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SCHOOL OPENS.

Six Hundred and Forty-Five Children Present for Opening-Increase of 100. Lexington Graded School opened Monday with 646 children on hand for the opening. This is an increase of more than 100 over the number present for the opening last year and is very encouraging indeed.

THE GRUBB ESTATE.

Administrators Believe That There Will Be Surplus—Estimated at \$389,000. The first sale of the personal property of the late H. Clay Grubb, which took place at the Grubb home in Boone township Tuesday and Wednesday, resulted in the addition of more than \$5,000 to the assets of the estate.

THE ERLANGER MILL.

Winston-Salem Newspaper Man Writes of Lexington's Fine New Cotton Mill. Mr. H. F. Atkinson, of the Twin City Daily Sentinel, Winston-Salem, spent a day in the city last week looking over the Erlanger mill and gave his page one article in the Sentinel which is very interesting.

BAPTISTS MEET.

Liberty Association Held With Rich Fork Church—A Very Interesting Meeting. The Liberty Baptist Association met Tuesday last week with Rich Fork church. Every church in the association was represented and the sessions of the association were very interesting.

GIVING AWAY CASH.

Greensboro Record of Saturday Taken by The Dispatch and Its Editor. The Greensboro Record of Saturday has this to say in commendation of the stand of The Dispatch and its editor on the question of using convicts to build railroads.

GREATEST WHEAT YIELD.

September Government Crop Reports Shows Largest Ever Produced—The Corn Situation. An enormous loss in the prospective production of corn and indications of the biggest wheat crop ever produced were features of the government September crop report issued Wednesday afternoon.

IN AND ABOUT LEXINGTON.

Personal Mention—Movements of the People—Small Items of Interest. Mr. Wade H. Phillips went to Greensboro Monday. John D. Reid left last night on a business trip to Baltimore.

Cabarrus Farmer Sues Charlotte Paper For Libel.

The Concord Tribune of Tuesday Says: Mr. M. F. Teeter, one of the largest farmers of Cabarrus, has entered suit against the Observer Company and Mr. T. M. Christenberry, of Charlotte, claiming \$50,000 damage for libel. The suit arose from an article published in the Observer concerning some cattle owned by Mr. Teeter, who operates a farm in Mecklenburg.

South Yadkin Association As Seen By Editor Johnson.

The South Yadkin Association covers three fine counties, Irrell, Rowan and Davie. There are a number of fine towns in the association and a prosperous and progressive farming district. It was at one time organized as well perhaps as any of our associations. Such men as the late Maj. Clement, John C. Holman and Mr. J. C. Turner of Statesville who is not able to attend the sessions now, were at the head of affairs, and attended not only the association, but every union meeting as well, and the business moved along like clock work.

ONE MILE FROM COURT HOUSE.

The mill and village which will surround it is located one mile from Lexington court house, on the Winston-Salem road. The property is skirted on the west by the Southbound Railroad, with which it will have spur tracks. The Southern road is not far on the east, hence the mill will have ample freight facilities.

How's Show to Be in Lexington.

The How's Great London Show is coming here, and the date set for its coming is Saturday, September 27th. Too much importance can not be attached to the date this show will be held, for no one will care to miss seeing the most complete collection of the past generation and is one of the few shows that has endured and thrived with age.

Mayor Gaynor of New York Dead.

Mayor William J. Gaynor, of New York City, died Thursday aboard a steamer bound for Europe. He had been improving in health rapidly and his sudden death, resulting from heart failure, was a great shock to his family and friends. His death removes a unique figure in New York politics.

Convinced at Last.

A Charlotte business man who is somewhat of a politician and who has been recently commissioned by the government with an important financial post, returned from Washington yesterday after a day or two of observations in that city. He was not backward in telling his Charlotte friends that he has become "a strong Simmons man."

Linden Man Charged With Wife Poisoning.

Joe Smith, a white man, of Linden is in jail at Fayetteville charged with poisoning his wife. Some very ugly circumstantial evidence against the husband was adduced at an inquest held by Coroner McGowan. An autopsy on the body of the woman was performed at the same time by County Physician J. W. McNeill.

Business News Notes.

There is reasonable advice in the ad of the Lexington House Furishing Co. The Fred Thompson Company talks of Hart Schaffner & Marx clothing. There is none better for the price. Good teeth mean good health. Read the J. B. Smith Company. Read the ad of the Bank of Lexington. It is worth while. The W. G. Perry Company has a striking ad in this issue. Be dressed, not merely clothed, is their slogan. The Manning Hardware Company advertises "This Week" this week. Read it. The J. F. Ward Company is offering shoe bargains this week. Read their ad.

Right to Be Idle!

In Texas thousands of acres of cotton await pickers. In the Northwest 60,000 men are needed to harvest the grain crops. In the cities thousands unemployed men refuse to go to the harvest fields. What are the equities in a case like this? Has society, acting through government, the right to compel idle men to accept proffered employment? In Texas and other Southern states it is customary for local officers to round up the unemployed and charge them with vagrancy, the charge being dismissed when they agree to go to the cotton fields.

Superintendent of Plant.

Mr. J. M. Gamewell, of Erie, Pa., has been secured for superintendent of the plant. He is a man of wide experience, thoroughly acquainted with the latest improved machinery and the handling of hundreds of men; so he is believed to be the very man for the position. Mr. Mountcastle will be general manager in charge. His associates have the utmost faith in his ability to make the mill earn just dividends on the heavy investment and Lexington folks know that he has the welfare of employes and associates at heart and will make this a most valuable part of Greater Lexington.

South Mountain Blockade Scene in Moving Pictures.

A Morganton dispatch to Charlotte-Observer says that the South Mountain section of Burke, which seems to have become the leading stronghold of "moonshiners" in the country and the scene of numerous federal fights, will be portrayed to the world by motion pictures. The officers have been taking two or three stills a week in this section and Officer Kanipe has had a moving picture man in readiness for some time, waiting until a fully-equipped plant could be found in a good locality to produce moving pictures. Last Friday one in full blast was found. The outfit was guarded and the picture man notified, and the entire process of hunting, finding and capturing a still was carried out, including a break for escape and recapture.

Fortune in Hogs Die of Cholera.

Inauguration of a country-wide campaign to eliminate or control hog cholera is urged in a special report Saturday by Marion Dorset, of the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry, who estimates that during the past year about \$50,000,000 worth of hogs died of the disease. After experimenting for more than 25 years, the Department of Agriculture finally discovered a serum that would prevent the disease and which is now being distributed in thirty states. The work, however, Mr. Dorset says has not resulted in a noticeable diminution of the disease in the country as a whole.

Sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals.

North Carolina is to be brought to the front again this year in the sale of the Red Cross Christmas Seals. These seals are decorative little stickers or stamps to be placed on Christmas packages and other mail during the holidays. Each year a new design is put on the market, and the seal has been sold generally over the United States for the past nine years. All the money received from the sale of these seals goes to fight tuberculosis, otherwise known as the "Great White Plague."

Col. A. H. Marsh Dead.

Col. A. H. Marsh, a native of Davidson county, who formerly lived near Hot Springs, died suddenly at his home in Concord yesterday morning. Members of his family, going to his home on an early hour, found him dead in bed. Colonel Marsh was more than 70 years old. To the last he kept in touch with affairs in Davidson county through The Dispatch and he was a host of friends throughout the entire county who will have the pleasure of his passing.