from Blowing Rock in his automobile.

Mrs. Charles Young and Mrs. Baxter Young and baby, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Palmer, in Silver Hill township. Mrs. Charles Hunt and children, of Georgia, who have been here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jones, and others, returned home yesterday. Mr. L. F. Weaver spent Sunday and Monday in the city, returning to Chesterfield, S. C., yesterday, where he is engaged in erecting a big brick building.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid H. Everhart, who have been spending several weeks with relatives in town and county, will return to their home in Greensboro Friday. Miss Dell Watson returned Monday from Black Mountain. She is recovering rapidly from the injury referred to in another column of The Dispatch today. Mr. W. F. Welborn, of the Rexall Store, left Saturday night for Boston, Mass., to attend the annual Rexall convention. He expects to be away for a week or ten days. Mr. Raymond Dorsett returned to his work in the Stonehill Hotel at Charlotte Sunday after a short vacation.

IN AND ABOUT LEXINGTON.

Personal Mention—Movements of the People—Small Items of Interest. Mr. John C. Bower went to Raleigh Monday. Miss Lula Betts is visiting friends in Maxton. Mr. T. C. Hinkle spent Sunday in Winston-Salem.

Mr. J. D. Lookbill, of Southmont, was in the city yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hull visited friends in Winston-Salem Sunday. Miss Ida Denfield, of Concord, is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Whitley.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Phillips are visiting Judge H. T. Phillips, at Fairview. Messrs. L. J. Peacock and Earl Holmen drove down to Healing Springs Sunday.

Mr. Jule C. Smith and family, motored over to Winston-Salem Sunday afternoon. Miss Mary Elizabeth Propst, of Concord, is here visiting Capt. and Mrs. C. W. Trice.

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"Originally democratic were divided in opinion as to whether the currency question should be disposed of at this session or postponed until the regular session, but the president, in the exercise of his constitutional function, delivered his currency message, urging action, since which even the public expected currency legislation at this session, and business men of all sorts and sizes, farmers, miners, merchants, manufacturers, bankers, etc., desire that a bill should be passed thereby ending the uncertainty of the situation."

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"Originally democratic were divided in opinion as to whether the currency question should be disposed of at this session or postponed until the regular session, but the president, in the exercise of his constitutional function, delivered his currency message, urging action, since which even the public expected currency legislation at this session, and business men of all sorts and sizes, farmers, miners, merchants, manufacturers, bankers, etc., desire that a bill should be passed thereby ending the uncertainty of the situation."

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