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W. C. B. LEONARD DEAD.

Prominent Citizen Passes Away at Age of 80 After Several Months' Illness.

W. C. B. Leonard, one of Lexington's most highly respected citizens, died Sunday night at his home on First avenue, after a long illness. He was past eighty years old and had been in very feeble condition for many months.

Mr. Leonard was a native of Davidson county and he finished his education at the old Union academy in Davidson county, taught by Professors Foote and Tatum. Early in life Mr. Leonard became interested in the mercantile business. He began as a clerk in the store of King & Hege and he continued clerking up to the outbreak of the Civil War. During the war he engaged in



THE LATE W. C. B. LEONARD.

small trading transactions and in the summer of 1865 he purchased a stock of goods in Beaufort and shipped it to Lexington. Later he bought out a yankee merchant and started in business on a large scale. He sold goods in Salisbury for two years, returning to Lexington in 1868 to become a member of the firm of Hargrave, Roberts & Co., which later became B. B. Roberts & Co. He continued to do business under this firm name until he retired from business several years ago.

Mr. Leonard was married in 1866 to Miss Mollie R. Roberts, who died in 1905. Seven children survive him. They are: Miss Ella Roberts Leonard, of this city; Mrs. E. B. Hatley, of Rockingham; Mrs. E. E. Raper, of Lexington; Mrs. W. J. Eyerly, of Mount Airy; Mrs. C. A. Hunt, Jr., of Miss Nona Leonard and Mr. Robert B. Leonard, of Lexington.

He was a member of the First Methodist church of this city, and up to the time of the beginning of his last illness, he was faithful in attendance on divine worship. His funeral was conducted yesterday by his pastor, Rev. A. W. Flyler, and internment took place in the Lexington cemetery.

Davidson's Boose.

Davidson county is one of the places in North Carolina where boose still flows freely—but each month less of it flows. Now and then a raid is made and the discovery is something frightful to behold.

Thursday a white man living in the country was called upon to show what he had and in the raid that followed a wagon load of empty whiskey kegs were discovered and all kinds of empty bottles and some not empty. The man whose name makes no difference was put under heavy bonds and he will doubtless be given a road sentence. If guilty he should go in stripes for five years.

Whenever the officers of the law—the policeman and the courts do their full duty there will be no whiskey sold. The thing called public sentiment is dead against the illicit sale of whiskey. All communities are dry at heart and if the law is enforced as it looks like it will be right along, pretty soon no illegal liquor will be found. Boose sentences should follow unless there is good grounds for believing the law-breaker was an innocent bystander. Five years on the roads in stripes seems an awful price to pay—but one blind tiger can debauch a hundred young men. Enforcement of the law will stop it and sentiment is for enforcement. Let Davidson county keep on in her good work. The whole state is interested and the whole state will help—Everything.

Unsettled Showery Weather This Week.

Unsettled, showery weather will prevail Monday over the northern districts east of the Rockies the weather bureau predicted Sunday night, probably continuing Tuesday in the mid-Atlantic states and New England, with generally fair weather following the remainder of the week.

"Over the southern half of the country," the bulletin continued, "generally fair weather will prevail throughout the week except in Florida where occasional local thunder storms are probable. It will be warmer early in the week in the east, but unusually high temperatures will prevail during most of the week over the northern districts east of the Rockies."

"In the south and southwest temperatures will be rather high. West of the Rocky mountains fair weather will prevail with moderate temperatures."

Editor O. F. Crowson, of the Burlington News, was in town yesterday. Mr. Crowson has recently been appointed postmaster at Burlington and expects to be holding down the office by July 1.

STILL THEY COME.

Honor Roll Grows Longer—Our Friends Rallying to Our Support in Fine Style.

We felt all along that our appeal for help in the erection of a permanent home for The Dispatch, would not fall on deaf ears but the immediate and overwhelming response has surprised and delighted us. Our subscribers evidently appreciate our efforts to give them all of the news and it gives us great pleasure to realize it.

The honor roll is climbing. We published a long list of names last week and this week we publish a great many more. There is still room for your name on it, if it is not already there and we hope that you will join the glad procession.

THE HONOR ROLL.

R. H. Leonard, Mrs. J. R. Varner, J. M. Davis, J. H. Millikan, J. A. Lindsay, T. J. Taylor, J. A. Clark, Mrs. Minnie Layden, Mrs. C. A. Hanes, Mrs. Richard Bragaw, I. A. Craver, Joe Ward, C. A. Hunt, Sr., D. K. Young, Mrs. J. C. Fuller, Mrs. M. W. Spang, J. R. Young, W. J. Byerly, T. J. Aaron, A. G. Jones, Edgar Waltman, T. D. Surratt, R. E. Ragan, Robert Critz, A. C. Wood, Rev. S. W. Taylor, J. A. Rush, W. H. Rush, Lonnie Call, J. F. Sprulli, M. J. Monroe, W. A. Hunt, T. J. Eyerly, N. A. Leonard, E. F. Redwine, C. L. Baggett, A. W. Watkins, Mrs. Jno. F. Byerly, C. G. Hink, L. C. Crouse, Will G. Hinkle, N. H. Slaughter, H. M. Palmer, D. A. Cornwell, Righteous Hairston, L. V. Phillips, Rev. W. T. Thompson, W. R. Hairston, W. J. Armfield, Mrs. Sarah Gilliam, D. H. Cross, J. P. Perdue, J. D. Lookabill, W. S. Sicheloff, Hon. H. Starbuck, W. H. Graves, Mrs. Callie Slink, C. L. Cox, Mrs. D. M. Spencer, H. D. Hunt, L. L. Conrad, Hill Eberhart, E. A. Hedrick, R. A. Taylor, Will H. Snider, Mrs. W. L. Harkey, Mrs. Jane Allen, R. J. Warner, W. E. Hill, W. R. Baggett, J. E. Kime, Jno. L. Gallimore, C. R. Garner, W. D. Surratt, J. C. Sumner, C. W. Morris, Mrs. J. C. Darr, E. E. Raper, W. E. Raper, Mrs. S. W. Kearns, C. E. Vols, W. J. Sowers, J. L. Shoaf, Dr. J. T. Burrus, J. A. Hill, M. F. Underwood, Mrs. Amos Ragan, R. Lee Penry, Geo. H. Yow, N. P. Varner, Lee I. Church, Mrs. L. E. Teague, Geo. W. Smith, Miss Kate Shurt, D. H. Koons, E. L. F. Koons, W. B. Floyd, Capt. G. W. Trice, Wiley Leonard, D. A. Hedrick, Jno. Lee Lohr, Matthias Slink, A. Lee Beck, O. F. Frazier, J. A. Pickard, W. C. Hedrick, G. L. Cope, L. C. Lomax, A. R. Williams, Lewis Allynbright, C. F. Lohr, C. L. Coggins, E. L. Hedrick, Bank of Randolph, L. C. Elliott, Colonel Lohr, N. P. Koons, A. J. Crawford, R. J. Pierce, Mrs. C. C. Broadnax, A. W. Weisner, Oliver Koons, J. H. Lanning, H. Hoyle Slink, Mrs. Z. M. Rea, Dr. P. S. Easley, C. H. Fritts, Wright Williams, J. Frank Slink, Jno. H. Fritts, Jr., A. V. Miller, W. F. Slink, Early Michael, P. T. Hairston, Jno. H. May, N. P. Koons, E. J. Hall, T. G. Lottin, Jno. W. Cole, J. A. Manos, J. H. Fleming, Mrs. O. F. Strothers, H. E. Cartland, Dr. R. V. Yorkley, R. Lee Wright, G. W. Greer, J. P. Tucker, D. M. McLean, Mrs. Dewitt Owen, Joseph Mendenhall, J. E. Smith, Gowan Dusenberry, L. M. Hege, C. L. Kimmer, Stahl Linn, S. D. Stout, J. A. Hedrick, Jno. P. Tatum, O. R. Harris, A. H. Robbins, Mrs. Mary A. Hartman, J. R. Wellman, D. H. Hepler, J. D. Moss, C. H. Gallimore, J. C. Russell, W. A. Kennedy, Rev. N. M. Modlin, G. V. Lohr, Miss Minnie Michael, Capt. E. W. Koons, Capt. F. C. Robbins, Julian Zimmerman, Dr. J. M. Riley, F. M. Warner, Geo. L. Hartman, J. A. Shirley, N. P. Workman, J. A. Gallimore, J. C. Fowler, Jno. F. Koons, I. N. Clodfelter, Mr. Katharine Slink, Rev. A. L. Stanford, N. R. Teague, T. A. Moss, D. S. Leonard, Sr., D. S. Leonard, Jr.

Business News Notes.

The J. B. Smith Company call attention to their pure ice cream. You owe it to your pocket-book to get acquainted with the line line now being carried by the Home Plumbing Co. Mill men can save money by buying valves, fittings, etc., from them. Note the ad of Lenoir College, Hickory. It is a very fine school and many Davidson county boys and girls have been educated there.

The McCrary Furniture Company terrify you what constitutes proper refrigeration. Their automatic refrigerator is the best. Note what the Bank of Lexington says about the secret of their strength. It is worth reading. If you have not seen the Lexington House Furnishing Company's display of mattresses you have missed something.

Mr. J. W. Green, the butcher, packs a great deal of very valuable information in his ad this week. It is good reading and you should not fail to turn it and read it. Foy & Shewell announce the arrival of another carload of mules and horses. They are going fast and if you want one you had better hurry.

The First National Bank says that the "wheel that squeaks the loudest is the one that gets the grease." Read the rest of it. Careful attention to orders at the store of the Penry Grocery Company. Read their ad and then give them a trial order.

Killed by Lightning in Salisbury. Salisbury and vicinity were visited by a violent shower Sunday afternoon which brought relief from one of the hottest days of the summer. There was a fall of hail in sections and considerable lightning. Will Biggers, a negro, seated on his porch at his home on West Howard street, Salisbury, was struck by a bolt of lightning and killed.

Wiley Hairston received news Monday that Fitch Hairston, a highly respected colored woman, who has been cooked in the home of Mr. Peter Hairston, of Coolemans plantation, for many years, died Sunday at the Hairston home.

Frank Hiscock, who was United States Marshal for New York for many years, beginning in 1857, died Sunday Thursday at his home in Syracuse, N. Y.

Two Sisters Killed by the Same Stroke of Lightning.

The Monroe Journal says that one stroke of lightning on Friday afternoon struck dead two sisters in Goose Creek township, Union county, and they fell shoulder to shoulder on the piazza on which they had been standing. They were Mrs. Temple Simpson, wife of Mr. Nathaniel Simpson, and Mrs. Francis Drake, wife of Mr. Fairly Drake. The two-year-old child of Mrs. Simpson, which she held by the hand, was also shocked, and knocked both of the families lived on the same farm, one belonging to Mr. Verne Brooks. The men were out plowing and drove to the house to escape the storm. The women ran out as they came up and shouted to them not to take the gear of the mules, but to put them in the stalls and run to the house. They were both on the piazza. Just then the lightning struck a tree near and they both fell dead. Their shoulders touched each other as they lay upon the floor. The deceased were daughters of Mr. Hampton Mullis of New Salem township. Mrs. Simpson was 30 years old and had three children. Mrs. Drake was 26 years old and had four children. Both were buried in the same grave at New Hope church.

Mr. W. B. Streeter who for many years has been Superintendent of the Children's Home Society of North Carolina will be connected with the organization no longer than July first, says Everything.

Mr. Streeter Recently Moved.

Asheville where he will devote his time to home work in South Carolina and among the mountain children. During the many years he has been superintendent of the Home he has rescued thousands of children, and done a great work. The work will continue, but a new superintendent will be on the job. Joyland, the dream of those interested, has not yet been completed. It will cost more money than is at present available to complete this home at Durham—but the good people of North Carolina will finally see to its completion. Mr. Streeter deserves great credit for what he has done. He came here from Indiana and organized the society and has fully convinced all the people of the necessity of this sort of a life-saving and soul saving station.

Personal Mention.

Mr. B. F. Lee, an engineer on the Norfolk-Southern, has been here for several days visiting his family. Mrs. E. Leonard spent several days last week visiting her uncle, Mr. John H. May, in Thomasville township. Mr. James T. Wood, of Asheboro, passed through Lexington Friday afternoon en route home. Mr. Wood is a popular clothing salesman for a Baltimore house. Prof. A. R. Williams, a teacher in the Greensboro high school, was in town Saturday enroute to Churchland to spend a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Williams. Mr. J. L. Shoaf and little son, of Atlanta, Ga., were here Saturday on their way to Tyrone to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shoaf. They returned to Atlanta Monday night. Mr. P. L. Moore arrived Monday from Charlotte to accept a position on The Dispatch staff. Mr. Moore is a first-class printer and comes highly well recommended. For five years he was foreman of the Sanford Herald, published at Sanford, Fla., leaving there on account of an attack of typhoid fever that left him in bad shape physically, and coming to Charlotte. He is a native of South Carolina, first lieutenant in the Sanford company of the Florida National Guard, a union printer and an all-round good fellow.

Progress on the Elkin & Alleghany.

The Elkin & Alleghany railroad has just completed the laying of the sixteenth mile of track. Considerable work has been done in the grading of the seventeenth mile, and before a great while the track will be laid out to mile, it being the policy of the road to lay track as fast as the grading is done, as they can use the completed road to get the construction material to the necessary place for using. The work on the road is being pushed with increased rapidity by the new management—Alleghany Star.

DIED.

Jacob Lopp was born May 16, 1842; died June 19, 1914; aged 72 years, 1 month and 3 days. Mr. Lopp went to Jacksonville, Florida, to attend the annual reunion of the old soldiers, and he was ill all the time he was away. He returned to Lexington and spent a few days with his son, Mr. Thurman Lopp. From here he went to Charlotte to enter a hospital for an operation. The operation was successful and he was thought to be doing well when last Friday he died suddenly. The body was brought to Lexington Friday evening and carried to his home near Holly Grove. Dr. J. C. Leonard conducted the funeral Sunday afternoon at Mt. Tabor in the presence of an immense throng of people. Deceased leaves six sons, one daughter and two grandchildren. He was a member of Company I, 14th Regiment of Confederate volunteers, and he was a faithful soldier throughout the civil war. He was one of the most prosperous and successful farmers in Davidson county, and a man of large property interests. Mr. Lopp was a good friend and neighbor and will be sadly missed by hundreds.

George W. Sowers, aged 61 years and 7 months, died on Sunday, June 14, and was laid to rest in the burying ground at Bowers church on the same day. Rev. W. F. Elliott conducted the funeral exercises. He is survived by two sons. Just one week later his mother, Mrs. Amelia Sowers passed away and was buried on the day following at the same place. Rev. J. A. Palmer conducted the funeral. She was 89 years old and had been daily Thursday at his home in Syracuse, N. Y.

SIMPSONS HONORED.

President Johnson Praises His Good Work Highly—Has Won a Great Fight.

Senator Simmons is being thanked by many people for his good work in putting the Panama Canal repeal bill through. The President has written him a flattering letter which follows: "The great fight is ended and I want you to know how I have followed from day to day with admiration and appreciation the part you played in bringing across the final result. I think the whole country feels that result to be very decisive. Your work in behalf of this just end has been untiring and brilliant, and I thank you for it with all my heart. "Certainly and sincerely, "WOODROW WILSON."

Prof. Emory R. Johnson of Pennsylvania, has written him as follows:

"Permit me to congratulate you on the good majority with which the repeal of the bill repealing the toll exemption clause. The success of the bill in the senate was due to your painstaking and skillful handling of the measure while before the Inter-oceanic Canals Committee and while under consideration in the senate. I think you have performed a most valuable public service."

Professor Johnson is the professor of commerce and transportation of the University of Pennsylvania and is considered the most eminent authority on the tolls question in the United States.

Attorney General Asked to Bring Suit.

Attorney General Bickett has asked Attorney General McReynolds, of the United States Department of Justice, to bring action to set aside the sale of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad. This road, which originally ran from Wilmington to Mt. Airy, was sold in 1897 and divided. That part of it from Wilmington to Sanford is now operated by the Atlantic Coast Line and from Wilmington to Mt. Airy by the Southern. It is claimed that the division of the road is a violation of the Sherman anti-trust act, as it destroyed competition. The last legislature ordered an investigation of the sale and on the evidence presented by the attorney general Bickett asks that suit be brought.

Close Call for the Baby.

To grab one's infant from a railroad track just as a passing train switches the mother's skirt was the real experience of Mrs. C. E. Hypes, who lives near Salisbury, one day recently. Mrs. Hypes had sent an older child on an errand across the southern main line, and soon after that she missed the baby and upon looking saw the little one on the railroad track. Running to the scene, the frightened mother grabbed the child from the track just as fast train No. 37 came rushing by. The train brushed the skirts of the mother as she jumped from the track. She was so unnerved by the incident that she was unable to do anything during the remainder of the day.

Raleigh Sued for \$10,000 Damages on Account of Rat in Street.

Notice has been given of suit for \$10,000 damages to be brought against the city of Raleigh on account of the death of R. L. Johnson, a dairyman, last March. Johnson was driving along the street when his milk wagon ran into a rat. Mr. Johnson was thrown through the glass front of his wagon, a piece of the glass penetrated his brain through his eye, and he died as he was being hurried to the hospital. It is claimed that the city is responsible for the rat in the street that caused the accident. The wagon, which resulted in the death of the man, and suit is being brought on this ground.

Tremendous Prospects.

A Kansas City dispatch says: With a crop of wheat of 300,000,000 bushels of wheat almost certain in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas this year, producers, millers and grain dealers are giving consideration to prospects for prices. Every advance of a cent in the price of the cereal will mean an increase of \$3,000,000 in the returns to the southwest from its unprecedented crop and every decline of a cent will mean, of course, a contraction in general opinion here is that the southwest will average about 65 cents per bushel for its wheat on farms, which should make the crop of this section worth \$200,000,000.

—There was a preliminary hearing Wednesday morning in the superior court in State vs. Rastus Lee, Early Lee and Robert Ellis ("Peg"), in which the charge was burglary in the first degree. These little negroes were engaged in breaking into Lopp Brothers' store. Probable cause was found against them and they were bound over to court. The evidence was that Rastus planned the burglary. He suggested it to "Peg" and then got Early into it. Rastus agreed to watch outside while Early and Peg got the stuff, the only condition being that they get him a pair of pants and a shirt. They entered very easily, not disturbing Mr. Lopp who was asleep upstairs, and got the stuff. The boys all confessed. Peg, age 15, has just completed a term on the gas for stealing. He was sent up from Thomasville. Prior to that he served 9 months on the Rowan gang, making a total of 15 months for him. Rastus and Early have served several terms each for stealing bicycles, knives, etc. Early is 14 while Rastus says he is 16 but looks 15.

Ex-Vice President Stevenson, who died recently, left an estate valued at \$100,000. It is divided between his three children.

A light fall of snow is reported at a mountain place, now owned by Mr. H. H. Hartley, in Cotton Grove township, reported to The Dispatch yesterday. It was a very light snow in the mountain place. It is the first snow since the fall of 1913.

Mr. Love Hombler, who lives on the John Allison place, now owned by Mr. H. H. Hartley, in Cotton Grove township, reported to The Dispatch yesterday that he had seen a snake in his garden. It was a large snake and was very tame. It was seen on Sunday.

Many Miners Die in an Explosion in Canada.

A dispatch from Lettbridge, Alberta, Canada, says a mighty explosion Saturday entombed 250 miners employed in mine No. 20 of the Hillcrest Collieries Limited. Of the 60 miners rescued, only 14 were living. Despite the efforts of two-score mine experts laboring amid the poisonous gases and debris, hope of rescuing alive the 200 men in the mine was remote. The effects of the disaster were: Men in mine when explosion occurred 600, of whom 350 escaped. Number rescued 50, of whom 36 died. Miners still entombed 300, probably killed by fire which followed the explosion.

Col. Roosevelt Must Curtail Speech-Making.

While he was in London a few days ago Col. Roosevelt consulted an eminent specialist, who told him after examination that his larynx is in bad shape owing to the strain on it in the last presidential campaign, aggravated by the fever which attacked him in Brazil. Col. Roosevelt said to a New York World reporter: "It is impossible for me to go into anything of a fight or campaign for several months. I could not make as much as one speech a day. This means that it will be impossible for me to enter, as I had been asked to do, any campaign, either primary or electoral."

The A. & M. College.

If a person desires to know what the Agricultural and Mechanical College is doing for the state a trip through any section will reveal its work. On our farms, in our orchards, in our chemical plants and dye-houses, in our cotton mills, and machine shops, in our light plants, in the surveying parties of our railroads, everywhere that progressive industrial operations are under way, you will find men who were fitted at this year's common sense college. More and more each year ambitious young men are turning their steps to West Raleigh for life training. The fall announcement appears elsewhere in this paper.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

A convention of republicans, progressive republicans and all opposed to the present democratic administration is called to meet in Hendersonville August 19 to nominate a candidate for congress in the tenth district.

Crushed by a falling log on Mt. Mitchell about 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Rufus Sump, aged 28, was rushed to Black Mountain and from there to an Asheville hospital, where an operation was performed, but his recovery is doubtful.

A drug store in Winston-Salem owned by negroes was searched for liquor last week but none was found until the safe was opened. The proprietor said he had lost the combination but a locksmith opened under direction of the chief of police and found 76 half pint bottles, and two quart bottles full of whiskey.

The Chatham Record says that a few years ago a young negro named Tony Hill went from Pittsboro to New York to live. Later it was reported at his old home that he had married a white woman and this report was verified last week when the negro's white wife arrived at Pittsboro to visit her husband's relatives. The woman's arrival naturally created a considerable indignation. It will be fortunate for the woman if she goes back where she came from—and quickly.

Lightning struck a barn in Union county in which there were 14 head of horses and mules. Not one of the animals was hurt and all of them were taken out of the barn safely, the building being completely destroyed, with a lot of feed.

The first educational conference of the Lutherans of the South closed a two days' session at Hickory Thursday. Of the 10 Lutheran colleges in the south, the presidents of all were present. Every member of the board of education was present and other leaders in church work took an active interest.

Forest fires raged near Beaufort for several days last week. The new county home, just completed, narrowly escaped destruction and at one time the town was threatened. Much valuable timber was destroyed.

The North Carolina Naval Reserves, aggregating 175 men and 18 officers, will take their summer cruise on the battleship Rhode Island, going to Norfolk for that purpose. The cruise begins July 6 and ends the 20th of that month.

The News-Herald says the shuttle block and shingle mill, located near Morganton, owned by Dr. M. F. Myrphor of Marlon and operated by J. W. Boggs of Charlotte, was burned a few days ago. Loss, \$1,000 to \$1,500. No insurance.

The Hustler says that George H. Pearson of Moravian Falls, Wilkes Co., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Pearson and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Pearson who was employed at the Shell chaffery to shift a bolt Tuesday when he was struck in the stomach by a piece of timber and suffered injuries from which he died next day. He was 18 years old.

Officers of the National Woman's Suffrage Association on June 27 will besiege Congress with resolutions urging the enactment of legislation providing for equal suffrage. The resolutions which will be presented differ from others which have been taken to the capitol in that they call upon congress to do that which is most feasible toward equal suffrage instead of urging any particular pending measure.

NINE AIRMEN KILLED.

They Were Engaged in Mink War in the Clouds—Aeroplane and Balloon Collide.

A dispatch from Vienna, Austria, appearing in the daily papers Sunday tell of nine charred bodies and the splintered fragments of an aeroplane and the remains of a big dirigible balloon, mute remains of one of the most sensational disasters which has occurred since men learned to fly. The catastrophe, which resulted in the death of all concerned, nine officers and men, followed a mimic attack by the aeroplane on the dirigible at a great height over the Austrian maneuvers, and served to show more than any previous accidents to flying machines have done, the horrors that would be likely to attend aerial warfare.

The dirigible military balloon, Koertling, early Saturday left Salzburg, eleven miles from Vienna, manned by Captain Johann Hauswirt, in command; Lieutenant Ernest Hofstetter, Lieutenant Bruer, Lieutenant Haldenberger, Corporal Hadima, Corporal Weber and Engineer Kammerer.

Under the command of Hauswirt, a military biplane, with Lieutenant Erdos and Lieutenant Hoosta aboard, started in pursuit. It was the intention of Captain Hauswirt to take photographs of the maneuvers below, and then to join in them. At the same time he was to keep out of range of any of the mosquito craft which might seek to attack him. The news had gone abroad that something in the nature of a sham aerial fight was to take place and at Koernsberg, the scene of the engagement, a big crowd had gathered. Very quickly the smaller but much swifter craft overtook the big airship and then the spectators witnessed a thrilling sight. As might a wasp bent on attacking some clumsy enemy, the aeroplane circled the balloon several times, now darting close to her, and then away, always apparently steering off just in time to avoid an actual collision.

Meanwhile the balloon continued to rise until it was about 1300 feet from the ground. The aeroplane at a still greater height maneuvered until it appeared to be nearly over the airship. Then it began its descent. It was the evident intention of the pilot of the aeroplane to take up a position directly above the dirigible with its striking distance but a few feet to a fatal miscalculation of distance or speed, the nose of the biplane struck the envelope of the airship and ripped it wide open.

A tremendous explosion followed, the balloon burst into flames which enveloped the biplane and in a moment the wreckage began to drop, crashing at length like lead to the slope of a hill.

After the disaster it was said the maneuvers had been undertaken with the idea of carrying out as far as possible actual war conditions in which an aeroplane was attacking a dirigible, the latter trying to repel the assault. Both craft had been ordered to conduct themselves as if in actual combat. Aeroplane experts said the catastrophe was seemingly the fault of eddies of air caused by the large balloon which caused a species of whirlwind.

A Large Percentage of Deaths in Mills.

From the 14th biennial report of the North Carolina state board of health for the years 1911 and 1912 some comparative figures have been secured by W. H. Swift, showing deaths and causes in North Carolina. This report is the first attempt to report vital statistics in North Carolina. Finding certain facts Mr. Swift states and makes an analysis in which he shows textile conditions.

The results of his investigation follows: "First. It is incident that the death rate for negroes is very much higher than the death rate for white people. "Second. It is evident that there are three great causes for the death of persons between the ages of 5 and 50, named; typhoid, tuberculosis and pneumonia. These are the three monsters which slaughter our people at what ought to be their time of greatest strength (see table VI, page 242 to 249 inclusively). "Third. It is evident that certain occupations have a higher percentage of adults from these three diseases than ordinary. It will be well to remember also that two of these diseases are in a measure at least preventable."—Greensboro News.

Another Volcanic Eruption in California.

A dispatch from Redding, Cal., dated Saturday, says: Shortly after 11 o'clock today the smoke and ashes from the eighth eruption of Mount Lassen since it became active May 30 were plainly visible from this city. The eruption was a heavy one, the smoke showing plainly, although a thick haze prevented a view of the mountain, 50 miles from here.

Nothing has been heard yet from the forest rangers and others who are close to the base of the mountain, but it is believed that the eruption did not differ from the former ones. One of the rangers telephoned last evening that there were indications of another outbreak and it was watched for today.

Information received today from persons who have just returned from the peak establishes the fact that there are two active craters now, the original vent near the summit and a smaller blow hole on the south slope.

Mexico is third among the oil-producing countries of the world, and that country's output has never been what it might be. With adequate facilities supplied and peaceful conditions prevailing the production would probably be three times what it was in 1913, without the opening of any new wells. In that year Mexico produced about 24,200,000 barrels of oil. It is estimated that about two-thirds of the 242,000,000 invested in oil in Mexico during the past year was spent in the United States.

IN AND ABOUT LEXINGTON.

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

Mr. John Trice is at home for his vacation. Dr. J. T. Burrus, of High Point, was in town Sunday. Mr. Hal Lewis, of Albemarle, was in the city one day last week. Mrs. Emma Dearman, of High Point, is visiting Mrs. L. J. Peacock. Dr. W. L. Kibler is attending the State Dental Convention at Hendersonville. Mrs. R. Lee Wright, of Salisbury, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. D. Davis. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Burgin spent Sunday in Charlotte visiting Mr. Sam L. Burgin. Mrs. Lindsay McCrary visited her son, Mr. J. Norman McCrary, at High Point last week. Miss Helen Earnhardt, who has been visiting relatives in Spencer, returned home Monday. Mr. W. H. Trice, of Spencer, spent Sunday with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. C. W. Trice. Capt. Wade H. Phillips left Monday afternoon for western North Carolina on a business trip. Dr. D. J. Hill attended the sessions of the North Carolina Medical Society at Raleigh last week. Prof. J. E. Hill, county superintendent of public instruction, continues seriously ill with typhoid. Misses Lois Love and Bride Jenkins, of Statesville, arrived last week to visit Mrs. R. Lee McCrary. Dr. J. R. Terry attended the meeting of the High Point-Thomasville Medical Society last week at High Point. Rev. W. L. Sherrill, of Dawson College, Lenoir, N. C., was in Lexington Monday in the interest of his school. Mrs. J. B. Smith left Monday for Jackson Hill township to spend a few days visiting the family of Mr. W. A. Reid. Dr. C. L. Cruise left Monday night for Wilson, N. C., to attend the sessions of the State Veterinarians' Association. Mr. W. Luther Propst, of Winston-Salem, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst of this city. Messrs. W. H. Burton and J. M. Ellis, of Spencer, spent a few hours in Lexington last Thursday afternoon with friends. Mrs. McDonald, of Bainbridge, Ga., who has been here several days visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Lanning, has returned home. Mr. Propst Trice, of Durham, is at home for a few days. He is again with Mr. E. I. Bug at Hotel Malbourne in Durham. Mr. C. L. Yates, of Charlotte, formerly one of the proprietors of Yates Pharmacy, of this city, was in town Monday on business. Miss Bert Fletcher, of Denton, enroute home from an extended visit to a brother at Fuquay Springs, spent yesterday here with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Fletcher. Prof. H. B. Craven, of Newbern, was here Sunday and spent the night with his brother, Mr. E. B. Craven. Prof. Craven was enroute to his summer home at Ridgecrest. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McCrary and children, will leave tomorrow for Wrightsville Beach to spend a few days. While away Mr. McCrary will attend the meeting of the North Carolina Bar Association. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Spurgeon, of Gaffney, S. C., spent Sunday and Monday here visiting the family of Mr. L. F. Weaver and other relatives. They made the journey in their Buick automobile, returning home Monday evening. Prof. M. L. Barnes, son of Mr. J. A. Barnes, of the Jubilee section, was in town Saturday. Mr. Barnes is superintendent of the graded schools of Spencer and has made good in the railroad town. He says that his town is rapidly coming to the front and that it will build a \$13,000 high school building for next year. The school has been hampered by lack of room. Mr. Barnes plans to leave about July 1 for New York City to spend several weeks at the summer school for teachers at Columbia University. Mr. H. B. Varner and wife and Mrs. O. A. Horley left yesterday afternoon for Wrightsville Beach to attend the State Press Convention which meets today, tomorrow and Friday. Miss Horley is the official stenographer of the convention. Mr. Varner was formerly president of the association. Mr. and Mrs. The school Johnson, of Charley & Children, of Thomasville left yesterday morning via Goldsboro to attend the convention. Mr. Johnson is also a former president. Dr. W. L. Crippen's many friends here will regret very much to learn that his eye show no improvement. He is taking treatment in a hospital in Kansas City, Mo., and while his physicians hold out some hope of ultimate recovery, it is certain that even if he recovers his sight he will not be able to continue to follow his profession. His physicians are confident that the present condition of his eye is due to a toxic virus which was introduced into his eye by the splinters of a wooden nail which was driven into his eye by a nail hammer in a fall from a ladder in the summer of 1912.